

December 6, 2021

CITY OF CONWAY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CONWAY CITY HALL  
229 MAIN STREET, CONWAY  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 - 4:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Barbara Blain-Bellamy, Jean Timbes, Mayor Pro Tem  
Council Members: William Goldfinch, Shane Hubbard, Alex Hyman, Justin Jordan, Larry White

**STAFF:** Adam Emrick, City Administrator; John Rogers, Deputy Administrator; Jeff Leveille, Technology Services Director; Allison Hardin, Planning & Development Director; Allison Williams, Finance Director; David Crofts, Assistant Finance Director; June Wood, Public Information Officer; Dale Long, Police Chief ; Wayne Calhoun, Police; Reggie Jenerette, Solid Waste Director; Robert Cooper, Building Official; Katie Dennis, Code Enforcement; Ashley Smith, Recreation Director; Le Hendrick, Fire Chief; Jason Perzan, Assistant Fire Chief; James Friday, Public Utilities Director; Brandon Harrelson, Public Works Director; Lynn Smith, Human Resource Director; Timmy Williams, Grounds & Maintenance Director; Jessica Hucks, Planner; Ted Dudley, Public Utilities; Landis Huggins, Public Utilities; Andy Roumillat, Solid Waste; and Alicia Shelley, City Clerk.

**OTHERS:** Tyler Holt and parents, Beth Helms, Amanda Butler, Jimmy Jordan, Chris Snyder, Pete Brimlow, Mr. & Mrs. Dale Todd, Forest Beverly, Kelsie Massengill, Melissa Johnson, Shawn Becker, Dan Stacy, Cedric Blain-Spain, Diane Mick, Robin Doyle, Scott Pohlman, David Katai, Jacquelyn Hunt, Stephan, Sosinski, Brianna Howard and approximately 15 others from the Wild Wing Community.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Blain-Bellamy called the meeting to order. Jason Cook, The Refuge gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The requirements for posting notice of this meeting under South Carolina's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) were met.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to approve the December 6, 2021 meeting agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. **Special Event – Lights, Music, Christmas at North Conway Baptist Church – December 19, 2021**
- B. **Final reading of Ordinance #2021-12-06 (A) amending the Code of Ordinances, Title 5, Chapter 2 - Flood Damage Prevention Standards**
- C. **Final Reading of Ordinance #2021-12-06 (C) amending Code of Ordinances Title 3 Public Works, Chapter 1 – Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, Sec. 3-1-33-Public conduct during a meeting, assembly or parade regarding Open Carry**

- D. Acceptance of Bid for Purchase of Dumpsters for Solid Waste Department (budgeted)**
- E. Resolution to Accept Coastal Point West Phase 2 Letter of Credit**
- F. Request from Chris Snyder, applicant, to certify property at 316 and 318 Laurel Street (PINs 368-04-02-0081 and -0082) as eligible for special tax assessment under the Preservation Tax Incentive Program**
- G. Approval of November 15, 2021 Minutes**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Motion:** Timbes made a motion, seconded by Hyman, to approve the December 6, 2021 consent agenda. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Cheryl Moore Adamson, President of the Whittemore Racepath Historical Society told Council that the committee would like to continue conversations and to collaborate with the city regarding Whittemore Elementary School. She said they would like to be provided with the \$14-20 Million estimate and schedule a workshop. She then said that there are dumpsters on the property and would like a timeline for any other activities that will be taking place.

There was no further public input. **Motion:** Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by White, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

- A. Recognition of Creator of Needed Depiction of Main Street Bridge** – Blain-Bellamy thanked Pete Brimlow for the beautiful needed depiction of the Main Street Bridge that he donated to the City.
- B. Recognition of 2021 artist of the City of Conway Christmas Card Contest** – Blain-Bellamy recognized Tyler Holt, 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Whittemore Park Middle School as the 2021 winner of the City of Conway Christmas Card Contest.
- C. Recognition of 2020 C.P. Quattlebaum Design Award Recipients** – Blain-Bellamy presented the following 2020 CP Quattlebaum Awards:

**Outstanding restoration of a non-residential building:**

Rivertown Pharmacy – 2000 Main Street

**Outstanding NEW construction of a non-residential building:**

Beverly Homes office building – 1516 Hwy 501 E.

