
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
May 11, 2021

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. ***Due to restrictions imposed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council meeting was held via Facebook Live on the City of Conway, Arkansas Facebook page, and the City of Conway YouTube channel.*** The following members being a quorum were present and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Pruitt, and Councilwoman Smith. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

Minutes: April 27, 2021

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **April 27, 2021** minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

R-21-34

Mayor Castleberry asked the Council to suspend the rules to set a public hearing to discuss the vacation of portions of Mayor Lane, EW Martin Road, and William J. Clark Drive as well as various easements upon the adjacent property. Councilwoman Smith moved to suspend the rules and Councilman Grimes seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilman Grimes made a motion to adopt the Resolution setting a public hearing for May 25, 2021 and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion to adopt the Resolution passed 8-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Planning & Development, Permits & Inspection (Code Enforcement), Historic District, Transportation)

1. Ordinance to approve a substantial amendment to the 2019 CDBG Action Plan.

O-21-55

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Kiera Oluokun addressed the Council stating that the amendment is reallocating money that was set aside for other projects, to the overnight shelter project. She added that they were notified by HUD that there were unused funds that needed to be transferred to current projects. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Grimes, Councilman Pruitt, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Jones, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

2. Resolution to adopt the Faulkner County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Transportation Department.

R-21-35

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Finley Vinson addressed the Council saying that the Central Arkansas Planning and Development District has spearheaded this effort,

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with assistance from various departments within the City of Conway and the other municipalities in Faulkner County. He said that this document is an update/revision to the current Plan. The Clerk called for a vote. The Resolution passed 8-0.

3. Resolution to purchase HDPE pipe culvert for the Transportation Department.

R-21-36

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. The Clerk called for a vote. The Resolution passed 8-0.

4. Resolution to approve the annual bid for paving and milling for the Transportation Department.

R-21-37

Councilman Hawkins presented item A4 to the Council. Finley Vinson told the Council that one bid was received from the Rogers Group, and it had come in substantially higher than estimated. He explained that Rogers Group was so busy with work that they would have to bring in another crew from out of town to complete the work. He added that since this would put the Department over budget, that they would not be completing all the streets on the bid list. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. The Clerk called for a vote. The Resolution passed 8-0.

5. Resolution to authorize entering into an agreement for construction for the Markham Square Project for the Transportation Department.

R-21-38

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council. Finley Vinson told the Council that there was one bid from Crow Construction on this project and that the bid came in slightly over budget but not prohibitive. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. The Clerk called for a vote. The Resolution passed 8-0.

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

1. Ordinance to accept donation proceeds for the Conway Police Department.

O-21-56

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Chief Tapley address the Council stating that the Police Department has received a grant from Arvest Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to purchase a canine which would be a replacement for Canine "Chip" who was retired recently. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Jones, Councilman Pruitt, Councilman Hawking, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

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C. Finance

1. Resolution to use reserve account interest earnings for the Non-Uniform Pension Fund.

R-21-39

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Tyler Winningham explained to the Council that this is a Resolution that was drafted at the request of Councilman Grimes to transfer the General Fund account interest to the Non-Uniform Pension Fund. He added that if passed it would become part of the City's annual budget process and will be transferred each year. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. The Clerk called for a vote. The Resolution passed 8-0.

Councilman Hawkins asked Mr. Winningham some questions about Federal Relief Funding and where he could obtain information about how it could be spent. Mr. Winningham referred Councilman Hawkins to the Treasury.gov website for a listing and other frequently asked questions.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 11th day of May, 2021

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett