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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.  
June 26, 2012

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 Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderman Jones, and Alderwoman Whitmore. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Clerk Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Michael Murphy.

**Call to Order: Mayor Tab Townsell**

**Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk/Treasurer**

**Minutes: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 City Council Meeting**

Alderman Vaught stated there are votes in the June 12, 2012 minutes tallied 6-0, which should be 7-0. City Clerk Mike Garrett stated we will double check these for accuracy, and make any necessary changes. Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the June 12, 2012 minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**Announcements/Proclamations/Recognitions: Employee Service Awards**

**5 Years**

Chris Greenhaw - Sanitation Dept.

**10 Years**

Barbara McElroy - Permits/Code Enforcement

**1. Report of Standing Committees:**

**A. Community Development Committee (Planning, Zoning, Permits, Community Development, Historic District, Streets, & Conway Housing Authority)**

**1. Consideration of proposed speed humps in various locations throughout the City.**

Ronnie Hall, City Engineer, proposed to field mark the speed humps and monitor comments received for a 3 week period. The first 7 sections listed, if approved, will be privately funded; the speed humps in Smoking Oaks and Tucker Creek will be funded by the city. The streets/areas being considered are outlined below:

- Centennial Valley: 1 - Baytown Dr; 2 - Centennial Club Rd; & 2 - additional on Bay Hill Dr.
- Catherine Place: 1 - between 2685 TJ Dr and Grummer.
- Gardenia Dr: 1 between MK Circle and Chinook Dr.
- Gulf Shore Dr: 1 midway on length of the street.
- Sunderlin Park: 1 - Sunderlin Park, 1 - Tree House Dr.
- Pippinpost: 3 - on the straight sections of street.
- Fieldstone: 1 - on long section of street.

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- Smoking Oaks & Tucker Creek: 2 - Morningside; 2 on Tucker Creek; & 1 on Smoking Oak Rd.

Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve these various field markings on the recommended streets. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**2. Consideration of acquisition of street right of way from the Presbyterian Church for Farris Road Extension.**

Ronnie Hall, City Engineer, explained one condition of the Wal-Mart PUD rezoning requires Wal-Mart to reimburse the city for the acquisition cost of the right of way for Farris Rd. Mr. Hall requested council's approval to purchase this right of way so construction will hopefully be complete before the school year begins; the amount requested is \$7.00 per square foot for a total of \$105,357.00 for 0.35 acres. Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve this right of way purchase. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**B. Public Safety Committee (Police, Fire, CEOC, Information Technology, City Attorney, & Animal Welfare)**

**1. Ordinance appropriating asset forfeiture funds to the Conway Police Department for various improvements.**

O-12-58

A.J. Gary, Chief of Police, explained the original design of the police station's second floor was shorter than the length of the first floor; we wish to extend this section of the second floor on out to meet the length of the first floor to accommodate our special operations unit. Chief Gary stated we would like to request authorization to use asset forfeiture funds to finish out a portion of those 2,000 square feet of unallocated space. The cost for these improvements would be approximately \$59,450.00 which includes the purchase of an outside portable garage. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

**2. Ordinance appropriating and accepting reimbursement and restitution funds from various entities for the Conway Police Department.**

O-12-59

A.J. Gary, Chief of Police, explained the Police Dept. has received reimbursements and restitution funds and requests approval to accept these funds in order to replenish expenditure accounts. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

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Alderman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Mehl, Alderman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

**C. Finance**

**1. Consideration to approve the monthly financials reporting ending May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

Tyler Winningham, CFO, gave a brief synopsis of the May 2012 financials. Alderman Smith motioned to approve the May 31, 2012 financials. Alderman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**2. Ordinance appropriating funds for the employee bonuses.**

**O-12-60**

Alderman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. Mayor Townsell stated the total cost of the employee bonuses is \$589,423.00; general fund will pay \$460,781.00, street fund will pay \$37,139.00, sanitation fund will pay \$91,503.00. Mayor Townsell stated this excludes all part-time elected officials and to receive the bonus employees must be hired prior to June 30, 2012. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Mehl, Alderman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

**3. Ordinance adopting a budget adjustment for the City of Conway.**

**O-12-61**

Tyler Winningham, CFO, explained this is a "housekeeping" ordinance that adjusts the budget to account for the recently re-dedicated, one-eighth cent sales tax, which will flow into the general fund. Mr. Winningham explained this will account for funds received from May through December 2012. Alderman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Whitmore motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Alderman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Mehl, Alderman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 8-0.

**New Business**

**1. Consideration to move the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting (July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012) to an alternative date.**

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Alderman Vaught motioned to move the July 10, 2012 meeting to the July 24, 2012 and combine those two meetings. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

**PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012**

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor Tab Townsell**

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**City Clerk Michael O. Garrett**