
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
January 11, 2011

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

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes: **December 28th, 2010**

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to approve the Dec. 28, 2010 minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Announcements / Proclamations / Recognition:

1. Public Hearings:

- 1. Public Hearing to discuss closing a 15' utility easement located in the Tommy Lewis Addition PH 2, Lot 3.**

Mayor Townsell opened the public hearing. Alex Bennett, stated we are requesting to abandon an existing sewer line. Mayor Townsell closed the public hearing.

- 1. Ordinance closing a 15' utility easement located in the Tommy Lewis Addition PH 2, Lot 3.**

O-11-01

Alderwoman Whitmore motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

2. 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 consider the abandonment of certain alley and street rights of way in the Pine Street neighborhood.**

R-11-01

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Alderman Hawkins motioned to adopt the resolution. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. Bryan Patrick, Planning & Development Director, stated there is an additional street we are adding that did not get inserted into the resolution, but will be in the ordinance; it is a section of Lincoln. St. There was no further discussion. The motion passed 7-0. The public hearing will be heard on January 25, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

2. Consideration of the nomination of Trey Massingill & Quida Wright to the Conway Tree Board.

Alderman Hawkins motioned to accept the nominations. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Trey Massingill - (replacement Allie Harrison) - Member at Large - 3 Year Term
Quida Wright - (Continuation of membership) - Member at Large - 3 Year Term

3. Ordinance updating the City's mechanical code by adoption of the 2010 Arkansas Mechanical Code.

O-11-02

Lynn Hicks, Asst. Director Permits, Inspections, & Code Enforcement, explained the state of Arkansas has updated their mechanical code to the 2010 Edition; Conway currently uses the 2003 Edition. Mr. Hicks stated there is a requirement that the City of Conway enforce a mechanical code that is at least as stringent as state law and the easiest way to do that is to adopt the same code the state has adopted. 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 and the emergency clause. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. There was discussion as to why an emergency clause is needed. Alderwoman Smith amended her motion to adopt the emergency clause. Alderwoman Whitmore stated the emergency clause needs added to the title of the ordinance. Alderman Vaught asked if there is a need for the emergency clause since this window of time would allow contractors to finish using inventories that complies with the 2003 code. Mr. Hicks stated in conversations with the state, one significant change is the gauge of the metal used in the duct work and the state has agreed to allow 60 - 90 days to allow suppliers to eliminate the out of date materials. There was no further discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

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

1. Ordinance reducing the number of non sworn positions and authorizing the reclassification of a position for the Conway Police Department.

O-11-03

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Mayor Townsell stated no additional salary funds are needed to make this reclassification. A.J. Gary, Chief of Police, explained this will put us in line with the budget that was passed as it eliminates one vacant secretary position and reclassifies one vacant secretary position to an administrative assistant. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0. Alderman Jones motioned to adopt the ordinance. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Alderman Hawkins, Alderwoman Mehl, Alderwoman Smith, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, and Alderman Jones. The motion passed 7-0.

Old Business

New Business

1. **Discussion/Resolution creating a Conway Citizen Taskforce for Operation, Personnel, & Financial matters.**

Mayor Townsell explained this taskforce would analyze and make recommendations to the city council regarding operational, personnel, and financial matters. Lowell McClanahan, CFO, explained he believes the task force is a good idea and feels the city needs a vision in order to plan for the future. Mr. McClanahan stated he wants council to set the scope, deliverables, a time table, and choose the members. Alderman Grimes stated it is fine for everyone who lives in Conway to have their own vision of what they want Conway to be however for this task he would like to see "black and white" and numbers. Alderman Grimes stated the topics of the task force should be budgetary personnel needs, capital needs, and operational needs. Mayor Townsell stated he would like for everyone to take time to look this information over and discuss it at a later date. After some discussion Alderwoman Smith motioned to hold this item in committee. Alderwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment

PASSED this 11th day of January 2011

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett