
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 pm
May 9, 2017

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: Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Pruitt and Alderman Ledbetter. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Chuck Clawson. Alderwoman Isby and Alderman Jones were not present.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett

Minutes: April 25, 2017

Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the **April 25, 2017** minutes as submitted. Alderman Ledbetter seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 6-0.

1. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Economic Development Committee (Conway Corporation, Conway Development Corporation, Conway Downtown Partnership & Conway Area Chamber of Commerce)

- 1. Ordinance establishing rates to be charged for services for the electric system for Conway Corporation. (First Reading Only)**
- 2. Ordinance amending Ordinance O-16-46 establishing water rates for residential customers who have a separate water meter for private fire protection. (First Reading Only)**
- 3. Resolution setting a time and date for a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments and questions on a proposed electric rate increase and adjustment in water rates.**

Resolution R-17-19

Mr. Bret Carroll of Conway Corporation was present to answer questions from the Council. Mayor Castleberry conducted the first reading of the Ordinances and presented the Resolution setting a time and date for a public hearing on May 23rd, 2017 at 6:30 pm to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made motion to adopt the Resolution setting the date for the public hearing. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

B. Community Development Committee (Planning, Zoning, Permits, Community Development, Historic District, Streets & Conway Housing Authority)

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Resolution R-17-20

- 1. Resolution setting a public hearing to discuss the closing of a portion of the 20 foot utility easement on Lot 5, McCracken Subdivision.**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B1 to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to accept the Resolution and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0.

Resolution R-17-21

- 2. Resolution setting a public hearing to discuss the renaming of a portion of Highway 25.**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B2 to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to accept the setting of the public hearing for May 23rd 2017 at 6:30 pm. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 6-0.

- 3. Consideration to purchase right of way from Arvest Bank for the College and Salem Roundabout project for the Street and Engineering Department.**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B3 to the Council. The City has agreed on a price of \$59,400.00 for the parcel of land needed for the project. City Attorney Chuck Clawson asked to have this item tabled per request by Finley Vinson, Street & Engineering Director, due to issues with the Arvest sign and the moving thereof. Alderwoman Smith motioned to table the item and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. Bryan Patrick of the Planning Department was present to answer questions from the Council. He stated prior to the Prince Street Improvements, Council established that signage that was removed due to street improvements was to be purchased by the City and ensured of conformity to Sign Ordinance upon replacement. The motion was passed 6-0.

- 4. Ordinance appropriating funds to cover increase transportation services for the FY2017 for the Street and Engineering Department.**

Ordinance O-17-47

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B4 to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Ledbetter, and Alderman Pruitt. The Ordinance passed 6-0.

- 5. Ordinance appropriating funds for the Smith & Spencer Street Reconstruction project for the Street & Engineering Department.**

Ordinance O-17-50

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B5 to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. City

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Attorney Chuck Clawson stated on behalf of Finley Vinson of the Street Department, that this project which was begun in 2016 as an unbudgeted project which caused overages in the Street & Paving Reconstruction Account which made it necessary to use funds from the 2017 budget to cover the cost. This appropriation would provide the \$139,000 to cover the remainder of the construction costs. There was no further discussion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Ledbetter and Alderwoman Smith. The ordinance passed 6-0.

6. Ordinance appropriating funds from JSI Recycling to the Street & Engineering Department.

Ordinance O-17-51

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B6 to the Council. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Mehl and Alderwoman Smith. The ordinance was passed 6-0.

7. Ordinance authorizing a reclassification of positions within the Street & Engineering Department.

Ordinance O-17-52

Alderman Hawkins presented Item B7 to the Council clarifying that this ordinance reclassifies a Concrete/Construction Specialist position to Maintenance Specialist with the Street Department, and that there are no additional salary funds required. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion was accepted 6-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Hawkins and Alderman Grimes. The ordinance was passed 6-0.

C. Public Safety Committee (Police, AWU, CEOC, Fire, District Court, Information Technology & City Attorney)

1. Ordinance appropriating asset forfeiture funds to purchase additional training ammunition for the Conway Police Department.

Ordinance O-17-53

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Chief Jody Spradlin was present to present to the Council. He stated that the ordinance would provide \$9360 from the asset forfeiture fund to purchase additional training ammunition to meet the State

training requirement and to make the City's Officers more tactically proficient. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Smith and Alderman Hawkins. The Ordinance was passed 6-0.

2. Ordinance appropriating reimbursement funds from various entities for the Conway Police Department.

Ordinance O-17-54

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C2 to the Council. Chief Spradlin stated that this item is a general accounting ordinance, with special note made that the \$3200 in donations is for the Child Safety Fair on June 17th, 2017. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion was passed 6-0. There was no further discussion. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The Clerk called roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes and Alderman Pruitt. The ordinance was passed 6-0.

D. New Business

1. Ordinance appropriating funds for the replacement of the roof at City Hall.

Ordinance O-17-55

Mayor Castleberry presented item D1 to the Council. Jamie Brice, Procurement Officer for the City was present to address the Council. She explained that a TIPS Purchasing Coop was used to secure vendors resulting in the selection of Reynolds Construction Company to do the work. The ordinance will provide funds needed to repair the roof at City Hall at a cost of \$125,000. Mayor Castleberry added that the roof has leaked for a number of years and that the insulation, acting as a sponge, holds and causes leakages year round in various places around the building. Alderman Hawkins asked if other companies were considered for the job. Ms. Brice stated that several vendors visited City Hall and submitted quotes for the job, but Reynolds Construction Company from White Hall was selected because of their experience with this type of building and the Duraflex roofing material that is needed. The estimate received from Reynolds was \$103,000 with the additional funds requested being used for subsequent smaller jobs needed to complete the repair. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the Emergency Clause and Alderwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, and Alderwoman Mehl. The ordinance was passed 6-0.

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There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment

PASSED this 9th day of May 2017

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett