

**Searcy City Council – Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 2017. The purpose for this public hearing was for the consideration of any public input on the abandonment/vacating of a portion of West Race Avenue at Lucy Street. Mayor David Morris opened the public hearing. No person requested to speak. Mayor Morris closed the public hearing.

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. David Orr of the White County Ministerial Alliance gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Searcy Assistant Police Chief Steve Taylor. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members 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: (8) discussion regarding the Fall Seasonal landscaping change out for the Downtown Beautification Project Phase 2, (10) approval of two change orders for the taxiway signs and erosion control grant project at the Searcy Municipal Airport, (19-1-h) budget ordinance appropriation for engineering services on the Janet Drive and ancillary streets area public improvements project, (19-1-i) budget ordinance appropriation for the receipt and use of a donation for Fire Department protective equipment, (19-1-j) budget ordinance appropriation for a change order for slip resistant sealant additive for the floor at the Searcy Swim Center, (19-1-k) budget ordinance appropriation for construction services for the Taxiway signs and erosion control grant project at the Searcy Municipal Airport, (19-1-l) budget ordinance appropriation for construction services on the Searcy Swim Center, (19-1-m) budget ordinance appropriation for the receipt of the September distribution of the 0.25% County Fire Sales Tax, (19-2-i) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for engineering services on the Janet Drive and ancillary streets area public improvements project, (19-2-j) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for Downtown Beautification Phase 2 Schedule 1 construction services, (19-2-k) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for Downtown Beautification Phase 2 Schedule 2 landscaping services, (19-2-l) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for the 2017 street paving program, (19-2-m) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for construction services for the taxiway signs and erosion control grant project at the Searcy Municipal Airport, and (19-2-n) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for construction services on the Searcy Swim Center. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

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The minutes of the regular September 12, 2017 meeting of the Council and the September 8, 2017 special meeting 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 9-30-17: General Fund: \$1,766,777.82; Street Fund \$1,801,538.90; Capital Equipment Fund \$88,763.54; LOPFI Fund \$140,147.47; Act 833 Fund \$80,697.67; Airport Fund \$69,543.21; Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,174,203.56; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$6,389,814.22; Information Technology Projects Fund \$12,483.20; Special Projects Fund \$2,524.39; 0.25% Fire Protection Services Tax Fund \$72,199.77. He also reported a total of \$4,730,679.98 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$180,855.51 from the same time in 2016. The total of all funds (excluding the Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund, the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund, the Information Technology Projects Fund, the Special Projects Fund, and the 0.25% Fire Protection Services Tax Fund) is \$3,947,468.61.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of Paige Norman to the City of Searcy Board of Zoning Adjustment for a three (3) year term with the term set to expire on October 31, 2020. A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Sterling to approve the reappointment of Paige Norman to the City of Searcy Board of Zoning Adjustment for a three (3) year term with the term set to expire on October 31, 2020. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (7) was an update on the North Main Street improvement project by City Engineer Mark Lane. He explained that a date is being sought to meet with the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) to discuss options on issues on North Main Street where it intersects with the Highway 13 Connector Route. He also noted that a public meeting is also in the process of being set to inform the public of plans for the widening and improvements to North Main Street from Moore Avenue to the city limits.

Item (8) was for discussion regarding the Fall Season landscaping (foliage) change-out for the Downtown Beautification Project Phase 2 improvements. Mayor Morris noted that the change-out of the seasonal plants had been removed at the start of the project because of cost. The costs included in the original planning was thought to be too expensive and could be achieved at a lower cost. A proposal from Vest Exteriors Inc. was presented to the council in the amount of \$3,018.13 to include the addition of 2,750 flowers to the improvements in the Phase 2 of the Downtown Beautification project. Mr. Cothorn noted that there are no flowers in the Phase 2 improvements. Mayor Morris explained that if it is the intention of the Council to add these flowers, it would need to be done very soon because of the fact that the growers/greenhouses where the flowers come from will be selling out soon. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to inform Vest Exteriors to go ahead and order the foliage (flowers) needed for

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this change-out. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling.

