

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
CONWAY CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
229 MAIN STREET  
CONWAY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
MONDAY – JUNE 27, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.**

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Alys C. Lawson, Mayor Pro Tem Thomas J. Anderson II, and the following Council Members: Vivian E. Chestnut, William M. Goldfinch IV, Irby L. Koon, Jean M. Timbes, and Larry A. White

**STAFF:** Bill Graham, City Administrator; Billy Joe Sawyer, Building Official; Michael Hardee, Finance Director; Foster Hughes, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Director; Jerry Barnhill, Public Works Director; Freddie DuBose, Public Utilities Director; Rick Baker, Fire Chief; Reggie Gosnell, Police Chief; Michael Leinwand, Planning Director; and Vicky Lefler, City Clerk

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Kathy Ropp, Steve Jones, George Ulrich, and others

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

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Lawson welcomed Rev. Jeffrey Gaskins of North Conway Baptist Church, who gave the invocation. City Council and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. Adoption of resolutions: Edward M. “Dick” Singleton and Sylvia C. Reddick**
- B. Final reading of Ordinance #2011-06-27 (A), An Ordinance to Place a Moratorium on the Enforcement of Sections 7.1005.E., 11.1015.B., 4.2620.B. and 4.2720.B of the City of Conway Zoning Ordinance**
- C. City Council minutes – June 13, 2011**

**Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve the consent agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT: None.**

**RESOLUTION:** A resolution accepting the right-of-way and drainage for roadways in South Oaks Subdivision. South Oaks LLC has requested permission to dedicate the roadway and drainage of South Oaks Drive to the City. The roadway, which totals approximately 1,014 linear feet, has been inspected by the Public Works Department and has been found to be in suitable condition for dedication. The final subdivision plat for South Oaks was recorded in September, 2006. Staff recommended that Council adopt the resolution accepting the right-of-way

and drainage for South Oaks Drive without a warranty as the road was installed over three years ago. **Motion:** Koon made a motion, seconded by White, to approve staff's recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried. See attachment.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND ORDINANCE FOR FIRST READING: Public hearing and first reading on Ordinance # ZA-2011-07-25 (A) Accepting the petition of Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs to annex approximately 2.6 acres of property located at 250 Victory Lane (TMS# 151-00-02-067) and to zone property IN (Institutional).** Leinwand advised Council that annexation of this property was originally requested by Horry County and first reading of the annexation ordinance occurred in July, 2010. Upon determination that the correct owner to complete the annexation petition was Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs, final reading of that annexation ordinance was not considered. Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs submitted a request for the annexation and zoning of this property in May, 2011, and the Planning Commission recommended approval of this request at its meeting on June 2, 2011. Staff recommended first reading approval.

**Public Hearing:** There was no comment from the public.

**Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Chestnut, to approve first reading of Ordinance #2011-07-25 (A). **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- A. Consideration of an agreement providing for the Horry County E911 Department to assume emergency dispatch responsibilities for the City of Conway Police Department.** Graham noted that discussions on this issue have been ongoing since 2010, and in anticipation of an agreement being reached, the consolidation of the emergency dispatch services with the County E911 Department was included in the City's FY 2011-12 budget document. Council reviewed the proposed agreement, which was approved by Horry County Council on June 21, 2011, along with a cost breakdown showing the total expense for the City for the first year of the five-year agreement (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012). According to the agreement, the City will pay for the four telecommunicator positions which are needed by the County to provide this service at a cost of \$166,136. The estimated cost savings to the City will be \$152,200 during FY 2011-12 which, Graham noted, is equal to approximately 2.6 mills in Conway. In response to a question from Timbes, Graham stated that the contract will automatically renew at the end of five years (June 30, 2016) and the City's cost at the time of renewal would be equal to the cost of four telecommunicators at such time unless the agreement is amended. Gosnell advised Council that the City's dispatch equipment would be retained. Staff recommended that Council approve the proposed agreement and authorize the City Administrator to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Koon, to approve staff's recommendation. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.
- B. Acceptance of bid for traffic control board.** The CTC approved matching funds in the amount of \$11,000 in April, 2011, for the purchase of a traffic control board to be used for projects and special events. The City budgeted \$11,000 in matching funds for the purchase of this equipment. Three quotes were received by the Public Works Department: BC

Cannon Company, \$17,861.60; Protection Services, Inc., \$16,200; and Coble Trench Safety, \$18,815.29. Staff recommended that the low quote of \$16,200 which was submitted by Protection Services, Inc., be accepted. The remainder of the matching funds budgeted for the purchase of this item will be retained for future use. **Motion:** Anderson made a motion, seconded by Koon, to accept the low bid of \$16,200 that was submitted by Protection Services, Inc., as recommended by staff. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Graham shared the following items with Council.

- City offices (except public safety) will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.
- The iron gates to be donated in memory of Mayor Gregory K. Martin by the Conwayborough Neighborhood Association are ready to be installed at City Hall. Due to conflicts with most Sundays in the month of July, it was determined that the optimum time for the dedication ceremony to be held so that all Council members could attend was July 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

### **COUNCIL INPUT:**

**Goldfinch** stated that, while he was excited about what is happening in Conway, there were challenges to be faced in the future and he asked for prayer for the City's leaders.

**Timbes** commended the Conway Church of God for hosting the recent Patriotic Service and also thanked staff for the display of the small American flags.

**Chestnut** relayed citizens' words of appreciation to the Police Chief for the honor guard's participation in funeral services.

#### **Koon**

- expressed appreciation for efforts of all involved for the recent Riverfest event and noted the huge attendance.
- noted the positive spirit existing in Conway and the positive feedback he has received from citizens.
- expressed appreciation for the flag display.

#### **Anderson**

- commended staff for the attractive appearance of Riverfront Park for Riverfest and noted with appreciation the mutual assistance from various law enforcement agencies for this event.
- spoke on the informative sessions he attended at the recent MASC annual meeting.

#### **White**

- commented on the educational meetings he attended at the MASC annual meeting and noted that he is a recent graduate of the Municipal Elected Officials training but was unable to attend the graduation service at the annual meeting.
- reiterated others' comments on the meaningful Patriotic Service at the Conway Church of God.
- inquired about activities for July 4<sup>th</sup> at Smith Jones Park; Hughes reported a variety of activities are scheduled from 1:00-5:00 p.m. on that day, including the Great American Splash at the pool.

**Mayor Lawson**

- thanked the Conway Church of God for annually hosting its Patriotic Service and luncheon; the Mayor and Council asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to the church.
- commented on the impressive display of the Fire Department honor guard at the Riverfest event and noted that all City departments were well represented.
- noted with appreciation the assistance of other law enforcement agencies in providing crowd control for Riverfest.
- stated that the unveiling ceremony of the Whittemore School historical marker was a wonderful event to which she and Council members were not invited. Noting that Council's nonattendance was due to the lack of notification by the event planning group, Mayor Lawson expressed regrets for any ill-will that may have resulted.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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Vicky Lefler, City Clerk