

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Alderman Don Raney 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.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (7) authorization to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General fund to the LOPFI fund; (9) authorization for the letting of bids for the purchase and financing of a tractor/batwing mower; (10) authorization for the letting of bids for the purchase and financing of a trackhoe excavator with grapple hook type attachment; and (11) authorization for the letting of bids for the leasing of eight (8) front-deck mowers. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the said items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular March 11, 2014 meeting of the Council and the minutes of the March 6, 2014, March 19, 2014, and March 28, 2014 special meetings of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 3-31-14: General Fund: \$1,380,602.64; Street Fund \$1,588,904.69; Capital Equipment Fund \$8,251.48; LOPFI Fund \$117,437.80; Act 833 Fund \$27,442.45; Airport Projects Fund \$1,164.62; Special Highway Tax Fund \$8,056,553.52. He also reported a total of \$1,597,197.39 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$3,024.57 from the same time in 2013. The total of all funds (excluding special highway tax fund) is \$3,123,803.68.

Item (6) on the agenda was the quarterly Economic Development Report from the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Searcy Regional Economic Development Corporation, presented by Mr. Buck Layne of the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Item (7) on the agenda was a request for authorization to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the LOPFI Fund to be able to satisfy the upcoming May 2014 LOPFI obligation. This \$100,000.00 transfer is the final portion of the \$325,000.00 appropriation contained in the 2014 budget for the City of Searcy (Ordinance 2014-03).

Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to authorize the transfer of the final \$100,000.00 portion of the appropriation from the General Fund to the LOPFI Fund. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the discussion and approval of the corrective actions that were taken pertaining to the Arkansas Legislative Audit report for the calendar year 2013. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Sterling to acknowledge the discussion of the Legislative Audit report and to approve the corrective actions that have been taken and to accept and continue working on the recommendations made by the auditors for the calendar year 2013. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling.

Item (9) on the agenda was for the authorization to let bids on the purchase of a tractor/batwing mower and for the financing package of said mower. City Engineer Mark Lane will put together the specifications that will be required for this equipment. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to approve the letting of bids for the purchase of the specified tractor/batwing mower and also the letting of bids for the financing of said tractor/batwing mower. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Item (10) on the agenda was for the authorization to let bids on the purchase of a trackhoe excavator with a grapple hook type attachment and for the financing package of said excavator. City Engineer Mark Lane will put together the specifications that will be required for this equipment. Motion was made by Mrs. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the letting of bids for the purchase of the specified trackhoe excavator with grapple hook type attachment and also the letting of bids for the financing of said trackhoe excavator. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney.

Item (11) on the agenda was for the authorization to enter into a 36-month leasing program with Kubota Leasing for eight (8) front-deck mowers and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the relevant documents associated with such lease. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. English, for the authorization to enter into a 36-month leasing program with Kubota Leasing for eight (8) front-deck mowers and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the relevant documents associated with such lease. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (12) was a resolution, as recommended by the Searcy Planning Commission, amending the future land use plan for the City of Searcy, pertaining to property located at the intersection of Dr. Jimmy Carr Drive and Beebe-Capps Expressway (shown on Exhibit A attached to the resolution). Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to approve the amending of the

future land use plan for the City of Searcy, pertaining to property located at the intersection of Dr. Jimmy Carr Drive and Beebe-Capps Expressway. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2014-03**

Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance for changing the zoning classification (re-zone) of real property located at 507 Dr. Jimmy Carr Drive from I-2 (Industrial) to C-2 (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”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Ordinance 2014-06**

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance for changing the zoning classification (re-zone) of real property located on Greer Drive near Beebe-Capps Expressway (as described in attached Exhibit A) from C-3 (Neighborhood Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial) as recommended by the Searcy Planning Commission. 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”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, 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, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. **Ordinance 2014-07**

Item (15) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to:

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

- a. Appropriate \$4,485.63 from unappropriated General Fund reserves to ‘ELECTION EXPENSE’ expenditure account (#01 5-190-05-05), [for costs associated with the Special Election for the temporary 1% sales and use tax];

- b. Appropriate \$9,000.00 from unappropriated General Fund reserves to Airport Department 'WETLAND MITIGATION – BORROW PIT SOUTH END' expenditure account (01 5-040-02-11);
- c. Appropriate \$10,000.00 from unappropriated General Fund reserves to Parks and Recreation Department 'SIGN MATERIALS' expenditure account (01 5-080-02-14);
- d. Appropriate \$15,000.00 from unappropriated General Fund reserves to Sanitation Department 'SERVICE/REPAIRS' expenditure account (01 5-090-03-01) for repairs to Loader at Compost Center;
- e. Appropriate \$10,000.00 from unappropriated General Fund reserves to Mayor Department expenditure account for 'PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS SPRUCE & CENTER / DOWNTOWN PROJECTS' (01 5-010-05-20);
- f. Appropriate \$8,000.00 from unappropriated General Fund reserves to Mayor Department expenditure account for 'REPAIRS / IMPROVEMENTS AMERICAN LEGION HUT' (01 5-010-05-21);

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

- a. \$28,531.77 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;

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, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson 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": Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2014-08**

The Mayor announced:

- A special city council will be called for April 15, 2014
- The Sunshine School Fishing Derby will be held April 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Searcy Lake
- The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has requested that certain revisions regarding language clean-up be made to the Contracts of Obligation pertaining to the Searcy Compost Center

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: May 13, 2014

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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