

Searcy City Council – Special Session
January 27, 2015 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Alderman Don Raney gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Alderman Logan Cothorn. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, J R 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 a budget appropriation ordinance to:

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

- a. Appropriate \$345,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to ‘LAND ACQUISITION-SPORTS COMPLEX’ expenditure account (14 5-085-02-01) towards the purchase of land for the Sports Complex;

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

- a. Up to \$345,000.00 towards the purchase of land at the Sports Complex;

A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, 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. Cothorn, 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. Sterling, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Ordinance 2015-04**

Items (4) and (5) on the agenda was for the discussion and consideration of the adoption of an operating budget for 2015. After discussion and further instructions from the Council as to the preparation of the operating budget, it was determined that more time was needed to prepare the budget for presentation. A called Special Session of the Searcy City Council was set for January 29, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Item (6) was for the discussion of a personnel issue. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to go into executive session. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard,

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and Sterling. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to move out of executive session. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. Mayor Morris announced that there is no action to be taken.

Mayor Morris announced that a special City Council meeting will be called for Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 10, 2015

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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