

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

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Searcy Water Utilities Manager Dan Dawson gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Searcy City Attorney Buck Gibson. 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 February 11, 2014 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Cothorn 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 2-28-14: General Fund: \$1,428,485.73; Street Fund \$1,598,846.91; Capital Equipment Fund \$13,125.64; LOPFI Fund \$94,540.94; Act 833 Fund \$9,833.77; Airport Projects Fund \$1,163.56; Special Highway Tax Fund \$8,056,059.12. He also reported a total of \$1,138,811.10 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$11,008.70 from the same time in 2013. The total of all funds (excluding special highway tax fund) is \$3,145,996.55.

Mayor Morris asked the Council to amend the agenda to add as item (5) a presentation from Mr. Bob Chapman, Engineer with Miller-Newell Engineers, concerning Federal and State grant monies available for specified projects at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Mayor Morris explained that due to an unfortunate miscommunication Mr. Chapman thought that discussion/consideration for the grant funded projects at the Searcy Municipal Airport was an item on the agenda. Mayor Morris asked the Council to allow Mr. Chapman to present information on the grant projects since he had made an unnecessary trip to attend the Council meeting. A motion was made by Mr. English and seconded by Mr. Raney to amend the agenda to add, as item (5), an allowance for Mr. Chapman to make the presentation. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Item (5) was a presentation regarding Federal and State grant monies available for specified projects at the Searcy Municipal Airport from Mr. Bob Chapman. Mr. Chapman explained the various grant funding (both Federal and State) available for projects identified as needed at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Information regarding the projects as well as the projected costs of these projects were provided along with the reimbursements/matching amounts that would be associated with the projects.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the consideration to appoint Ms. Laura Hoffman to fill a vacant position on the Searcy Library Board. The vacancy was created by the resignation of Ms. Kerry Rainwater, with the unexpired term set for expiration on December 31, 2015. A recommendation for the appointment of Ms. Hoffman to the unexpired term was made by the members of the Searcy Library Board. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to appoint Ms. Laura Hoffman to fill the vacant unexpired position on the Searcy Library Board, with the term set to expire on December 31, 2015. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (7) on the agenda was a recommendation for the re-appointment of Mr. Arthur Churchill to a new five year term on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The recommendation was made by the members of the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The new term is set to expire on March 31, 2019. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Brewer, for the re-appointment of Mr. Arthur Churchill to a new five year term on the Searcy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, with the term set to expire on March 31, 2019. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling.

Item (8) was for the re-appointment of the following persons to new three year terms on the Searcy Planning Commission as recommended by the members of the Searcy Planning Commission:

- Mr. Steve Jordan
- Mr. Bill Patton
- Ms. Susannah Streit

The new three year terms are set to expire on February 8, 2017.

Motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Cothorn for the re-appointment of Mr. Steve Jordan to a new three year term on the Searcy Planning Commission, with the new term set to expire on February 8, 2017. Motion passed with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Howard for the re-appointment of Mr. Bill Patton to a new three year term on the Searcy Planning Commission, with the new term set to expire on February 8, 2017. Motion passed with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English and Raney.

Motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Cothorn for the re-appointment of Ms. Susannah Streit to a new three year term on the Searcy Planning Commission, with the new term set to expire on February 8, 2017. Motion passed by a vote of 7 “yes”, 0 “no”, and 1 abstention, with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English and Brewer. Mr. Raney abstained from voting.

Item (9) 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 April 2014 LOPFI

obligation. This \$100,000.00 transfer is a portion of the \$325,000.00 appropriation contained in the 2014 budget for the City of Searcy (Ordinance 2014-03). A \$125,000.00 transfer was previously made (Ordinance 2014-02), which, along with this current transfer of \$100,000.00, will leave a balance of \$100,000.00 remaining to be transferred. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to authorize the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the LOPFI Fund. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.

Item (10) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform the annual agreement between the City of Searcy and Main Street Searcy. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Sterling to authorize the execution and performance of the annual agreement between the City of Searcy and Main Street Searcy. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Resolution 2014-02

Item (11) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to make year-end adjustments for closing calendar year 2013, as reflected in Exhibit A.

