



City of Conway, Arkansas
Resolution No. R-19-44

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY TO ACT PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §18-15-201 ET SEQ., AND OTHER STATE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO SEEK CONDEMNATION BY EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES DESCRIBED HEREIN FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING STREET, ROAD, SIDEWALK AND BOULEVARD RIGHT OF WAY AND ALL NECESSARY AND PROPER EASEMENTS RELATED THERETO FOR THE CITY OF CONWAY'S TYLER STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the City of Conway, Arkansas, is a city of the First Class duly organized and existing as a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Arkansas. The City of Conway ("the City") has its principal place of business within the borders of Faulkner County, Arkansas. Under Arkansas law, the City is empowered under Arkansas Code Annotated § 18-15-201, *et seq.*, and other statutory authority to condemn real property by eminent domain for the purposes of streets, parks, boulevards, and public buildings (among other lawful purposes); and

WHEREAS, as part of the planning, construction and maintenance of the Tyler Street ("the Project"), the City is in the process of planning and developing sufficiently wide and safe roads, streets, boulevards, sidewalks and necessary and proper rights of way within the statutory areas relative to the corporate limits of Conway as set out in A.C.A. § 18-15-201(a)(2), the City Council for the City of Conway has found and determined that it is necessary for public purposes to acquire the real properties described herein upon which to construct and maintain said roadway, street and sidewalks. Being unable to reach an agreement and compromise as to the amount of just compensation to pay the landowner, it is now necessary for public purposes to acquire the real properties described herein upon which to construct and maintain said roadway and sidewalks. Because the City has established a legitimate public purpose for said properties, it is empowered under ACA §18-15-201 to seek condemnation through eminent domain of the properties as described herein and to properly compensate the owners of said lands pursuant to state law.

WHEREAS, to secure timely access to said real properties, however, it is necessary that eminent domain authority be declared, established, and exercised for the purpose of the construction, maintenance, and public use of the improved roadway, streets, boulevards, utilities, rights of way, sidewalks and appropriate appurtenances developed thereto. As well and on behalf of the public, the City must continue ownership and control of the real property described herein, as necessary for the public purposes of continued maintenance, traffic control, safety, drainage, pedestrian passage and necessary and proper services throughout the affected areas and properties described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The City Council for the City of Conway hereby finds and determines that it is necessary for public purposes to acquire the real properties owned by certain landowner described herein upon which to construct and maintain said roadway, streets, boulevards, sidewalks and necessary easements. Being unable to reach an agreement and compromise as to the amount of just compensation to pay the respective landowners, it is necessary for public purposes to acquire the real properties owned by the landowner described herein upon which to construct and maintain said roadway, streets, boulevards, sidewalks and necessary easements. Because the City has established a legitimate public purpose for said properties, the City is empowered under Ark. Code Ann. §18-15-201 to seek condemnation through eminent domain of the properties described herein and to properly compensate the owners of said lands pursuant to state law.

SECTION 2: Jimmy B Wright Revocable Trust are the individuals who own real estate upon and along the Project area which is needed for the Project. The street address of the property is 2115 Tyler Street, Conway, Arkansas 72032, with the real estate in question more particularly described below:

A PART OF LOT I, BLOCK 4, CONWAY MANOR SUBDIVISION AS SHOWN IN PLAT BOOK C, PAGE 42, RECORDS OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
BEGINNING AT THE NW CORNER OF SAID LOT I, THENCE EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF TYLER STREET TO THE NE CORNER OF SAID LOT I; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 A DISTANCE OF 4 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID EAST LINE, WEST PARALLEL TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF TYLER STREET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1; THENCE NORTH, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 1 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 279.62 SQUARE FEET, (0.0064 ACRES) MORE OR LESS.

SECTION 3: The City is further in need of Temporary Construction Easements for the Project, as more particularly described above, from the landowners as identified and detailed above.

SECTION 4: To secure timely access to said real properties, however, it is necessary that eminent domain authority be declared, established, and exercised for the purpose of the construction, maintenance, and public use of the improved roadway, streets, boulevards, sidewalks, rights of way, necessary and proper easements and appropriate appurtenances developed thereto. As well and on behalf of the public, the City must continue ownership and control of the real property described herein, as necessary for the public purposes of continued maintenance, traffic control, safety and necessary and proper rights of way and easements throughout the affected areas and properties described herein.

SECTION 5: The Office of the City Attorney of the City is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the City and initiate statutory proceedings for eminent domain and condemnation of the lands described herein for the purposes stated herein, up to and including filing appropriate legal pleadings and process in those courts of law having jurisdiction over such process and proceedings.


PASSED this 10th day of September, 2019.

Approved:



Mayor Bart Castlebery

Attest:



Michael O. Garrett
City Clerk/Treasurer