

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Alderman Dale Brewer gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Alderman J. R. Howard. 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 for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (15-1-e) budget ordinance – appropriation for the receipt and payment of drawdown for invoice #2 on the 90/10 2014 FAA Airport grant, (15-2-e) budget ordinance – authorization to expend \$23,375.00 to Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc. for invoice #1 on 90/10 2014 FAA Airport grant, and (15-2-f) budget ordinance – authorization to expend \$4,461.68 to Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc. for invoice #2 on 90/10 2014 FAA Airport grant. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Howard to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the new items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular December 9, 2014 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg 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 12-31-14: General Fund: \$1,001,833.54; Street Fund \$642,002.57; Capital Equipment Fund \$22,267.74; LOPFI Fund \$6,914.32; Act 833 Fund \$138,817.29; Airport Projects Fund \$1,173.65; Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$8,075,702.05; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$1,969,284.81. He also reported a total of \$6,309,568.97 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is down \$326,524.25 from the same time in 2013. The total of all funds (excluding the Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund and the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund) is \$1,813,009.11.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the appointment, as recommended by the Searcy Tree Board, of Ms. Deborah Hardin to the Searcy Tree Board for a three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to appoint Ms. Deborah Hardin to the Searcy Tree Board for a three (3) year term expiring on December 31, 2017. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

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Item (7) was for the authorization to solicit bids for the new Sanitation trucks that are to be purchased with funding generated from the 2014 Eight Year Plan. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Howard to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase of the new Sanitation trucks. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the acknowledgement and discussion of a fixed asset list for the City of Searcy that was provided to the Searcy City Council as called for by Resolution 2014-08. The fixed asset list was discussed by the Council and there were no additions or deletions to the list.

Item (9) on the agenda was for the approval/selection of a bid for the Library project for the replacement of the boiler and related repairs to be funded under the 2014 Eight Year Plan. The bid of Robert Underwood Construction of \$174,540.00 was accepted with the stipulation that the deductive alternate be removed and the acceptance of option A which retains the auxiliary heating. This was stipulated in order to stay under the budgeted amount in the 2014 Eight Year Plan of \$192,610.00. This should allow the project to come in at \$190,567.00 in the total. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to accept the bid of Robert Underwood Construction of \$174,540.00 was accepted with the stipulation that the deductive alternate be removed and the acceptance of option A which retains the auxiliary heating. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Item (10) was a resolution for the approval of an engineering contract with CT&T, Inc. for the construction of a fiber optic network for the City of Searcy. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution for the approval of an engineering contract with CT&T, Inc. for the construction of a fiber optic network for the City of Searcy. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. **Resolution 2015-01**

Item (11) was a resolution for approving a contract to sell; authorizing the transfer of interest in certain real property (right of way at the Searcy Fire Training property in connection with AHTD Job Number 050251) and authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, specifically an agreement associated with the conveyance of an interest in certain real property to the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Howard to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Resolution 2015-02

Item (12) was for a review of the City Council operating procedures. The current procedures had been presented for review by the Council. At the present time, no changes were considered.

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Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance for the amending of Ordinance No. 683 with respect to the zoning classification of real property located at 1005 West Center Avenue, as recommended by the Searcy Planning Commission. This ordinance would change the zoning classification of real property located at 1005 West Center Avenue from R-3 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Duplex Residential). 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": Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mrs. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. **Ordinance 2015-01**

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a general revenue promissory note and providing for the payment of the note, specifically in regard to the purchase of certain real property from Porter R. Rodgers, Jr., Individually and as Trustee of the Porter R. Rodgers, Jr., Trust. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. 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": English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. **Ordinance 2015-02**

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

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

- a. Appropriate \$21,037.00 to 2014 Eight Year Plan 'FAA-ACCESS ROAD, CRACK REPAIR GRANT' revenue account (14 4-000-99-01) and appropriate \$23,375.00 to 'FAA-ACCESS ROAD, CRACK REPAIR GRANT' expenditure account (14 5-040-56-02) for receipt of drawdown and payment of invoice #1 on the 2014 90/10 FAA Airport project grant for access road construction, subsurface drainage, and runway crack repair;
- b. Appropriate \$141,000.00 to 'TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND' expenditure account (14 5-190-05-04) in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund and

- appropriate \$141,000.00 to 'TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND' revenue account (05 4-000-80-12) in the LOPFI Fund;
- c. Appropriate \$23,745.00 to 'GIF GRANT-CITY HALL REPAIRS' (01 4-000-97-01) revenue account and appropriate \$23,745.00 to Mayor's department 'GIF GRANT-CITY HALL REPAIRS' (01 5-010-56-06) expenditure account for receipt/use of General Improvement Fund grant funding;
 - d. Appropriate \$8,561.00 to 'GIF GRANT-LIGHTLE CENTER REPAIRS' (01 4-000-98-98) revenue account and appropriate \$8,561.00 to Mayor's department 'GIF GRANT-LIGHTLE CENTER REPAIRS' (01 5-010-56-05) expenditure account for receipt/use of General Improvement Fund grant funding;
 - e. Appropriate \$4,673.00 to 2014 Eight Year Plan 'FAA-ACCESS ROAD, CRACK REPAIR GRANT' revenue account (14 4-000-99-01) and appropriate \$4,461.68 to 'FAA-ACCESS ROAD, CRACK REPAIR GRANT' expenditure account (14 5-040-56-02) for receipt of drawdown and payment of invoice #2 on the 2014 90/10 FAA Airport project grant for access road construction, subsurface drainage, and runway crack repair;

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

- a. \$15,872.38 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$44,646.25 to Admit Computer Services, Inc. for Police Software Annual Maintenance for 2015;
- c. \$59,998.34 to U.S. Bank for the first installment of three toward 2015 APERMA Program invoice (total due - \$179,995.00);
- d. \$61,919.50 to the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust for the first installment of four for the year 2015 (total due - \$247,678.00);
- e. \$23,375.00 to Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc. for payment of invoice #1 for the 90/10 2014 FAA Airport Grant for access road construction, subsurface drains, runway crack repair;

- f. \$4,461.68 to Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc. for payment of invoice #2 for the 90/10 2014 FAA Airport Grant for access road construction, subsurface drains, runway crack repair;

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. 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": Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Ordinance 2015-03**

The Mayor announced:

- General Improvement Fund grant in the amount of \$23,745.00 for a new roof and repairs on City Hall has been funded
- General Improvement Fund grant in the amount of \$8,561.00 for repairs to the Lightle Center has been funded
- The Statement of Financial Interest should be completed and returned to the City Clerk's office no later than January 31, 2015
- The Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference will be held on January 14-16, 2015 in Little Rock
- A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on January 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall

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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