EXHIBIT A				
2013 YEAR-END BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS				
FUND 01 GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	2013 BUDGET	2013 YEAR END ACTUAL EXPENSES	YEAR-END ADJUSTMENT	2013 ADJUSTED BUDGET
MAYOR	686,329.94	635,765.13	0.00	
LIBRARY	151,504.97	129,887.81	0.00	
CEMETERY	7,599.32	6,170.01	0.00	
AIRPORT	1,210,180.42	1,118,342.38	0.00	
DISTRICT COURT	511,195.57	488,754.79	0.00	
POLICE	3,207,002.46	3,169,232.85	0.00	
DRUG TASK FORCE	145,459.68	152,408.24	0.00	
STOP GRANT	82,212.37	79,437.99	0.00	
ANIMAL CONTROL	158,697.93	151,163.15	0.00	
AR DRUG CRIME ENFORCEMENT	40,340.45	24,220.27	0.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT	2,319,520.37	2,281,640.66	0.00	
SAFER GRANT	311,917.11	294,253.87	0.00	
PARKS/RECREATION	601,150.66	537,049.10	0.00	
CARMICHAEL COMMUNITY CENTER	426,318.47	402,688.64	0.00	
SWIMMING POOL	101,080.29	91,591.60	0.00	
BLACK HOUSE	19,299.30	11,595.99	0.00	
SOCCER COMPLEX	12,000.00	8,379.01	0.00	
SPORTS COMPLEX	82,575.00	85,428.54	2,853.54	85,428.54
01 5-085-02-02 ELECTRIC UTILITIES \$2,853.54				
SANITATION	3,331,463.92	3,149,738.30	0.00	
CLERK-TREASURER	257,823.74	243,385.62	0.00	
CITY ATTORNEY	70,715.90	69,802.52	0.00	
CODE ENFORCEMENT	444,165.30	442,718.51	0.00	
ENGINEERING	240,054.88	195,537.90	0.00	
IT	460,115.53	439,796.32	0.00	
OTHER	190,400.00	245,876.85	55,476.85	245,876.85
01 5-190-02-11 DAMAGED PROPERTY REPLACEMENT \$9,753.91				
01 5-190-02-12 PROPERTY TAXES \$1,509.04				
01 5-190-05-09 TRANSFER TO DESIGNATED FUND \$19,213.90				
01 5-190-05-14 TRANSFER TO LOPFI \$25,000.00				
FUND 02 STREET FUND EXPENSES	1,285,731.58	1,120,998.95		
FUND 04 CAPITAL FUND EXPENSES	425,869.47	363,871.59	8,846.53	434,716.00
04 5-800-53-05 FUEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - \$8,846.53				
FUND 05 LOPFI	0.00	736,602.46	736,602.46	736,602.46
05 5-700-01-01 RETIREMENT BENEFITS - FIRE \$396,394.57				
05 5-700-01-02 RETIREMENT BENEFITS - POLICE \$340,207.89				
FUND 06 ADED	0.00	968.27	968.27	968.27
06 5-600-56-02 ELECTROCRAFT GRANT EXP \$968.27				
FUND 07 DRUG ENFORCEMENT	24,900.00	25,120.00	220.00	25,120.00
07 5-500-05-02 RESTITUTION \$220.00				
FUND 08 REVOLVING LOAN	0.00	0.00		
FUND 09 UNIFORM COURT	840,000.00	775,980.99		
FUND 10 PARKS & RECREATION CAPITAL	64,720.96	64,782.97	62.01	64,782.97
10 5-085-56-01 BALLFIELD LIGHTING PROJECT \$28.01				
10 5-000-05-01 SERVICE CHARGE \$34.00				
FUND 11 ACT 833	105,613.32	105,613.32		
FUND 12 AIRPORT PROJECTS	1,331,074.28	848,339.28		
FUND 13 SPECIAL 1% TAX - CONNECTOR ROUTE	0.00	0.00		

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. **Ordinance 2014-04**

Item (12) 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 \$67,250.00 to 'SIGNAL BEEBE CAPPS @ SOWELL ST' expenditure account (02 5-900-54-14) for partial completion of signal light installation at intersection of Beebe Capps Expressway and Sowell Street;
- b. Appropriate \$26,400.00 to 'TRANSFER TO ACT 833 FUND' expenditure account (01 5-190-05-12) and appropriate \$26,400.00 to 'TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND' revenue account (11 4-000-10-01); this will allow for payments to be made on Fire truck through June 2014;
- c. Appropriate \$4,375.00 to 'OTHER REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE' revenue account (01 4-000-70-05) and appropriate the following amounts to:
 - \$820.53 to 01 5-070-01-01 'SALARIES' expenditure account
 - \$11.91 to 01 5-070-01-02 'SS/MEDICARE MATCH' expenditure account
 - \$274.55 to 05 5-700-01-01 'RETIREMENT BENEFITS – FIRE' expenditure account
 - \$3,268.01 to Fire Department 'BUILDING MAINTENANCE / REPAIRS' expenditure account (01 5-070-02-01)

This is to appropriate funds received for reimbursement for a mutual assistance response by the Searcy Fire Department to El Paso, AR on January 6, 2014;

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

- a. \$67,250.00 to All Service Electric, Inc. for current invoice (50% completion) regarding installation of signal lights at intersection of Beebe Capps Expressway and Sowell Street (02 5-900-54-14 'Signal Beebe Capps @ Sowell St');

- b. \$51,136.46 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments and other miscellaneous expenditures;
- c. \$28,244.00 to SHI International Corporation for the annual Microsoft computer software agreement for the City of Searcy - (01 5-160-05-01 'Software Support');

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": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mrs. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2014-05**

The Mayor announced:

- A Special Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2014 @ 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of interviewing and possible selection of architectural/engineering firms to enter into negotiations with regarding work to be performed in connection with the revenue generated by the temporary one percent sales and use tax. In addition, discussion/consideration regarding the 2014 Capital Equipment budget will take place on March 20, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m.
- A 'pothole' reporting hotline for the City of Searcy will be established for the purpose of gathering information regarding the location of 'potholes' in city streets that have appeared due to the winter weather.
- The Mayor of Monticello, AR, Mr. Alan Maxwell, has passed away and condolences are extended to his family and friends.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Upon adjournment of the regular meeting of the Searcy City Council, Mayor Morris gave the annual State of the City address.

Minutes Approved: April 8, 2014

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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