

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Mr. Jeffery Sheets, with the Searcy Ministerial Alliance, gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Searcy Police Department Sergeant Todd Wells. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Aldermen J. R. Howard and Don Raney were not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (12) resolution to authorize the participation in the Arkansas State Aid City Street Program for the overlay of Benton Avenue, (14-1-g) budget ordinance appropriation of \$45,000.00 to Fund 14 ‘TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND’ expenditure account and \$45,000.00 to Fund 05 ‘TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND’ revenue account, (14-1-h) budget ordinance appropriation of \$7,174.94 to Fund 13 ‘MAIN STREET DEENER CREEK BRIDGE’ expenditure account, (14-2-h) budget ordinance authorization to expend \$45,000.00 to Fund 05 from Fund 14 for payment of June 2015 LOPFI obligation, and (14-2-i) budget ordinance authorization to expend \$7,174.94 to Morrison-Shipley Engineers from Fund 13 for design work on Main Street Deener Creek Bridge. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the new items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Sterling, English, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular May 12, 2015 meeting of the Council and the May 7, 2015 special meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Sterling to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Sterling, English, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Alderman J. R. Howard arrived at this time.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 5-31-15: General Fund: \$1,646,451.57; Street Fund \$977,511.00; Capital Equipment Fund \$22,313.94; LOPFI Fund \$157,109.60; Act 833 Fund \$125,640.57; Airport Projects Fund \$1,178.58; Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$8,079,886.58; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$3,415,441.95; Information Technology Projects Fund \$606,341.32. He also reported a total of \$2,586,463.76 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is down \$37,342.02 from the same time in 2014. The total of all funds (excluding the Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund and the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund and the Information Technology Projects Fund) is \$2,930,205.26.

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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 for the authorization to re-establish the position of Assistant Chief of Police for the Searcy Police Department. The re-establishment of the position would be at an annual gross salary of \$60,000.00 which would be inclusive of any longevity and certificate attainment type pay. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. English to authorize the re-establishment of the position of Assistant Chief of Police for the Searcy Police Department. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the authorization to establish a separate fund and bank account for the Searcy Municipal Airport as requested by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The fund would allow for the separation of revenues and expenditures of the Searcy Municipal Airport from the General Fund of the City of Searcy. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to authorize the establishment of a separate fund and bank account for the Searcy Municipal Airport as requested by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Item (9) was for the authorization to advertise and solicit bids for the Holiday of Lights project. This solicitation of bids is pursuant to the \$150,000.00 appropriation in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund (fund 14) that was made in Ordinance 2015-14 on April 14, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to authorize the advertisement and solicitation of bids for the Holiday of Lights project. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Brewer.

Item (10) on the agenda was a resolution for the authorization to enter into an agreement with the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas (CAPCA) Headstart program for the lease of city-owned property on a month to month basis. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution for the authorization to enter into an agreement with the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas (CAPCA) Headstart program for the lease of city-owned property on a month to month basis. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2015-22**

Item (11) was a resolution for the adoption of an amended planning area boundary as presented by the Searcy Planning Commission and also pursuant to state and city code. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Sterling to pass the resolution for the adoption of an amended planning area

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boundary as presented by the Searcy Planning Commission. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Resolution 2015-23**

Item (12) was a resolution for the authorization to participate in the Arkansas State Aid City Street Program for the overlay of Benton Avenue. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution for the authorization to participate in the Arkansas State Aid City Street Program for the overlay of Benton Avenue. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. **Resolution 2015-24**

Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance for the re-zone of real property located at 410 West Center Avenue from R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (Commercial Neighborhood), as recommended by the Searcy Planning Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: English, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. 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”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. **Ordinance 2015-19**

Item (14) 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 \$8,933.71 to Special 1% Connector Route Tax Fund ‘MAIN STREET DEENER CREEK BRIDGE’ expenditure account (13 5-900-54-01) for professional services regarding design work for the Main Street Deener Creek bridge;
- b. Appropriate \$388,434.83 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘SIDE-ARM SANITATION TRUCKS’ expenditure account (14 5-090-53-01) for the purchase of side-arm sanitation truck compatible trash carts/containers;
- c. Appropriate \$300,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the “ADA SPEC GRANT/CRACK REPAIR/PAVING’ expenditure account (14 5-040-56-04);
- d. Appropriate \$5,098.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated

reserves to the 'INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION' expenditure account (14 5-160-54-01) for preliminary design services provided by Hoffmann Architectural, Inc.;

- e. Appropriate \$929.81 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION' expenditure account (14 5-070-54-01) for preliminary design services provided by Hoffmann Architectural, Inc.;
- f. Appropriate \$250.00 to General Fund 'OTHER DONATIONS' revenue account (01 4-000-90-12) and appropriate \$250.00 to 'TREE BOARD' expenditure account (01 5-010-05-25) for donation received for the Searcy Tree Board's Donate A Tree Today program;
- g. Appropriate \$45,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND' expenditure account (14 5-190-05-04) and appropriate \$45,000.00 to 'TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND' revenue account (05 4-000-80-12) in the LOPFI Fund;
- h. Appropriate \$7,174.94 to Special 1% Connector Route Tax Fund 'MAIN STREET DEENER CREEK BRIDGE' expenditure account (13 5-900-54-01) for professional services regarding design work for the Main Street Deener Creek Bridge;

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

- a. \$22,593.30 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$31,001.98 to Tyler Technologies for annual software license/maintenance for Incode;
- c. \$37,557.93 to Scruggs Equipment for the hopper for the refurbishment of the street sweeper;
- d. \$8,933.71 to Morrison-Shipley Engineers for professional services regarding design work for the Main Street Deener Creek bridge;

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- e. \$5,098.00 to Hoffmann Architectural, Inc. for preliminary design services for the Information Technology building project in the 2014 Eight Year Plan;
- f. \$929.81 to Hoffmann Architectural, Inc. for preliminary design services for the Fire Station 2 Relocation project in the 2014 Eight Year Plan;
- g. \$7,898.50 to Quality Roofing Contractors of Southeast Missouri, Inc. for change orders for deck replacement, conduit support stands, and retainage fee for the roof replacement on the Police building;
- h. \$45,000.00 to City of Searcy LOPFI Fund from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund for LOPFI obligation for the month of June 2015;
- i. \$7,174.94 to Morrison-Shipley Engineers for professional services regarding design work for the Main Street Deener Creek Bridge;

A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Howard, 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, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2015-20**

The Mayor announced that the White County Business Expo will be held July 28, 2015 at the Ganus Center on the Harding University campus.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2015

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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