**Outstanding design effort:**

909 Live Oak Street – Kelsie Massengill

**Outstanding contribution to quality development, restoration, landscape or design by an organization or individual:**

Conway Animal Hospital – 3304 Fourth Ave

- D. Presentation of Longevity Awards – November 2021 – 15 years: Landis Huggins, Public Utilities; 15 years: Ted Dudley, Public Utilities; 5 years: Joseph Roumillat Jr. (Andy), Solid Waste** – Emrick and White presented longevity awards to Andy Roumillat, 5 years, Ted Dudley, 15 years and Landis Huggins, 15 years of employment with the City of Conway.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING:**

- A. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2022-01-03 (A) to annex 32.76 acres of property at 2615 Nixon Ave (PINs 337-00-00-0014 and 337-10-3-0001) and rezone from Horry County CFA to City of Conway IN (Institutional), and rezone 6.03 acres in the city limits (PIN 337-11-01-0001) from R1 to IN.** Hardin informed Council that this annexation and rezoning requests were submitted by Horry County Schools for the replacement of the Whittemore Park Middle School. Neighboring parcels have been annexed and zoned Institutional to accommodate a future McLeod Health campus. Hardin said that Horry County Schools is working with McLeod Health towards developing a shared access point off El Bethel, with the support of staff. Planning Commission recommended approval of the annexation and the rezoning.

There was no public input. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Goldfinch asked what if the school district backed out. Hardin said that schools are also allowed in R1 but that Institutional would allow for better opportunities, especially with the hospital proposal on the adjacent parcel.

White asked what the plans are for Whittemore Park Middle School. Joe Pike of Pike McFarland Hall Associates and architect hired by Horry County Schools said that he did not know.

**Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve first reading of this request. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- B. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance #ZA2022-01-03 (B), an ordinance to annex two tracts of property along SC Hwy 548 (PIN 326-00-00-0047, being 19.15 acres; and PIN 326-00-00-0027, being 63.46 acres) and rezone from Horry County Highway Commercial (HC) and Horry County Commercial Forestry & Agriculture (CFA) to City of Conway R2 (Medium Density Residential) for PIN 326-00-00-0047 and City of Conway R1 (Low/Medium Residential) for PIN 326-00-00-0027.** Hardin informed Council that that is a request to annex two tracts of property along Highway 548; one is approximately 65.56 acres and the other is approximately 19.15 acres. Together, these 109 acres are proposed to be developed as a residential neighborhood with varying

densities. The request included two zoning districts, splitting the districts along the existing property line between the two tracts. The smaller tract (19.15 acres) is proposed for the higher R-2 density, as it is directly adjacent to the city limits via shared property lines with 3345 and 3353 W Hwy 501 (Quality Inn and Tractor Supply, both properties in the city limits that are zoned Highway Commercial). The remaining parcel (the 63.46-acre tract, proposed for R1 zoning) is somewhat buffered from the uses along the Hwy 501/Church St Corridor by the higher density tract. Water and sewer access will have to be extended down Highway 548 from the primary line along Highway 501. Planning Commission recommended annexation of the property and the rezoning to R2.

**Public Input:**

Dan Stacy, applicant stated that the parcel is now zoned Highway Commercial and that they wish to put townhomes.

There was no further public input. **Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by Jordan, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Goldfinch said that he still has concerns that as the city extends will it be justified for the additional resources while we travel from Wild Wing to Highway 548. He also said that he would like to see a cost benefit analysis. Hardin said that when evaluating the comp plan that the potential growth boundaries are reviewed.

White asked if there are any issue with fire and police going that far out. Hardin said that there were no issues on comments.

Emrick said that this is a contractual area with fire department. Hendrick said that the fire department is good.

Hyman stated that this parcel does touch Highway 501 and he thinks it will be beneficial to annex into the city.

**Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by White, to approve first reading of this request. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

- C. Public Hearing and First Reading of an ordinance to exempt specific properties from application of Title 3 Public Works, Chapter 4 Tree Preservation in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Conway, South Carolina: 383-00-00-0321; 383-00-00-0337; 383-13-02-0070; 383-13-02-0072; and 384-16-01-0030.** Hardin gave Council a timeline of this issue. She said that in 2000, the Wild Wing Planned Development (PD) was adopted and it states that all plans for development within this PD shall be in accordance with the current City of Conway Land Development Regulations at the time of permit approval. In 2007, updates to the tree protection ordinance were put into place. In 2011, the City combined the land development regulations with the zoning regulations into a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). In 2019, an amendment was made to the Wild Wing PD to allow Institutional uses on selected tracts. Hardin then showed the 2019 Buffer Exhibit, which shows a 25' perimeter buffer. Hardin then stated that due to unknown condition of

jurisdictional wetlands on the site, and the lack of review by the tree board for remediation, the Planning Commission recommended denial. Staff also recommends denial.

**Public Input:**

Robin Doyle voiced her concerns regarding infrastructure, traffic, and stormwater issues.

Scott Pohlman had concerns with the developer being given free reign and no tree buffer.

David Katai had concerns with more traffic and had questions regarding an easement request along Fairways at Wild Wing.

Jacquelyn Hunt voiced her concerns regarding traffic, infrastructure and crime if Section 8 homes are allowed.

Stephan Sosinski had concerns with the buffer and would like to see a 50' buffer put into place.

Diane Mick said she has concerns with flooding and showed council of previous flooding photos.

Briannae Howard does not want to see any another Kiskadee.

There was no further public input. **Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by White, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Timbes asked Hardin to clarify the buffer around this property. Hardin said that there would be a 25' buffer around the perimeter and in some areas where the lakes are on the property the buffer would be 100', and then some not quite as thick where the pond is located.

Emrick said that the developer could utilize the vegetation that is in place or plant back but it would be a 25' buffer.

Hubbard asked what the different buffer requirements are. Hardin said that within a PD, the buffer is set and then code buffers have certain depths depending of what the zoning is abutting.

Emrick clarified that the buffer remains the same regardless of this request.

Hyman asked for further clarification on the buffer or Wild Wing versus Institutional. Hardin said that the Wild Wing PD buffer is 25' and Institutional is 15.'

Hyman stated that this PD was originally put into place for 5 golf courses and it was in the County jurisdiction. The roads are state owned; therefore, the infrastructure issue was not created by the City.

Timbes stated that the City is very limited as to what progress on major flooding with the infrastructure that we have.

Hubbard said that this request is not to decide whether the property can be developed or not as we cannot stop that. He also said that they could cut trees down. It really is a matter of paying a fine or not. However, a buffer is still required.

Goldfinch said that with the PD in place the parcel would have a 25' buffer as opposed to Institutional, which would allow a 15' buffer. There is nothing the City can do to stop development and there are flooding standards that the developer will have to adhere to.

**Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to approve first reading of this request.

Blain-Bellamy said that by her asking these questions she is not implying that Ms. Hardin's issue paper was not well written. They are just things that she wants to make certain. She said isn't it true that there is nothing about this property that is so unique that it requires special consideration. Hardin said that staff has not been able to identify that makes it unique for variances. There are other wooded areas in the City that have large trees that have already been talking to us.

Blain-Bellamy said that while a number has not been determined, this property has massive number of trees. Hardin said there are many trees and to be fair to the developer a lot of them are pines, which are not covered under our tree protection ordinance, but the hardwoods are protected.

Blain-Bellamy said isn't it true that up to date the City has never completely waived its ordinance relevant to the tree ordinance. Hardin said she has not found where that is not the case.

Blain-Bellamy asked isn't it also true that the City does often reduce the cost associated with mitigation for tree removal for applicants. Hardin said yes, there are two different ways that can occur, with one being replanting and the other is going to the tree board and asking for relief from the fee.

