
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
May 22, 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 Vaught, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Rhodes, Alderman Jones, and Alderwoman Whitmore. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell and City Clerk Michael Garrett. City Attorney Michael Murphy and Alderman Hawkins were not in attendance.

Call to Order: Mayor Tab Townsell

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

Minutes: May 8th, 2012 City Council Meeting

Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the May 8, 2012 minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Announcements/Proclamations/Recognitions: Employee Service Awards

5 Years

Daniel Strain - Sanitation Dept.
Jeff West -Information Technology Dept.
Brenda Duvall - Sanitation Dept.
Duane Evans - Parks Dept.

15 Years

Phyllis Johnson - Police Dept.

20 Years

Perry Faulkner - Finance Dept.

1. Report of Standing Committees:

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

- 1. Resolution setting a public hearing to discuss changing the name of Ridge Road to Pike Ridge.**

R-12-17

Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. The public hearing will be held Tuesday June 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

- 2. Resolution setting a public hearing to discuss the closing of a 10 foot utility easement located in the Conway Marketplace East Phase 2.**

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R-12-18

Aldерwoman Whitmore motioned to adopt the resolution. Aldерwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. The public hearing will be held Tuesday June 12, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

3. Consideration to accept nominations for the Advertising and Promotion Commission.

Mayor Townsell stated the A & P Commission has recommended the re-nominations of Ray Kordsmeier (at large position) and Mike Kraft (Tourism Industry Position) each being 4 year terms. Aldерwoman Smith motioned to accept the nominations recommended. Aldерwoman Mehl seconded the motion. After some discussion in regards to the governing State statutes of the A & P Commission, and the city's selection process the motion passed 5-1. Alderman Vaught voted in opposition.

Alderman Rhodes entered the meeting in progress.

4. Consideration to enter into an easement agreement with The Village of Hendrix for property referred to as the Watershed.

Lawrence Finn, The Village at Hendrix, was present to answer questions. Mayor Townsell stated that Hendrix College has granted the City of Conway, a right to the public, to use the Watershed; in essence it would become a City Park and the Mayor explained he would like council to consider an impact fee contract at a later date. Mr. Finn gave a brief synopsis of the Watershed area. Mayor Townsell stated the impact fee credit would be \$1,135,277.00. After some discussion regarding the agreement and the credit, Alderman Grimes motioned to hold this item in committee. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

5. Ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of franchise fee revenue refunding bonds Series 2012 by the City of Conway.

O-12-50

Gordon Wilbourn, Kutak Rock, explained this ordinance authorized the issuance of the bonds within certain parameters. Jack Trumper, Crews & Associates, explained they plan to sell bonds on May 31, 2012; as we know interest rates vary daily, but our hopes are rates will stay consistent to where they are today. Aldерwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Aldерwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderman Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance and the emergency clause. Aldерwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Aldерwoman Smith, Alderman Vaught, Aldерwoman Mehl, Aldерwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Rhodes, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

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

1. Ordinance appropriating insurance proceeds to the Conway Sanitation Department.

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Mayor Townsell explained the Sanitation Dept. received \$2,426.42 in insurance proceeds (510-510-5450) for repair to a 2009 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Hawkins, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

2. Consideration to accept bids for (2) 2012 Commercial Front Load Refuse Truck & (2) 2012 Commercial Rear Load Refuse Truck for the Conway Sanitation Department.

Cheryl Harrington, Sanitation Director, recommended the bid from River City Hydraulics, Inc. in the amount of \$175,000.00, explaining this was the lowest bid that met all bid specs. Ms. Harrington stated this is for (1) one front load truck only. Alderwoman Smith motioned to accept the bid from River City Hydraulics, Inc. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

Cheryl Harrington, Sanitation Director, recommended the bid from Truck Centers of Arkansas in the amount of \$223,904.00 for two (2) rear load trucks. Alderwoman Smith motioned to accept the low bid. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

New Business

1. Consideration of a request by the Hearts on Fire to paint Engine 10 for promotional purposes to raise awareness of cancer.

Mayor Townsell stated this request seeks council's permission to paint Fire Engine # 8 pink to raise awareness for cancer; Engine #8 is one of our last line reserve engines. Mark McEntire, Conway Fire Dept., stated we wish to paint the truck pink as a means to raise money for all cancers. Mr. McEntire explained the cost for labor and painting has been donated and will be at no expense to the city. Alderman Grimes motioned to approve painting Engine # 8. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

2. Consideration of a request by Cresthaven Property Owner's Association to use the excess Water District Improvement #10 funds for improvements to Mill Pond Road.

Mr. Dunbar, Cresthaven resident, asked council to consider the use of the excess funds paid to the city, for the benefit of the District # 10 property owners, whom paid the excess funds. Mr. Dunbar stated the Cresthaven Property Owners Association proposes to repave Mill Pond Rd. at the curve between entrances to the subdivision (between Collins Rd and Harbelle Rd). After some discussion Alderwoman Smith motioned to hold this item in committee. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

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3. **Ordinance adopting and requiring an event permit application for special events to be held on City of Conway Property and utilizing city personnel/resources.**

O-12-52

Aldерwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Aldерwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Aldерwoman Smith motioned to adopt the ordinance. Aldерman Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Aldерman Vaught suggested scaling the cancellation fee to conform to the personnel/resources that could be used prior to an event being cancelled. Joe Waltman, Conway resident, suggested adding a section to list the names of a national sponsor or national organization. Mayor Townsell stated that is a good idea, and the event application can be modified as needed. There was no further discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Aldерwoman Smith, Aldерman Vaught, Aldерwoman Mehl, Aldерwoman Whitmore, Aldерman Grimes, Aldерman Hawkins, and Aldерman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

PASSED this 22nd day of May 2012

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett