

**Searcy City Council – Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, April 9, 2013 7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Pastor William Gant gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Alderman Steve Sterling. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Jim Dixon, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, and Dale Brewer. Alderman Mike Chalenburg was not present at the beginning of the meeting due to a delay in an airline flight. Alderman Chalenburg arrived at 7:20 p.m. and participated in the remainder of the meeting. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

The minutes of the regular March 12, 2013 meeting of the Council and the called March 21, 2013 special meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Cothorn.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 3-31-13: General Fund: \$964,574.99; Street Fund \$845,567.95; Capital Equipment Fund \$86,843.86; LOPFI Fund \$233,876.70; Parks & Recreation Capital Fund \$159.48; Act 833 Fund \$12,714.45; Airport Projects Fund \$41,723.43; Special Highway Tax Fund \$5,307,429.15. He also reported a total of \$1,594,172.82 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is down \$20,191.79 from the same time in 2012. The total of all funds (excluding special highway tax fund) is \$2,185,460.86.

Item (5) on the agenda was a recommendation for the appointment of Ms. Ann Nieto to the position of Resident Commissioner on the Board of Commissioners for the Searcy Housing Authority. A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the appointment of Ms. Ann Nieto to the Board of Commissioners of the Searcy Housing Authority. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Item (6) on the agenda was for a clarification on the City Smart Program, which had been presented at the pre-council agenda meeting of April 4, 2013. The clarification was presented by Mr. Jay Shock, Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Human Resources Director for the City of Searcy. The clarification was an explanation of the labeling of an amount which was presented on a handout regarding the City Smart Program. On page three (3) of the handout in the slide titled ‘Summary of Financials’, point number five (5) labeled ‘Estimated known gain’ should have been presented as ‘Estimated reimbursement on labor’.

Item (7) on the agenda was for the approval to draw upon the short-term financing agreement regarding the Airport Terminal project. A memorandum was presented to the council indicating a draw request upon the short-term financing agreement, pursuant to the approval and adoption of Ordinance Number 2013-04, between the City of Searcy and Mr. Reynie Rutledge, in the amount of \$40,000.00 to fund the costs of construction of the airport terminal building and related site work that have been incurred during the month of March 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to authorize, pursuant to Ordinance Number 2013-04, the borrowing and transfer of \$40,000.00 into the Airport Projects Fund to defray a portion of the cost of construction of the Airport Terminal and related site work incurred during the month of March 2013. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, and Dixon.

Item (8) on the agenda was an ordinance for the re-zone of real property located at 608 South Main Street from I-1 (Industrial) to C-4 (Commercial) as recommended by the Searcy Planning Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Dixon, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, and Raney. **Ordinance 2013-13**

Item (9) on the agenda was a budget adjustment ordinance to:

**Section 1.** The budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is amended in the following manner:

- a. Appropriate \$78,103.80 to Airport Donations revenue account (#12 4-000-01-01), and appropriate \$47,039.40 to Airport Terminal grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-01), and \$31,064.40 to Sitework/Pavement grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-02): [James H. Cone, Inc. contractor’s services March 28, 2013 invoice];
- b. Appropriate \$17,000.00 to City Smart Program Supplies expenditure account (01 5-120-04-10) for the purchase of materials and supplies for the City Smart Program;
- c. Appropriate \$1,792.00 to Code Enforcement Salaries expenditure account (01 5-120-01-01) and appropriate \$137.09 to Code Enforcement Social

Security/Medicare Match expenditure account (01 5-120-01-02) and appropriate \$261.09 to Code Enforcement APERS Retirement expenditure account (01 5-120-01-05) for the hiring of non-budgeted part-time temporary general labor to help in the implementation of the City Smart Program;

- d. Transfer \$25,000.00 to the LOPFI Fund revenue account (05 4-000-80-02) from the General Fund;

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

- a. \$78,103.80.00 to James H. Cone, Inc., for March 28, 2013 invoice regarding contractor's services for the month on March 2013;
- b. \$17,000.00 for the purchase of materials and supplies for the City Smart Program;
- c. \$2,190.18 for the hiring of non-budgeted part-time general labor for the City Smart Program;

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2013-14**

The Mayor announced:

- Upcoming Local Police and Firefighters Retirement (LOPFI) seminars:  
April 24, 2013 – Murfreesboro, AR  
July 17, 2013 – Bentonville, AR  
August 22, 2013 – Monticello, AR  
October 23, 2013 – Bryant, AR  
All location scheduled times – 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
- The formation of a committee to address the immediate and future needs of the City of Searcy with the appointment of Alderman Logan Cothorn as the chairman

of the committee along with the addition of Alderman Mike Chalenburg and Alderman Don Raney to the committee

- A bound copy of the 2013 Budget for the City of Searcy has been supplied to each of the Alderman for easy reference to the operational budgets of the various departments of the city
- With the anticipation of possible severe weather and/or heavy rain for the area and the state, the City of Searcy Street Department and the City of Searcy Engineering Department have been out checking the drainage systems in the city to ensure that they are clear

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: May 14, 2013

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK

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