
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
July 13, 2021

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 Pruitt, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder, and City Clerk Michael Garrett.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

Minutes: June 22, 2021

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **June 22, 2021** minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

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

Mayor Castleberry asked the Council to withdraw the Ordinance before them and to suspend the rules to add a Resolution to apply for grant funding for the hangar project. Councilwoman Smith made motion withdraw the Ordinance and to suspend the rules and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0.

1. Resolution to apply for Department of Aeronautic Grants for Cantrell Field Airport.

R-21-58

Jack Bell, Airport Director addressed the Council and explained the steps involved in apply for the grants from the Department of Aeronautics. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The Clerk called for a vote. The Resolution passed 8-0.

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

1. Resolution to approve professional services to plan and design a new community aquatics facility and recreation facilities for the Parks & Recreation Department.

R-21-59

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Steve Ibbotson, Director of Parks & Recreation told the Council that the City received fifteen submittals and from those the selection committee chose five. Those five firms were interviewed and of those five, Crafton Tull was selected to provide professional services for planning and design of the aquatic and recreation facility. Mayor Castleberry told the Council that they could meet in committee to look over specific numbers. Councilman Hawkins asked Mr. Ibbotson how the five firms were chosen from the initial group of submittals. Mr. Ibbotson said that the five were chosen based on their submittals of services, prices and past projects. Each of the five were interviewed and given an opportunity to present their proposal. From those interviews Crafton Tull was selected by the committee based on a points system. Councilwoman Isby added that the committee was tasked with gathering information from citizens about what they would like to see in such a community center. She said that there were surveys taken and information gathered from social media. She added that benchmarking trips were taken to look at other centers, and she listed some of the features the committee saw at the other facilities. Mayor Castleberry added that the goal is to get this issue before the voters in September of this year. There were no further questions or discussion. Councilwoman Isby made a motion

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to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called for the vote. The Resolution passed 8-0.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 13th day of July, 2021

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett