

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
April 8, 2025

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, Councilman Spurgers, 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

Minutes: March 25, 2025

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting on March 25, 2025, as submitted. Councilman Spurgers seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

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

1. Consideration to approve waiving all three readings for the ordinances on the April 8, 2025 City Council agenda.

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve waiving all three readings and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 8-0.

2. Resolution to approve the application submission for the Community Spark Grant Program for the City of Conway.

R-25-10

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Robbie Alberson, Grant Administrator, told the Council that Terry Coddington recommended that the City apply for this grant. He added that 10 organizations would be awarded, and the amount was \$2000 each, with no matching funds associated. He said that the grant funds could be used for more bike lanes or traffic calming installations. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called and the Resolution was passed 8-0.

3. Consideration to approve the nomination of Jon Ross Henderson to the Conway Corporation Board of Directors.

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council stating that the recommendation was forwarded from Brett Carroll, Conway Corporation CEO. Councilman Hawkins moved to approve the nomination and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 8-0.

4. Consideration to approve vehicle disposal for the Conway Regional Airport.

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Jake Briley told the Council that the vehicle was a truck that was not operable without considerable repairs. Councilwoman Isby made

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a motion to approve the consideration and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called and the motion to approve carried 8-0.

B. Public Safety Committee (Police, Fire, District Court, IT, CEOC, City Attorney)

1. Ordinance waiving the bid process and purchase of a mid-mount aerial apparatus for the Conway Fire Department.

O-25-33

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council stating that the language of the Ordinance had been changed to reflect that the engine is a mid-mount aerial apparatus and had removed the appropriation section in order to look at financing options which would then be presented to the Council. He added that the City Clerk would be sending requests for proposals to local banks in Conway. Chief Winter addressed the Council asking them to waive the bid process for the apparatus with Pierce Manufacturing being the sole source provider for the truck and apparatus. The Chief confirmed that by purchasing this "demo" model it would save considerable time in acquiring the truck and apparatus. Councilman Spurgers stated that this addition was a much-needed capital spending infrastructure improvement for the Fire Department. Mayor Castleberry added that this would be the fourth engine purchased in the last few years, with two engines added and two on order; one to be final inspected this month and the fourth expected sometime this year. Councilwoman Mehl asked if the 15-year-old engine would be kept, and Chief Winter said that it would go into reserve status. There was some discussion as to the needs filled by the reserve units as they become utilized when the regular units are in the shop for repairs and maintenance. He said there were currently three engines and one ladder truck in reserve status. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilman Grimes. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 8-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 8th day of April 2025

APPROVED:

Mayor, Bart Castleberry

City Clerk, Denise Hurd