

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
July 02, 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. New Business

1. Resolution to call a special election on November 3, 026, to fill a vacancy for City Council for Ward 2, Position 1.

Mayor Castleberry opened the meeting. He reported to the Council that he had spoken to the County Clerk who said that the cost for a special election would be minimal because the structure for the general election would already be in place. He added that there would be a minor procedural charge for putting the item on the ballot. He also confirmed that the newly elected councilmember would take office as soon as the votes were verified by the County Election Commission. Councilman Grimes clarified that this Resolution puts the Ward 2, position 1 vacant seat on the November 3rd ballot, and the elected person will take office after certification and will serve approximately 2 years to complete the remaining term. And then at the November 2028 election the position will be on the ballot again and they would be eligible to run for the seat. Councilman Hawkins asked if they would be filling the seat until the November election, and Mayor Castleberry said that the Council could go into executive session and discuss it, or someone could be nominated and voted on during the meeting. Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. A vote was called and the Resolution passed 7-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to suspend the rules to discuss filling the vacant seat until the election in November, and Councilman Hawkins seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 7-0. Councilman Hawkins nominated Drew Spurgers to serve the balance of the term until the November election, stating that Mr. Spurgers has indicated that he would be willing to serve. Councilwoman Isby seconded the motion. A vote was called and the motion to nominate Drew Spurgers carried 7-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 2nd day of July, 2026

APPROVED:

Mayor, Bart Castleberry

City Clerk, Denise Hurd