

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:00 pm
February 10, 2026

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: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Denise Hurd, and City Attorney Charles Finkenbinder.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Denise Hurd, City Clerk

Minutes: January 13, 2026

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting on January 13th as submitted. Councilwoman Mehl seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0.

A. Public Hearing

1. Consideration of an ordinance to adopt the use and operation of motorized E-Scooters and E-Scooter shared programs.

Mayor Castleberry opened the Public Hearing. Troy Rice addressed the Council and showed a presentation outlining Chapter 8.82 of the Municipal Code regarding the use and operation of motorized E-Scooters and Scooter Share programs within the City of Conway. The Chapter covers rider requirements, parking and storage of the E-Scooters, permit and operator requirements, fees, and enforcement and penalties. There was discussion among the Council as to enforcement, and where the Scooters would be docked and how that could be facilitated. Mr. Rice told the Council that each unit would be equipped with GPS which would provide such services as speed control and even cause the Scooters to cease operation in "no-ride" zones. Meagan Willis, a local small business owner that provides small numbers of E-Scooters for rent to private events, clarified that this process and code would not apply to those types of E-Scooter rentals, but only to those businesses providing Scooters to the public for public use. It was also clarified that these regulations would not apply to private citizens using their own scooters. There was no one present to speak for or against the matter. Mayor Castleberry declared the public hearing closed.

Report of Standing Committees:

B. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Code Enforcement, Permits & Inspections, Transportation, & Planning & Development.

1. Resolution to name the pavilion at the Conway Expo & Event Center after the former Faulkner County Judge Jim Baker.

R-26-04

Councilman Mark Ledbetter spoke to the Council and attendees regarding Judge Baker's lifetime accomplishments and contributions to Faulkner County and read Resolution R-26-04 declaring the pavilion at the Conway Expo Center to be hereafter named the Jim Baker Pavilion. A vote was called and the Resolution passed unanimously, 8-0.

2. Consideration to approve waiving all three readings for the ordinances on the February 10th, 2026 City Council Agenda.

Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve waiving the three readings for the ordinances on the January 13th, 2026 agenda and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The motion carried 8-0.

3. **Consideration to remove and dispose of equipment for the Conway Transportation Department.**
Councilman Hawkins presented Item B3 to the Council. Jacob Reynolds with the Conway Transportation Department told the Council that these were items that were inoperative or no longer in service to the City. Councilman Hawkins made a motion to approve the consideration and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 8-0.

4. **Ordinance appropriating funds for additional 2026 paving projects for the Conway Transportation Department.**

O-26-04

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B4 to the Council. Jacob Reynolds told the Council that these funds were collected mainly from street cut fees and were to be appropriated from the revenue account to an expenditure account to be used by the Department. Councilman Spurgers made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Hawkins, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilman Hawks, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, and Councilman Grimes. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

5. **Resolution to approve the bid and enter into an agreement for the earthwork project for the Conway Transportation Department.**

R-26-05

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B5 to the Council. Jacob Reynolds told the Council that for many years they have used a parcel of land behind the Community Center to dig our shale, etc. for road projects. He said that they no longer have use of the parcel and this agreement would be with contractors to provide that type of material for in-house projects only. Councilman Spurgers made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 8-0.

6. **Ordinance appropriating grant funds for the Connect Conway Project for reimbursement for the Conway Transportation Department.**

O-26-05

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B6 to the Council. Jacob Reynolds told the Council that these are funds received from the US Department of Transportation and asked that they be appropriated from the grants account to Engineering Services. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Grimes, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Hawks, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

7. **Ordinance to accept and adopt Chapter 8.82 of the Municipal Code regarding the use and operation of motorized E-scooters and E-Scooter Share programs within the City of Conway.**

O-26-06

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B7 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Hawks and Councilman Spurgers. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

8. **Ordinance to rezone property located at 3910 and 3920 Tyler Street from A-1 to R-2.**

O-26-07

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B8 to the Council. Anne Tucker with the Planning Department reminded the Council that this item was held in committee at the last meeting. Jermaine Orr of Orr Real Estate Holdings, LLC was present to address the Council. He stated that the rezone request was to enable the building of single family homes. Councilman Hawkins made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Spurgers seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawks, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Ledbetter and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

**9. Ordinance to rezone property located at 2125 College Avenue from O-3 to C-2.
O-26-08**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B9 to the Council. Anne Tucker told the Council that this request was passed unanimously by the Planning Commission at their meeting.

Councilman Ledbetter stepped out of the meeting.

Ms. Tucker stated that the applicant isn't sure what he would put on the parcel, but the C-2 zoning would give him more options and be more attractive to lessees. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Jones, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Hawks, Councilwoman Isby and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 7-0.

**10. Ordinance to rezone property located at 51 Southerland Road from A-1 to R-1.
O-26-09**

Councilman Hawkins presented Item B10 to the Council. Anne Tucker told the Council that this request was passed 7-0 at the Planning Commission meeting but there were neighbors at the meeting that spoke in opposition to the request. She added that rezoning from A-1 to R-1 is a natural progression.

Councilman Ledbetter rejoined the meeting.

Ms. Tucker stated that it is a unique area, as there is a proposed roundabout that will encompass the entrance of Southerland Road, and there are homes on large lots on the road. She said that with the acreage there, the applicant could have up to 180 parcels, at 1000' square foot lots, but with everything considered he would likely not get more than 96. She added that the lots would not be as large as the neighbors would like them to be but would probably be larger than the standard for R-1. Ms. Tucker told the Council that there is a large mixture of zonings in that area, and reiterated the natural progression is R-1 from A-1. Councilman Hawkins added that the Council does not usually deny R-1 requests. Councilman Isby stated that it is an area that is sure to be redeveloped. Councilman Jones confirmed that the Planning Commission approved the request 7-0, but Ms. Tucker added that there were about 5 people who spoke in opposition, who were neighbors or from the area. Mayor Castleberry asked if there was anyone present to speak for or against the matter. No one came forward. Councilman Hawks made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Spurgers, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Jones, and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

C. Public Safety Committee: (District Court, Department of Information Systems & Technology, Animal Welfare, CEOC (Communication Emergency Operations Center), Police, Fire, & Office of the City Attorney.

1. Consideration to approve the removal and disposal of inventory (information technology) for the Conway Police Department.

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Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Chief Harris told the Council that these were items that were no longer in service or inoperative. Councilwoman Mehl made a motion to approve the removal and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 8-0.

2. Consideration to approve the removal and disposal of inventory (SWAT weapons) for the Conway Police Department.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C2 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to approve the removal and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. A vote was called and the motion carried 8-0.

3. Ordinance appropriating reimbursement funds from various entities for the Conway Police Department.

O-26-10

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C3 to the Council. Chief Harris told the Council that these funds were mostly from extra duty. Councilman Spurgers made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Mehl seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawks, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

4. Ordinance appropriating asset forfeiture funds for the Conway Police Department.

O-26-11

Mayor Castleberry presented item C4 to the Council. Chief Harris told the Council that the funds would be used to update the audio visual equipment for the department as well as updated Tasers and equipment. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Spurgers seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Spurgers, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Hawks.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 10th day of February, 2026

APPROVED:



Mayor, Bart Castleberry



City Clerk, Denise Hurd