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# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday, 6:00 pm  
March 14, 2023

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: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder. Councilwoman Mehl and Councilwoman Webb were not present.

**Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Roll Call: Michael Garrett, City Clerk**

**Minutes: February 28, 2023**

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted and Councilwoman Tucker seconded it. The motion carried 6-0.

**Report of Standing Committees:**

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

**1. Resolution to approve the 2023 Action Plan and Budget submission for the Community Development Block Grant program.**

**R-23-14**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. Shawanna Rodgers addressed the Council calling their attention to the Action Plan, the budget, and the budget breakdown. She explained that 20% of the budget is for administration, 15% was for public services, where most of the non-profits apply for the program. She added that they were able to divide over \$71,000 between six non-profits. She said that the remainder of the budget goes toward the project, which is the completion of the overnight emergency shelter. Councilwoman Tucker asked if the shelter was still on track to open in June and Ms. Rodgers answered that the plan was for Spring 2023. Mayor Castleberry added that the original opening date was May 2023. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Tucker seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 6-0.

**2. Resolution requesting the Faulkner County Tax Collector place a lien in the amount of \$115.85 on 1612 Hardy Street for expenses incurred by the City.**

**R-23-15**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. There was no one present to represent the property. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Tucker seconded it. A vote was called, and the Resolution passed 6-0.

**B. Public Service Committee (Parks & Recreation, Sanitation, & Physical Plant)**

**1. Ordinance to appropriate funding for the Pompe Park Phase II Project.**

**O-23-24**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Andrew Thames, Director of Parks and Recreation addressed the Council stating that his department was seeking to approve change order #1 Pompe Phase II

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in the amount of \$832,392.00. He said that Phase II includes two new pedestrian bridges that will connect the east and west sides of Tucker Creek, channel improvements within the creek, the remainder of the circular trail on the west side of the creek and will also include grading and drainage improvements. He added that Phase I is subject to being completed depending on weather. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Tucker seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

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

**1. Ordinance appropriating insurance proceeds funds for the Conway Fire Department.**

**O-23-25**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Chief Winter told the Council they had an insurance check in the amount of \$270,357.00 for the repairs of Engine 6. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Jones seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Tucker, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

**Adjournment-----**

*PASSED this 14th day of March 2023*

**APPROVED:**

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*Mayor Bart Castleberry*

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*City Clerk Michael O. Garrett*