

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor Mat Faulkner called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Donnie Lee gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Bob Evans. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Brett Kirkman, David Morris, Chris Howell, Rodger Cargile, Tonia Hale, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Will Moore.

Item (3) on the agenda was to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (12) resolution to enter an agreement with Roadway Management Technologies and (20) discussion regarding the Sanitation Department Director position. A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to suspend the rules and add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Kirkman.

The minutes of the regular December 13, 2022 meeting of the Council and the special December 19, 2022 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve both sets of the minutes. The following voted to approve: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, and Morris.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of December 31, 2022: General Fund: \$8,617,737.39; Street Fund \$3,548,932.72; LOPFI Fund \$306,566.83; Act 833 Fund \$44,239.93; Airport Fund \$219,412.57. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$12,736,889.44. He also reported the following balances as of December 31, 2022: 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$13,627,576.04; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$237,875.67; Court Automation Fund \$92,419.25; American Rescue Plan Act Fund \$2,596,246.67. He also reported a total of \$8,695,136.80 year-to-date in 0.50% City Sales Tax and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$555,023.88 from the same time in 2021. Also reported was a total of \$2,935,544.81 in 1.00% City Sales Tax received year-to-date.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of David Goff to a five-year term on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with the term set to expire on March 30, 2026. His current term began on March 30, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to approve the reappointment of David Goff to a five-year term on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with the term set to expire on March 30, 2026. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, and Howell.

Item (7) on the agenda was for the reappointment of Sonja Parson to a five-year term on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with the term set to expire on

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March 30, 2027. Her current term began on March 30, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to approve the reappointment of Sonja Parson to a five-year term on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with the term set to expire on March 30, 2027. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell and Cargile.

Item (8) was for the appointment and reappointments to the Searcy Planning Commission of the following:

- Charles Green – reappointment to a three-year term with the term set to expire on February 8, 2025
- Jim House – reappointment to a three-year term with the term set to expire on February 8, 2025
- Matt Boyd – appointment to a three-year term with the term set to expire on February 8, 2025
- Steve Jordan – reappointment to a three-year term with the term set to expire on February 8, 2026
- Bill Patton – reappointment to a three-year term with the term set to expire on February 8, 2026
- Lisa Wray – reappointment to a three-year term with the term set to expire on February 8, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve the appointment and the reappointments to three-year terms on the Searcy Planning Commission. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale.

Item (9) on the agenda was for discussion regarding the formation of a Finance Committee. Mayor Faulkner noted that he would like to form a Finance Committee and to have Mr. Chalenburg chair this committee. He also noted that no action by the Council is necessary but would welcome any discussion. Mr. Morris and Mr. Raney both stated that they believed this is a good idea and that it would be beneficial to the City of Searcy.

Item (10) was for discussion regarding the formation of a Beautification Committee. This committee would be chaired by Searcy City Planner Richard Stafford. Mayor Faulkner again noted that no action is needed but would welcome any discussion. Again it was stated that this is a good idea.

Item (11) on the agenda was for the review of the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures. Mayor Faulkner noted as discussed at the January 5, 2023 Pre-council Agenda Meeting, the only change is for resolutions to be read by title only and that no other changes would be made. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the change in the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures, in particular the reading of resolutions by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney.

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Item (12) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform a certain agreement with Roadway Management Technologies, LLC. Mr. Moore read the resolution by title only. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution for the authorization to execute and perform a certain agreement with Roadway Management Technologies, LLC. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. **Resolution 2023-01**

Item (13) was a resolution for the authorization to apply on behalf of the Searcy Airport Commission for a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for the construction of new runway and Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lighting at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Mr. Moore read the resolution by title only. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Cargile to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2023-02**

Item (14) was a resolution for the authorization to enter into an agreement with Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc. for services pertaining to a Federal Aviation Administration grant for the construction of new runway and Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) lighting at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Mr. Moore read the resolution by title only. Motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Cargile to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Kirkman. **Resolution 2023-03**

Item (15) was a resolution to approve the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Chalenburg pointed out that a public hearing was not held regarding the resolution and asked what would be the correct action that needs to be taken. Mr. Moore advised that a date and time for a public meeting be set regarding this resolution before any action is taken by the Council. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Raney to set a date and time of February 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a public hearing regarding the property(s) noted in the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, and Morris.

Item (16) was a resolution for the authorization to enter into and perform under the terms of a professional agreement with Davidson Engineering for engineering services for improvements on and around June Drive. Mr. Moore read the resolution by title only. Motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mrs. Hale to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, and Howell. **Resolution 2023-04**

Item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code with respect to the zoning classification of a specific land area within the city, property located on the 2800 Block of West Beebe-Capps Expressway, from U-T (Urban Transitional) to C-4 (Regional and Open-Display Commercial). A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded

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by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. Mr. Moore read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. Mr. Moore then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Morris, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. **Ordinance 2023-02**

Item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code with respect to the zoning classification of a specific land area within the city, property located at Lots 1-6 of the Roussel Addition, from R-2 (Two-Unit Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Moore read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Moore then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Kirkman. **Ordinance 2023-03**

Item (19) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to:

Section 1. The following sums are appropriated in the absence of a budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas:

- a. Appropriate \$50,000.00 to ‘TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND’ expenditure account (14 5-190-05-04) in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund and appropriate \$50,000.00 to ‘TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND’ revenue account (05 4-000-80-12) in the LOPFI Fund;
- b. Appropriate \$83,550.00 from the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT’ expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-09) for engineering services on the North Main Street improvement project;
- c. Appropriate \$298.25 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Black House ‘RESTORATION/REPAIRS’ expenditure account (#01 5-083-05-02) for architectural services on the Black House restoration/repair project;
- d. Appropriate \$2,657.25 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund ‘LIBRARY

RENOVATION REIMBURSEMENT' revenue account (#14 4-000-70-03) and appropriate \$2,657.25 to the 'LIBRARY RENOVATION' expenditure account (#14 5-020-54-02) for architectural services on the new Library Building renovation project;

- e. Appropriate \$127,406.73 from the Street Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'ISSUE #1 MUNICIPAL TURNBACK PAVING' expenditure account (#02 5-900-05-15) for construction services for the 2022 street paving program;
- f. Appropriate \$124,556.40 from Eight Year Plan Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'BERRYHILL TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS' expenditure account (#14 5-080-05-01) for the Berryhill Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts project;

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to expend the following sums:

- a. Transfer \$50,000.00 from the City of Searcy 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund to the City of Searcy LOPFI Fund for payment of LOPFI Retirement obligation (#14 5-190-05-04);
- b. \$83,550.00 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the North Main Street improvement project (#14 5-900-54-09);
- c. \$298.25 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the Black House restoration/repairs project (#01 5-083-05-02);
- d. \$2,657.25 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the new Library building renovation project (#14 5-020-54-02);
- e. \$127,406.73 to CK Asphalt, LLC for construction services for the 2022 street paving program;
- f. \$124,556.40 to Delk Construction Company for the Berryhill Park Courts project (#14 5-080-05-01);

A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Raney, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, and Morris. Mr. Moore read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mrs. Hale, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, and Howell. Mr. Moore then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr.

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Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, and Cargile.

Ordinance 2023-04

Item (20) on the agenda was for discussion regarding the Sanitation Department Director position. A motion was made by Mr. Morris to enter into executive session regarding a personnel issue. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Hale. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Morris to come out of executive session. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Kirkman, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. Mayor Faulkner announced that no action was to be taken.

Mayor Faulkner adjourned the meeting.

Minutes Approved: February 14, 2023

/s/ Mat Faulkner
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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