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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

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Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday 6:30 pm  
April 2, 2013

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: Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Pruitt, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Ledbetter, and Alderwoman Whitmore. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, City Clerk/Treasurer Michael Garrett, and City Attorney Michael Murphy. Alderman Jones was not in attendance.

**Call to Order: Mayor Tab Townsell**

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

**1. Report of Standing Committees:**

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

**1. Ordinance appropriating funding for the construction of the proposed Rogers Plaza in Downtown Conway.**

**O-13-35**

Jack Bell, Chief of Staff, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell stated we currently have \$200,000.00 in place that can be utilized toward street improvements, which is a separate project. This ordinance will set aside \$335,000.00 in the Parks & Recreation A&P Fund Balance and the city will contribute approximately \$225,000.00 for a grand total of approximately \$700,000.00. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderwoman Whitmore asked if there would be a problem with getting emergency vehicles to the area. Mayor Townsell stated no. Alderwoman Whitmore stated she hopes that the landscaping would help with drainage and not increase this problem. Mayor Townsell stated we have talked at length about drainage issues and stated we can address some of the drainage issues, but not all of them. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Hawkins seconded the motion. There was some discussion in regards to drainage. Alderman Grimes asked if the lane extension going west bound was still in the plans. Mayor Townsell stated yes, the size of the arch is such that we will allow for a second lane. There was no further discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Pruitt, Alderman Ledbetter, Alderman Mehl, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, and Alderman Hawkins. The motion passed 7-0.

**2. Resolution naming the property located at Oak & Court Streets in Downtown Conway as Rogers Plaza.**

**R-13-15**

Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

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**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

**PASSED this 2<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013**

**APPROVED:**

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**Mayor Tab Townsell**

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**City Clerk Michael O. Garrett**