

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Searcy Fire Chief Bill Baldrige 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, JR Howard, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

The minutes of the regular January 14, 2014 meeting of the Council and the minutes of the special January 23, 2014 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 1-31-14: General Fund: \$1,421,332.37; Street Fund \$1,549,495.46; Capital Equipment Fund \$13,119.69; LOPFI Fund \$211,492.42; Act 833 Fund \$18,628.62; Airport Projects Fund \$1,162.38; Special Highway Tax Fund \$8,055,511.79. He also reported a total of \$539,160.60 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$5,271.93 from the same time in 2013. The total of all funds (excluding special highway tax fund) is \$3,215,230.94.

Item (5) on the agenda was a presentation of a 2013 City of Distinction award to the City of Searcy. The award was presented by Mr. Nathan Rutledge and Mr. Marshall Hughes of sponsors Crews and Associates, Inc. on behalf of Arkansas Business and was awarded for being a winner in the ‘Green/Energy Conservation Initiatives’ category. This award was facilitated with the implementation of the Searcy Energy Smart program throughout municipal buildings in the City of Searcy. Mayor Morris accepted this award on behalf of the City of Searcy.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the recognition of the receipt of a 2014 Main Street Arkansas award that was received by Ms. Paige Norman, owner of the Searcy business Bliss Salon & Boutique. The award was received for being a winner in Main Street Arkansas’s ‘Best Total Building Renovation: 5,000 Square Feet and Under’ category. The award had originally been presented to Ms. Norman at the Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference held in January 2014 in Rogers Arkansas. Also recognized was Ms. Amy Burton of Main Street Searcy, Inc. for their contributions in making the renovation possible. The award was presented to Ms. Norman and Bliss Salon & Boutique by Ms. Burton.

Item (7) was for the approval of the appointment of Mr. David Goff to fill an unexpired board position on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The vacancy was created by the resignation of Mr. Coy Lackie from the board. The appointment of Mr. Goff was recommended by the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on January 16, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the appointment of Mr. David Goff to fill the vacant unexpired position on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The term of the position is set to expire on March 31, 2016. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

The Mayor announced:

- The new Fuel Management System is completed and operational.
- Substantial progress toward the completion of the new E-Waste building is being made. The building is funded by grant money received from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

Mr. Brewer commented that it was good to see that the installation of the new traffic signal located at the intersection of Race Avenue and Elm Street had begun. He stated that this traffic signal will be very beneficial in alleviating traffic conditions, especially during school hours.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: March 11, 2014

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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