Blain-Bellamy said that the City has been a tree city for 35 years and that designation as a tree city speaks to the city's commitment to protect trees and to promote a philosophy to value trees. Trees provide habitat for wildlife, cooling, shade, improve air quality, provide oxygen, and clean drinking water. Water consumption by trees is particularly important to Coastal South Carolina and Conway, SC. Being designated as a tree city requires you to have a tree care ordinance and to abide by it, have a community forestry program, and have a tree board. Therefore, any applicant who seeks relief on the amount of money that they may be charged for cutting down trees could go before that tree board, which this applicant has not done. The City's tree ordinance was put into place to protect trees and speaks to all applicable rules. It also protects some trees and puts in place some fees for the removal

of trees, like mitigation fees. The Tree Ordinance applies to everyone and has never been waived up to this day. Hardin agreed to everything stated.

Blain-Bellamy asked if staff treated this applicant just like any other applicant. Hardin said that the city staff has actually reduced some of the costs by looking at some of the trees in the buffer area and counting them towards mitigation.

Blain-Bellamy said that Conway's ordinance is no more restrictive than other ordinances stated wide. Conway's tree ordinance has been used as a model by other Cities in the state. Hardin agreed

Blain-Bellamy asked if Hardin disagreed that the MASC has its lobbyist securing the authority of city's statewide to enact to maintain and enforce tree ordinances. Hardin said she is unaware at this time.

Blain-Bellamy asked if she knew what due process means. Hardin said yes. Due process by government is generally the application of rules equitably and fairly to everybody. To do anything different than that means that either someone was harmed or someone is unequally fair when government fails to apply its laws equitably and fairly the same to everybody. Government gains credibility when it exercises this equity and fairness, consistency in its enforcement of laws and regulations. Hardin agreed with all of these statements.

Blain-Bellamy said that Cherry Hill Church in Conway is also a PD and she asked if they were allowed to remove any trees sitting in the way of its design. Hardin said not without review and approval.

**Vote:** Voting for the request were Hubbard, Goldfinch, Timbes, Jordan, and Hyman. Voting against were White and Blain-Bellamy. Motion carried.

Goldfinch stated that we have done our due diligence and he would like to have this issue complete by the end of the year.

**Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hyman, to hold a special meeting before the end of the calendar year at an agreeable time to finalize this request. **Vote:** Voting for were Hubbard, Goldfinch, Blain-Bellamy, Timbes, Jordan, and Hyman. Voting against were White. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING**

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance #ZA2021-12-06 (B), to include a future right of-way for the Conway Perimeter Road, Phase II, on the official map for the City of Conway.** Hardin informed Council that an official zoning map was adopted as required in Title 6, Chapter 7, Sections 1210-1280 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina. Any amendment to the official zoning map is required to go through a specific process: review by Planning Commission, hold a public hearing and two successful readings by the City Council. In 2016,

Horry County voters supported a one-cent Capital Projects Sales Tax for roads and this tax expires on April 30, 2025. All road projects are collected under the RIDE III program, including a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Conway Perimeter Road, to improve regional network connectivity between US 378/US 701 and to enhance local mobility. The new road will feature 4-lanes with median and turning lanes at the intersection and pedestrian facilities, and has an estimated budget of \$18.4 million. The design for Phase II of the Conway Perimeter Road was completed this summer, and the project has entered the right-of-way acquisition process. Planning Commission and staff recommends adding the projected path of Phase II, Conway Perimeter Road, to the official zoning map for the City of Conway.

**Public Input:**

Cedric Blain Spain stated that the Sandridge Community opposes the Conway Perimeter Road.

Gerald Michael spoke in opposition of the request.

There was no further public input. **Motion:** Blain-Bellamy made a motion, seconded by White, to close public input. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

Hyman stated that this was a request to place the new road on our map so everyone is informed, not a matter of whether the road is coming and where. Hardin said that this is to approve the designation of a map and that this road will help to get around Conway.

**Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to approve final reading of this request. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**CONSIDERATION**

- A. Consideration of a request for waiver of sidewalk requirements for White Oak Estates** – Hucks informed Council that Section 7.1.2 of the UDO requires that sidewalks be constructed along the frontage of all properties abutting arterial or local non-residential street. Under these regulations, 809.8 linear feet of sidewalk would be required along the frontage of the White Oak Estates on Cultra Road. Shawn Becker, agent, requested a waiver of the sidewalk requirements for this subdivision. Using the \$24.25 per linear foot for labor and construction, the estimate for a payment in lieu of sidewalk construction including the sidewalk, grading, and clearing is \$19,637.65. Hucks said that Shawn Becker, applicant was present to answer any questions.

