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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
May 23, 2008

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in special session. The following members being a quorum, were present and acting; Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Jones, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderman Bell, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderman Grimes. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell and City Attorney Michael Murphy. Alderman Hawkins was not present.

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Minutes:* None
4. *Recognition of Guests:* None
5. *Public Hearings:* None
6. *Report of Standing Committees:*

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

1. **Consideration to approve the cost of Phase 1 of the Conway Girls Softball Complex which consist of the earthwork, utilities and storm drainage.**

Brian Knopp, Parks & Recreation Director, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell explained the girl's softball complex was priced internally by Nabholz at \$5.5 million, which was approved by council; the hard bids came back significantly over bid at \$6.4 million. Nabholz and Carter Burgess are working together with us to cut costs on some aspects of the park while keeping the luxury inside the park. Mayor Townsell stated he feels like we should cut back below \$6 million on this project. Mayor Townsell explained in order for Nabholz to get started approval and funding in the amount of \$624,524.00 is needed for the initial start up work. Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the \$624,524.00 and allow Nabholz to proceed. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

7. *Old Business*
8. *New Business*

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*Adjournment*

**PASSED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2008**

APPROVED:

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Mayor Tab Townsell

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City Clerk Michael O. Garrett