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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
July 10, 2018

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, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Ledbetter and Alderwoman Smith. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, and City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Chuck Clawson. Alderman Pruitt joined the meeting later.

**Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry**

**Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett**

**Minutes: June 26, 2018**

Alderwoman Isby motioned to approve the **June 26, 2018** minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

**1. Report of Standing Committees:**

**A. Community Development Committee (Planning, Zoning, Permits, Community Development, Historic District, Street & Engineering and Airport )**

**1. Resolution to approve the lead developer for the Spruce Street Cottage Project located in the Pine Street Neighborhood.**

**R-18-23**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. Kiera Oluokun addressed the Council stating that the developer that was secured in 2013 has moved to NW Arkansas, necessitating the selection of a new lead developer for the project. She asked the Council to approve Summerwood, Inc. (Ron Harris) as the new lead developer. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. The Resolution passed 7-0.

**2. Resolution for the Conway Tree Board to assist with a beautification project located on I-40 off-ramp at Dave Ward Drive.**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. (Held in Committee/No Action Taken)

**3. Resolution amending the Master Street Plan in the Central Landing area (Old Cantrell Field Airport).**

**R-18-24**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Bryan Patrick addressed the Council stating that since the Master Street Plan was approved by the Council at the last meeting, it came to the attention of the Street and Planning Departments that further configuration was needed in the area of the old airport (Cantrell Field), which required an amendment. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. The Resolution was passed 7-0.

**4. Ordinance correcting the legal descriptions of certain land annexed east of Friendship Road, immediately north of Northwood Estates.**

**O-18-75**

Alderman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Bryan Patrick explained to the Council that when the developer of Northwood Estates discovered that a small piece of land was not included in the annexation and was not part of the PUD associated with the development, so a correction to the description is necessary to identify that piece of property so that it can be detached from the City and

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designated as County property. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Isby seconded. The motion carried 7-0. Alderwoman Isby moved to adopt the Ordinance and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Grimes, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith and Alderman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

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

#### **1. Ordinance appropriating funds received from the Conway Area Tennis Association to the Parks & Recreation Department.**

##### **O-18-76**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Steve Ibbotson, Director of Parks & Recreation addressed the Council stating that Conway Tennis Association received a grant for \$15,000 from the USTA and wants to put that money back into the facility. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded. The motion carried 7-0. Alderwoman Smith moved to adopt the Ordinance and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Isby, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Jones, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Smith and Alderwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

### **C. Public Safety Committee (Police, Fire, District Court, Animal Welfare Unit, Communication Emergency Operations Center, Information Technology & City Attorney)**

#### **1. Consideration to remove vehicle from inventory for the Conway Police Department.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Chief Jody Spradlin addressed the Council stating that there were a number of police cars and one drug-seized vehicle that the Department would like to dispose of by selling through public surplus organizations. Alderwoman Smith moved to approve the consideration and Alderman Hawkins seconded it. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

Alderman Pruitt joined the meeting.

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

##### **O-18-77**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Chief Spradlin explained that these funds were extra duty reimbursements and insurance proceeds. Alderwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Alderwoman Smith seconded. The motion carried 7-0. Alderwoman Isby moved to adopt the Ordinance and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

Mayor Castleberry requested to suspend the rules in order to discuss a matter previously addressed by the Council. Alderwoman Smith moved to suspend the rules and Alderwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion to suspend the rules passed 8-0.

Mayor Castleberry addressed the Council stating that since the approval of the parking lot on Parkway Street was approved as a location for the (new) City Hall, there have been concerns expressed by the public regarding the loss of parking spaces. He asked the Council to rescind that approval and that the location be withdrawn from consideration. Alderwoman Smith made a motion to rescind the prior approval and Alderwoman Isby seconded it. The motion was passed 8-0. Patricia Heath was present and addressed the Council in opposition to the building of City Hall on the Parkway Street parking lot property.

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**D. Old Business**

**1. Consideration to approve an offer and acceptance for property located at 824 Front Street.**

Mayor Castleberry presented Item D1 to the Council stating to them that the matter could be addressed at this time or tabled and revisited at the next meeting, due to the fact that there were other properties to be considered. After some discussion among the Council it was decided to vote on the matter and not delay until the next meeting. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve the offer and acceptance for the property at 824 Front Street and Alderwoman Smith seconded it. The motion to approve failed 7-0 against, with Alderman Grimes voting "Present".

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment-----**

*PASSED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018*

**APPROVED:**

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*Mayor Bart Castleberry*

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*City Clerk Michael O. Garrett*