Hubbard asked if there was a sidewalk on either side of Cultra now. Hucks said no.

Hubbard stated that when SCDOT does widen this road, the sidewalk would be torn up. Hucks said that could be 10 years from now and that then it could be a multi-use path.

Hyman had concerns about waiting on DOT. Emrick agreed and said that the interim period is the concern.

White talked about the Complete Streets and said that sidewalks are a plus in that area.



**Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by White, to deny this request for waiver of sidewalk requirements. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. Consideration of a request for waiver of sidewalk requirements for Woodside Crossing** - Hucks informed Council that Section 7.1.2 of the UDO requires that sidewalks be constructed along the frontage of all properties abutting arterial or local non-residential street. Under these regulations, 1,297.8 linear feet of sidewalk would be required along the frontage of Woodside Crossing along Four Mile Road. Beverly Homes requested a waiver of the sidewalk requirements for this subdivision. Using the \$24.25 per linear foot for labor and construction, the estimate for a payment in lieu of sidewalk construction including the sidewalk, grading, and clearing is \$31,471.65.

White asked if there was a school in this area. Hucks said yes.

Blain-Bellamy said there is no way to predict that the fee actually pays for the sidewalk. Hucks said that is correct.

Hyman said that we are seeing a lot in this area and that Four Mile may be the cut off.

**Motion:** White made a motion, seconded by Timbes, to deny this request for waiver of sidewalk requirements. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Emrick informed Council of the following:

- Tonight's report is almost fully Christmas themed. Thank you all for attending the Christmas Tree Lighting. We estimate that we had more than 5,000 people in attendance. We have some changes needed for next year to make it more efficient and effective. One thing we are seeing is crowds far exceeding our expectations than any other year.
- At the Christmas Regatta on Saturday, the entirety of the Riverwalk was elbow to elbow and Riverfront Park had crowds waiting for the launch as early as 4 p.m. It was great showing and I want to congratulate Rhonda Hardee who organizes this event every year.
- The Celebration of Lights greeted 6,842 people in its first weekend.
- The Under the Lights 5k had 375 runners who was able to see the lights up close and a day prior to everyone else.
- The Shoo-Fly Train ran Friday through Sunday and had 747 riders.
- Reminder about our Staff and Council Christmas Party on December 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- A reminder about Breakfast with Santa at the Sports and Fitness Center this Saturday, which is followed by the Christmas Parade. We will be riding the train again this year and will need to be in place no later than 9:30. Keep in mind that parking is limited in the area so plan accordingly on what time to leave your homes. We are usually lined up on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the former Bellacinos.

- Congratulations are also due to Amanda Butler, our newest City Councilwoman, who was elected at the runoff two weeks ago. Both Ms. Butler and Beth Helms will join Council on January 3.
- Which leads me to my final point before turning over the reins to Allison Hardin our Planning Director and David Crotts our Assistant Finance Director for their reports, tonight is the last official meeting for Jean Timbes, who has been on City Council for 19 years, longer than some of us have been alive. Just kidding Jean. Jean has been a thorn in my side and biggest mentor during my tenure with the City. I want to thank her for her leadership and guidance and for her love of this City.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Finance:** Crotts told Council that the Finance Department was once again doing the angel tree to help those in need with their water bill as last year it helped about 40 families. To help, just pick a number on the tree, bring the number to the front desk, and tell the City what amount to give towards their water bill. He thinks it will be another success and help some families for Christmas.

**Planning:** Hardin gave the following report to Council:

For those who do not know what Planning & Development does: we review new development and construction projects in the city, review annexations for projects that want to be in the city, and help create a positive atmosphere where businesses can grow and residents can relax.

Our department is made up of seven staff members: the City's zoning administrator and code enforcement officer review the commercial and residential permits, helping to keep order in the development process; our planner reviews subdivisions and manages the bonds that ensure they are completed; our arborist/landscape planner helps people with tree questions and designs wonderful green spaces like the Garden Walk and the floral designs around the welcome signs; we have two GIS mapping gurus who regularly work on map projects for the entire city, as well as keep the city's zoning and addressing data organized and accessible; and one planning assistant, who, bless her heart, has to keep up with all of this.

Sometimes projects need a bit of finessing – they need design guidance, or they need some flexibility within the code, or maybe they need permission for a zoning change. When this happens, our employees will staff one of four citizen review boards – the Planning Commission, the Community Appearance Board, the Board of Zoning Appeals, or the Tree Preservation Board – and help to move the project through the system of checks and balances.

Since I arrived in the City of Conway just over four months ago, I have had a whirlwind introduction into how much development Conway is processing. To give you an idea of what that includes, here is a list of some -not all- of the things our staff of seven have done in the past 4 weeks:

- Participated in the review of 597 commercial and residential permits that brought in over \$250,000 in fee revenue.
- Completed 114 zoning reviews, including distribution of 66 zoning letters of compliance that are needed for property transfers, construction permits, and refinancing.

- Reviewed commercial projects large and small, including a natural gas pipeline, cell tower infrastructure, and a Starbucks.
- Reviewed subdivision plans totaling 4,294 potential new units in the city limits, with 445 currently under construction or being platted for sale as of today.
- Reviewed two tax incentive properties, and discussed tax incentives with many other business owners who are interested in relocating to Conway.
- Added 62 new addresses to the city's database, and updated over 200 water meters.
- Assisted with the calculation of the city's stormwater fees, and created a new water valve/hydrant maintenance dashboard for the fire department.
- Created 14 crime maps every Monday, based on the call reports from the previous week, and create a "hot zone" map for the fire department based on their recent activities.
- Finally, just 48 hours ago, we hosted a tree giveaway using trees that were provided by Duke Energy on behalf of the SC Floodwater Commission through their PowerPlantSC program. The 400 trees were distributed in record time, and when planted, will result in the absorption of 16,000 gallons of floodwater and carbon processing to offset 136 gallons of gas burned.

Whew! I am tired! However, I am not half as tired as I could be – I am fortunate to have a wonderful group of coworkers who operate like a fine-tuned helping machine.

Finally, I subscribe to the charge to "Give me my flowers while I yet live so I can see the beauty that they bring, and speak kind words to me while I can hear them so I can hear the comfort that they bring":

I want to thank the city for hiring and developing such a high-quality staff that serves the citizens every day. It is an honor to work with these excellent folks who are truly committed to helping Conway be the best place around... to live, raise a family, work, worship, or just be.

### **COUNCIL INPUT:**

**Hyman** congratulated staff on the tree lighting and the water tower. He said that he was excited to live here. He then told fellow Council members Mrs. Timbes and Hubbard that he would miss them.

**Jordan** also commended everyone on the tree lighting and said the crowd was tremendous. He then thanked Mrs. Timbes and Hubbard for their service.

**Timbes** said that she enjoyed her time with Shane. She then said that tonight may not be her last meeting but she was grateful for the 19 years on Council. She said that she hopes she has represented the City well but now it is time for some of the others to get this experience. She said that she looks forward to their interaction. Every time there is a new Council, it really becomes a new body and she will be watching to see what happens. She said that Conway is a special place and beautiful this year. She thanked staff and said that staff keeps us going all year long. She is glad to call Conway home. She stated that when first put on Council in 2002 she was given two pieces of advice and the first was from her younger son; keep your head down and your butt low. The second piece of advice is probably for William or Adam but to be a nuisance where it counts

and get it done. She again thanked staff for making Council look well every day. She then thanked the Mayor for her support and friendship and Ashley for the flowers.

**White** thanked Ms. Jean and Shane for working with us on Council and have learned a lot from both of you. He said that the Christmas tree lighting was good but need to do something about sound. He said the water tower was tops. He then told everyone to be mindful about the variant and do as much as you can to stay safe. He said that he has a cousin in Mayor that wants to know how they can get a train like ours. He said that he was upset tonight as we did not do fairness to the City of Conway as we bent and changed our rules. Ms. Cheryl Adamson was here earlier asking for a meeting for the WES issue and nothing was said about that and this gentleman wants to build something and we bent over backwards to give him what he wanted. He said that he did not like that. He said that we have been trying to get the pool fixed at Smith Jones for two years and none of us has spoken up as to what we are going to do, no disrespect. However, Council I am speaking to now and he said that we need to do something better about the way we do business in Conway. He then reiterated that he was a little upset and said for everyone to have a good Christmas. He stated that he would not be coming to another meeting in December and would see everyone in January. He left the meeting.

**Goldfinch** said that working with Jean through the years has been a roller coaster. I had a lot to say but I am not because I do not think I will get through it. When her phone number pops up on my cell phone now maybe, I won't cringe as bad. I can say that because I do love her. When I am in a jam or confused about something she is the first person that I think of to call. People in this City have no idea what you have done to make this City what it is but people just don't know what they don't know. We see it and thank you. Secondly, I did not mean to rock the boat and if my proposing about another meeting is illegal or improper, I will rescind it. I just feel like we have been dragging this developer who wants to build a retirement home for people who need assisted living for a long time. I know that there is a process but we were unsuccessful in trying to revamp our tree ordinance as that is very punitive to residents and developers and this was a solution. He apologized if he did anything to upset anyone and reiterated that if we need to not have the meeting than let us not have it. I was just trying to help the developer as they have year-end stuff that they need to finalize.

**Hubbard** said that Jean took his farewell speech. He told Ms. Timbes that she has been quite the inspiration to him and learned so much from everyone here on Council. He said that Adam was on the radio the other morning and said it well. He said that everyone thinks we just make a knee jerk decision but all the decisions are different and they are. The one thing I love about this Council, we have this little saying, we may not always agree but we always leave as friends and that is important especially when making these hard decisions. As far as staff goes, they are A1, top notch. He then thanked everyone and said it had been a pleasure.

**Blain-Bellamy** said she thinks she has served earlier than anyone has on Council but that does not mean that she knows more. She said that she has learned a lot and we have a right based on our person to disagree on issues. With that aside, I know that everyone on this Council wants what is best for the City of Conway and she appreciates being a part of this body. She said she would sorely miss Shane Hubbard and said she could not even say Jean Timbes's name. Life is about nothing but change, what better to embrace it and change it into something that is beautiful and I

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think we all have an opportunity to do that. She said that the tree lighting event was the most phenomenal success that we have ever had. The lighting off the water tower was crazy good. She then spoke to Adam and staff and said almost every day when she is complimented on something, she always says that she is not the one that came up with the idea. We will continue to push the things that you push as you have proven that your ideas are wonderful and that is where your Council comes in to back you up as you make us glow. She said that while everyone is shopping for Christmas to remember to support our small businesses.

Blain-Bellamy introduced Jason Perzan as the new Assistant Fire Chief.

Blain-Bellamy introduced Quattlebaum (Elf on the Shelf) and told everyone that you may see him all around town. She than thanked Adam and staff for everything.

Blain-Bellamy then welcomed Beth Helms and Amanda Butler to City Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by Timbes to enter into Executive Session for the following: Consideration of appointments to boards, commissions and committees [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70(A) (1)]; and Discussion of Annual Evaluation of City Administrator [pursuant to SC Code §30-4-70 (A) (1)]. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion:** Hyman made a motion, seconded by Hubbard to leave Executive Session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

**POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion:** Goldfinch made a motion, seconded by Hyman to approve the following appointments as discussed in Executive Session. **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

A-Tax Committee – Rein Mungo was reappointed for a 3-year term expiring on 12/31/2024.

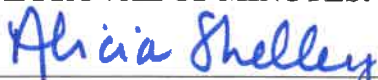
Rose Hill Cemetery – Joseph Smalls was reappointed to fill a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2024.

Planning Commission – Kendall Brown and Brian O’Neil were reappointed to fill a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2024. Danny Hardee was appointed to fill an unexpired term ending on 12/31/2022. Julie Hardwick was appointed for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2024.

Community Appearance Board – Troy Roehm was reappointed to fill a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2024. Autry Benton was appointed for a 3-year term expiring 12/31/2024.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes approved by City Council this 20 day of December 2021.

  
Alicia Shelley, City Clerk