
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
September 18, 2007

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; Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Vaught, Alderman Hawkins, Alderman Bell, Alderman Jones, Alderman Grimes, Alderwoman Whitmore, and Alderwoman Mehl. Also, present and acting: Mayor Tab Townsell, and Deputy City Attorney Kurt Meredith.

1. *Call to Order*
2. *Roll Call*
3. *Minutes:* August 28th, 2007

Alderwoman Smith motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Whitmore seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0.

4. *Recognition of Guests:*
5. *Public Hearings:*

- A. *Public hearing to discuss abandoning the existing 15 foot utility easement located along the common lot line between lots 17 & 18 in the I-40 South Commercial Park.*

Mayor Townsell opened the public hearing. Phillip Hiegel, representing Nabholz Properties, stated these lots will be sold and they wish to have the easement closed. Walter Skelton, representing the Pinter's, who own the adjoining lot (#18), was in agreement. Mayor Townsell closed the public hearing.

1. **Ordinance to abandon the existing 15 foot utility easement located between lots 17 & 18 in the I-40 South Commercial Park.**

O-07-111

Alderman Bell motioned to waive the readings of the ordinance. Alderwoman Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Bell 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 Mehl, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Jones and Alderman Hawkins. The motion passed 8-0.

B. Public hearing to discuss abandoning an alley running through Block 2 in the Srygley Addition.

Mayor Townsell opened the public hearing. Kim Tyler, Tyler Surveying, representing Nabholz Construction, stated her clients are going through a re-plat to get all their property on one lot. Mayor Townsell closed the public hearing.

1. Ordinance to abandon an alley running through Block 2 in the Srygley Addition.

O-07-112

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

C. Public hearing to discuss abandoning a utility easement located in the West Plains Subdivision.

Mayor Townsell opened the public hearing. David Hall, Tyler Surveying, stated this easement contained overhead electric which has been re-routed and they wish to close this easement to make room for patio homes that are being constructed. Mayor Townsell closed the public hearing.

1. Ordinance to abandon a utility easement located in the West Plains Subdivision.

O-07-113

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

D. Public hearing to discuss abandoning the east west alley located in Block 14 in the Robinson's Plan.

Mayor Townsell opened the public hearing. Mark Elsinger, Special Projects Coordinator, stated the request is to close the west end of the alley in order to build the new Police Station. Mayor Townsell closed the public hearing.

1. Ordinance to abandon the east west alley located in Block 14 in the Robinson's Plan.

O-07-114

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

6. Report of Standing Committees:

A. Public Safety Committee (Police, CEOC, Fire, Dist. Court & City Atty., & Animal Control)

1. Ordinance appropriating funds for additional staff for the Conway Fire Department.

O-07-115

Bart Castleberry, Fire Chief, stated that one (1) fireman will be retiring in January 2008 and they would like to send 2 new hires to the Fire Academy so they will be trained; this will also allow them to save money by not having to pay overtime to personnel to backfill the upcoming vacancy. Mayor Townsell stated this is a temporary situation and we are not permanently raising the staff at the fire dept. Alderwoman Smith motioned to waive the readings. Alderman Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0. Alderman Bell 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, Alderman Grimes, Alderman Vaught, Alderwoman Smith, Alderman Bell, Alderwoman Whitmore, Alderman Jones and Alderwoman Mehl. The motion passed 8-0.

Adjournment

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned.

PASSED this 18th day of September 2007

APPROVED:

Mayor Tab Townsell

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett