

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
229 MAIN STREET
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA
MONDAY- OCTOBER 6, 2014 – 5:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Alys C. Lawson, Mayor Pro Tem William M. Goldfinch IV, and Council Members Randle L. Alford, Thomas J. Anderson II, Barbara Blain-Olds, and Larry A. White;
ABSENT: Council Member Jean Timbes

STAFF: Bill Graham, City Administrator; Foster Hughes, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism; Kevin Chestnut, Public Works Director; Rick Baker, Fire Chief; Jerry Barnhill, Interim Public Utilities Director; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Michael Leinwand, Planning Director; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official; Cindi Howard, Human Resources Director; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Timmy Williams, Beautification Director; and Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kathy Ropp, Tony Martin, Ellen Elliott, Mary L'Heureux, Dianne McDonough, Nancy Southard, Pat Hosford, Ronald Crow, Joe Johns, James Williams, Mary Williams, Horace Jones, John Borkowski, Steven Fitch, Ray Pinson, Margaret Small, Tom Roe, Jack Markyl, Jean Barber, Jean Orville, Kari Dettmer, Pat Phillips, and others

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lawson called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Lawson recognized Tony Martin, Conway Fire Department Chaplain, who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda contents. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Final reading of Ordinance #ZA2014-10-06 (A) Extending a previously adopted moratorium which relates to Sections 9.1.3.B.2, 9.1.3.B.3, and 12.1.2.D of the *City of Conway Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)* through December 31, 2014**
- B. Ordinance #2014-10-06 (C) Authorizing the Lease of City-owned property (Fire Station #1) to Churches Assisting People**
- C. City Council Minutes – September 15, 2014**

Motion: Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to approve the consent agenda.
Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Report on Conway High School ACT scores and 2014 Homecoming Parade. Mr. Steven Fitch, Principal of Conway High School, gave a brief presentation on Conway High School ACT scores. He reported that the ACT scores are up for the fourth consecutive year and the graduation rate has increased 25% since 2010. Fitch also invited City Council to participate in the 2014 Homecoming Parade on October 17, 2014.

B. Introduction of the new Public Utilities Director, James Friday. The City Administrator introduced James Friday as the City's new Public Utilities Director and he thanked Jerry Barnhill for having served as interim director of that department. Friday was welcomed to his new position with the City by Mayor Lawson and Council.

RESOLUTION: Ray Pinson of Santee Cooper presented a request to City Council to adopt a resolution concerning the United States environmental protection agency's (EPA) proposed CO₂ existing source rule. Mr. Pinson advised Council that Santee Cooper is concerned this proposed EPA rule would, if adopted, have a major impact on the cost of electrical power for its customers. City Council was asked to adopt this resolution urging the EPA not to count under-construction nuclear power plants as part of the state's target reduced CO₂ emissions, but should allow them to be used for compliance with the revised target. This approach would give South Carolina full credit for its efforts and Santee Cooper customers would not bear the burden of paying for additional reductions. Pinson was accompanied by Margaret Small, Santee Cooper Government and Community Relations Representative. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the resolution. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING / ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: Ordinance #ZA2014-10-20
(A) Accepting the petition by Tom Roe of Hospital Land Partners LLC to annex approximate 8.55 acres of property located along Myrtle Trace Drive and adjacent to Conway Medical Center (TMS# 151-27-03-089 / PIN 38315030038) and to rezone the property Institutional (IN) upon annexation. Tom Roe of Hospital Land Partners LLC requested to annex the above referenced property which is located along Myrtle Trace Drive adjacent to the Conway Medical Center which is located in the Conway Municipal Limits and rezone the property from Horry County Planned Unit Development (PUD) to City of Conway Institution (IN). The request was discussed by Conway City Council during a workshop session. The Planning Commission recommended that the request be approved at its meeting on July 10th; staff recommended first reading approval. **Public Hearing:** Ellen Elliott, and Mary L'Heureaux, expressed concerns about excessive light, storm water drainage, a natural buffer of sufficient height, noise management, and traffic from this property into adjacent residential neighborhoods; Jack Markyl shared concerns about property values; Jean Barber inquired about future plans for the property; Jean Orville had concerns regarding the ability of these streets to handle emergency vehicle traffic; and Joe Johns asked if the City was aware of a previously signed agreement and DHEC requirements pertaining to this property. Mayor Lawson and the City Administrator advised Johns that such documents would be reviewed prior to final reading.

Motion: Alford made a motion, seconded by White, to approve first reading. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- A. Acceptance of low bid on rehabilitation of approximately 5,520 linear feet of 8 inch gravity sewer in the downtown area of Third and Fourth Avenues.** The Public Utilities Department recently solicited bids for the rehabilitation of these sewer lines as referenced and four bids were received: Insituform Technologies LLC, \$188,100; Inland Pipe Rehabilitation, \$211,750; Layne Pipe Rehabilitation, \$247,500; and AM Liners, \$225,500. Funds are included in the FY 2014-15 budget for this work. Staff recommended that the low bid be accepted. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to accept the low bid of \$188,100 which was submitted by Insituform Technologies, Inc. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Acceptance of low bid on rehabilitation and epoxy lining of sewer manholes within the City of Conway Sewer Distribution System.** The Public Utilities Department also solicited bids for the rehabilitation and epoxy lining of 28 sewer manholes. These 28 manholes represent those manholes in the worst condition in the downtown sewer system along 3rd and 4th Avenues. Five bids were received: Mechanical Jobbers, \$48,260; Vacvision Environmental Company LLC, \$49,530; Dun-Right Services, Inc., \$57,404; Steele & Associates, \$91,567; and Osborn Contract Services, \$126,873. Funds are included in the FY 2014-15 budget for this work. Staff recommended that the low bid be accepted. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to accept the low bid of \$48,260 which was submitted by Mechanical Jobbers. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- C. Acceptance of bid to install fencing for Conway Dog Park.** A Request for Proposals was issued for qualified contractors to provide and install black vinyl-coated chain link fencing, 5' in height, for the new Conway Dog Park. Eight bids were received: A-1 Fence Company, \$20,235; Guardian Fence Suppliers, \$25,361.13; Fortress Fencing, LLC, \$20,580; Conway Fence, Inc. \$18,313.18; All-American Fence, \$19,715; Statesville Fence, \$22,800; Palmetto Fence, \$20,944.27; and South Conway Fence, \$17,650. Staff recommended that council accept the low bid. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Blain-Olds, to accept the low bid of \$17,650 which was submitted by South Conway Fence. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- D. Acceptance of bids for Solid Waste equipment for the Public Works Department.** On September 15, 2014, City Council approved the purchase of a 2015 Front End Loader in the amount of \$223,060 and a 2015 Roll Off truck in the amount of \$173,678 from Florence Truck Center of Florence, South Carolina. On September 19th, the City received notice from Mack Trucks that the 2015 models were sold out. The next lowest bid for the Front End Loader is \$227,060 for a 2016 Mack Truck and the next lowest bid for the Roll Off Truck is \$177,678 for a 2016 Mack. Both of these bids were also received from Florence Truck Center. Staff recommended that Council accept the bids for the 2016 Front End Loader and the 2016 Roll Off Truck from Florence Truck Center. **Motion:** Blain-Olds made a motion,

seconded by White, to accept staff's recommendation as presented. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

WORKSHOP ITEMS:

- A. Presentation on housing rehabilitation program by Grand Strand Housing and Community Development.** Kari Dettmer, Program Manager for Grand Strand Housing and Community Development Corporation, gave a brief summary and power point review of "before and after" of the 13 houses during the time that her company has assisted the City with its HUD-CDBG housing rehabilitation program. **OUTCOME:** Presented as information only.
- B. Discussion on Downtown Business Directory.** In an effort to promote businesses in downtown Conway, staff proposed a business directory map to be installed in all existing downtown kiosks and the two kiosks to be constructed. Hughes displayed a draft of the directory for Council's review and commented that the map would be updated quarterly to reflect businesses that had opened/closed in that timeframe. **OUTCOME:** Council was in agreement with the proposal and with the Directory as presented (Farmers Market to be added).
- C. Discussion on proposed Conway Litter Clean-Up Initiative.** Gosnell reported that staff had held discussions on implementing a clean-up initiative in the City of Conway. A top ten list of trouble spots for litter in the City had been identified and a plan developed to pick-up litter in those areas on a regular basis. Those areas are as follows:
1. East Country Club Drive from Highway 905 to Long Avenue
 2. Boundary Street from Oak Street to North Main Street
 3. Long Avenue Extension
 4. Hill Street to Spivey Street intersection
 5. Oak Street from Mill Pond Road to Cultra Road
 6. Grainger Road from Wright Boulevard to 9th Avenue
 7. Main Street Bridge from the bridge to Highway 90 on both sides of the highway
 8. El Bethel Road between Highway 378 and Church Street
 9. On Highway 501 from Four Mile Road to El Bethel Road both sides and center
 10. On Highway 501 from the 701 overpass bridge to Waccamaw Drive on both sides

To implement a Litter Clean-Up Initiative, staff proposed the following:

- Horry County will assist with litter pick up in areas 1, 9 and 10; the City's Beautification Department will pick up in areas 3, 5, 6 and 8; Conway Police, with assistance from the Housing Authority and the Crime Watch program, will pick up areas 2 and 4; and Conway Rotary Club and Christ Community Church will assist with picking up area 7.
- A Community Clean-up Day will be held one Thursday afternoon each month and civic groups, neighborhood associations, youth organizations and citizens will be encouraged to pick up trash in various areas throughout Conway.

There was discussion on the means of informing citizens of the City's new Litter Clean-Up Initiative, especially in the target areas; a litter hotline for the anonymous reporting of offenders; and the possibility of combining the City's annual clean-up day with the County's annual litter pickup event. **OUTCOME:** Council was in agreement with the proposal as presented. Advertising efforts will focus on the City's website, the access channel, and Radio Station 1330. A litter hotline will be installed at the Police Department. Council was also favorable to changing the City's annual Day of Caring to coincide with Horry County's November clean-up event.

D. Discussion of proposed event in Platts Alley area. Council Member Alford presented an idea for using the area between Main Street and Laurel Street as a Public Square for some type of attraction, market, and/or entertainment after 5 pm. There was discussion on the pros and cons of such an activity at that location and, in view of the rate of attendance at current Downtown Alive Thursday night events, the possibility of a Saturday spring event in the alley was also discussed. **OUTCOME:** Council agreed to discuss the details of a Saturday spring event at the 2015 Budget Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Anderson made a motion, seconded by Goldfinch, to adjourn the meeting. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes approved by City Council this 20th day of October, 2014.



Debbie F. Smith, City Clerk