
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
February 8, 2022

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. The following members being a quorum were present and acting: Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder, City Clerk Michael Garrett. Councilman Grimes and Councilman Hawkins were not present.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

Minutes: January 25th, 2022

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **January 25th, 2022** meeting minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 5-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Code Enforcement, Permits, Inspections, & Transportation, Planning & Development)

1. Consideration to approve the nominations for the Oak Grove Cemetery Board.

Mayor Castleberry presented the nominations for the Oak Grove Cemetery Board, Ellen Gordy, and John Courtway. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the nominations and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion for approval carried 5-0.

2. Resolution approving professional audit services for the City of Conway.

R-22-06

Tyler Winningham addressed the Council stating that while putting out an RFQ for audit services is not something the City is required to do, because it is professional services the State give cities the option to request quotes. He added that BKD has been the provider of audit services for about 10 years, and he felt it was time to offer the services to other firms. He said that BKD was the only RFQ received and that he felt confident in the firm as provider of audit services. He asked the Council to approve the RFQ from BKD. Councilwoman Smith moved to adopt the Resolution approving BKD for professional audit services and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Resolution passed 5-0.

Mayor Castleberry proceeded to Section C while Councilwoman Mehl was connecting to the meeting.

Councilwoman Mehl joined the meeting remotely.

3. Ordinance accepting and appropriating funds received for the Conway Regional Airport.

O-22-18

Mayor Castleberry presented Item A3 to the Council. Jack Bell told the Council this is part of the Conway Aircraft Project with Conway Aircraft paying for the match for this grant. He said that the City would receive an invoice from Will's Construction and Conway Aircraft would reimburse the City for the payment of the invoice. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

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B. Public Safety Committee (District Court, Department of Information Systems & Technology, Animal Welfare, Communication Emergency Operations Center, Police, Fire, & Office of the City Attorney)

1. Ordinance to waive the competitive bid process for the purchase of vehicles for the Conway Police Department.

O-22-19

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Chief Tapley addressed the Council stating that they were asking to waive the bid process to purchase vehicles due to the long wait times for delivery of these vehicles. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 6-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Smith. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 6-0.

C. New Business

1. Consideration to approve a taxicab license for Shaun's Cab Service.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council stating that this item was held over from the last City Council meeting due to absence of the business owner. No one from Shaun's Cab Service was present for this meeting. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to deny the approval of the Cab Service and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The motion to deny carried 5-0.

2. Consideration to approve a taxicab license for Conway Checker Cab, LLC.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C2 to the Council. Tyler Henderson of Conway Checker Cab addressed the Council stating his plan for the Service presently and in the future. Councilman Jones made a motion to approve the taxicab license and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion to approve carried 5-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 8th day of February 2022

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett