

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
June 30, 2026

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in special session. The following members being a quorum were present and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Denise Hurd, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Denise Hurd, City Clerk

A. Personnel

1. Consideration to discuss the vacancy of the City Council position of Ward 2, Position 1.

Mayor Castleberry opened the meeting. City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder explained the legal process by which this vacancy could be filled, citing AR Code 14-42103. He explained that at the first Council meeting after the notice of resignation, a declaration of vacancy must be made. He told the Council that they could, with a majority vote, appoint a person to complete the term of the vacated position, or that position could be filled by special election. He added that since the term still had two years left, that a special election could occur at the November election and would allow time for filing and fulfilling all requirements to run for the office. There was discussion among the Council as to what a special election would entail and what limitations there were on the filling of the seat. Mr. Finkenbinder confirmed that if a person were appointed to complete the term, that person could file and run for the office at the special election. He added that if it was decided to hold a special election in November, the seat could be filled by someone until that time. There were questions as to when a newly elected person to the seat would be sworn in, and Mr. Finkenbinder stated that they would verify and let them know.

Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to declare the vacancy in Ward 2, Position 1, and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called and the declaration was confirmed 7-0.

It was decided to hold another special City Council meeting to discuss that vacancy and at which time a decision would be made as to the method by which the vacancy would be filled. Councilman Hawkins made a motion to set the date for the next meeting as July 2, 2026 at noon, and Councilman Hawks seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 30th day of June, 2026

APPROVED:

Mayor, Bart Castleberry

City Clerk, Denise Hurd