

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Wednesday, 3:30 pm
June 3, 2020

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in a special 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.*** The following members being a quorum were present online and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Pruitt, Councilwoman Smith, and Councilman Ledbetter. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Chuck Clawson.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

A. New Business

1. Discussion regarding extension of curfew

Mayor Castleberry addressed the Council regarding a City-wide 48-hour curfew from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am, put in place by his executive order on June 1, 2020. He asked the Council to allow him to extend the curfew another 48 hours. He stated that he had consulted with Police Chief Jody Spradlin, Faulkner County Sheriff Tim Ryals, and City Attorney Chuck Clawson and they were all in agreement to extend the curfew. He added that the demonstrations in Conway have been peaceful and protesters have been respectful, and this action was in no way to reflect upon them. He said that the concerns were over intelligence received by the Police Department regarding perceived threats from other areas and out of state. Alderman Ledbetter made a motion to extend the City-wide mandatory 10:00 pm until 5:00 am curfew an additional 48 hours. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Alderman Jones suggested the City Council reconvene Friday and discuss whether the curfew should be extended into the weekend. There was no further discussion. The motion to extend the curfew passed 8-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment-----

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett