

# MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
April 28, 2020

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. ***Due to restrictions imposed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council meeting was held via Facebook Live on the City of Conway, Arkansas Facebook page, and the City of Conway Youtube channel.*** The following members being a quorum were present online and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Pruitt and Councilman Ledbetter. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Chuck Clawson. Councilwoman Smith was not present.

**Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry**

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

**Minutes: April 21, 2020**

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **April 21, 2020** minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 7-0.

**Report of Standing Committees:**

**A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Planning & Development, Permits & Inspection (Code Enforcement), Historic District, Transportation)**

- 1. Consideration to approve the nomination of Deanna Dillon to the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Board.**  
Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council and motioned to approve the nomination. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 7-0.
- 2. Resolution to express the City of Conway's intent to utilize Recreational Trail Funds for the Stone Dam Creek Phase II (Donaghey Avenue to South German Lane) for the Transportation Department.**

**R-20-21**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Jamie Brice, Procurement Manager addressed the Council stating that this Resolution allows the City to apply for the 2020 RTP Grant. She added that the City used RTP funds for the work on Stone Dam Creek Phase I and that these funds would go toward Phase II. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion carried 7-0.

- 3. Resolution to seek condemnation of property located within the Donaghey Avenue Improvement Project area.**

**R-20-22**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Chuck Clawson, City Attorney addressed the Council stating that the Resolution recognizes the need to condemn the property in order to maintain the construction schedule, and authorizes the City Attorney's office to file for condemnation of the property for right of way purposes. He stated that his office has been in conversations with the owners and will continue to be as the construction moves forward. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion carried 7-0.

- 4. Resolution to seek condemnation of property located within the Tyler Street Improvement Project.**

**R-20-23**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Chuck Clawson addressed the Council stating that this was the last piece of the Tyler Street Improvement Project. He said that a number of the property owners had proved impossible to reach and this condemnation will allow the project to be completed. He added that there were 5 total properties involved. He said that while the project took longer than

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was planned, it allowed his office to re-evaluate how these types of projects involving property acquisitions are handled and will be better and more efficient in the future. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion to adopt the Resolution passed 7-0.

**5. Ordinance authorizing the issuance of development bonds for the Conway Development Corporation.  
O-20-23**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council. Gordon Wilbourn addressed the Council stating that this Ordinance authorizes the refunding 2008 HP Bonds. He said that the initial bonds were set up with a term shorter than the term of the lease and because the banks did not want to go out that long, so this is refunding and the banks are going to re-up some or all of the original purchasers at a lower interest rate, which is better for CDC. The bond issue will then continue on until the maturity of the lease. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilman Jones seconded it. The motion carried 7-0. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilman Jones seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Pruitt, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Isby, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Grimes and Councilman Jones. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 7-0.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

**Adjournment-----**

*PASSED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020*

**APPROVED:**

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*Mayor Bart Castleberry*

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*City Clerk Michael O. Garrett*