Item (9) on the agenda was for the approval of a change order for a slip resistant additive for the sealant for the floor/deck area of the Searcy Swim Center, in the amount of an increase of \$5,059.00. Motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to approve the change order in the amount of \$5,059.00 for the slip resistant additive for the Searcy Swim Center floor/deck area sealant. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Item (10) was for the approval of two (2) change orders on the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics grant #3580-16 project for taxiway signs and erosion control at the Searcy Municipal Airport. The change orders are as follows:

- \$10,600.00 increase for retaining walls and fabric/rip-rap ditch
- \$2,006.09 decrease for reconciliation of as-built quantities

Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the change orders on the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics grant #3580-16 project for taxiway signs and erosion control at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney.

Item (11) on the agenda for the approval/selection of a bid for a forklift for the Sanitation Department. Funding for the purchase of the forklift will be supplemented by a 75/25 grant from the White River Planning and Development District. One company, Lift Truck Service Center, Inc., submitted bids for three (3) differing models of forklifts. The bids were as follows:

- Nissan - \$25,800.00
- Heli - \$24,450.00
- Baoli - \$23,798.00

Only the Nissan forklift met the required specifications as advertised. A motion to approve and select the bid for the Nissan forklift from Lift Truck Service Center, Inc., in the amount of \$25,800.00 was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Brewer. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (12) was a resolution authorizing the execution and performance of a certain agreement, namely an agreement with the Searcy Arts Council. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution authorizing the execution and performance of a certain agreement, namely an agreement with the Searcy Arts Council. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2017-50**

Item (13) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, as follows:

- 2001 Dodge Ram truck VIN #1B7HC16Y11S655805

- 1998 Dodge Ram 1500 truck VIN #1B7HC16X2WS654337

Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Resolution 2017-51**

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a general revenue promissory note, providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the note. This promissory note is for the acquisition of a fire truck for the Searcy Fire Department. 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”: 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. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. **Ordinance 2017-27**

Item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance 683 with respect to the zoning classification of specific land area within the City of Searcy, real property located at Nassau Lane, from Neighborhood Commercial (C-3) and Urban Transitional (UT) to Planned Development (PD). A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, 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 Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, 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. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2017-28**

Item (16) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance 683 with respect to the zoning classification of specific land area within the City of Searcy, real property located at Dr. Jimmy Carr Drive and Woodruff Avenue, from Residential (R-1) to Planned Development (PD). 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 Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, 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. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the emergency

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clause, with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. **Ordinance 2017-29**

Item (17) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance 683 with respect to the zoning classification of specific land area within the City of Searcy, real property located at 3266 West Highway 36, from Urban Transitional (UT) to Community Commercial (C-4) and Residential (R-2). 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. Brewer, 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. Cothorn, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. **Ordinance 2017-30**

Item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance for the closing, abandoning, and vacating a portion of West Race Avenue. 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”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Sterling, 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. Howard, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Ordinance 2017-31**

Item (19) 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 \$3,000.00 to General Fund ‘FIRE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-07) and appropriate \$3,000.00 to the Fire Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENDED’ expenditure account (#01 5-070-05-17) for a donation that has been received from Amy and Clint Tucker for physical fitness equipment for the new Fire Station 2;
- b. Appropriate \$38,350.00 from 1% Special Tax Connector Route Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS’ expenditure account (#13 5-900-54-03) for engineering services on North Main Street improvement project;
- c. Appropriate \$10,891.13 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated

- reserves to 'ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services;
- d. Appropriate \$2,146.65 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS/SEARCY BEAUTIFICATION' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-06) for engineering services for Phase 2 of the Downtown Beautification Project;
  - e. Appropriate \$511.26 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION' expenditure account (#14 5-070-54-01) for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation;
  - f. Appropriate \$5,129.72 to the General Fund 'RECREATION DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-08) and appropriate \$5,129.72 to Parks and Recreation Department 'DONATIONS EXPENSED' expenditure account (#01 5-080-05-10) for a donation received from Centennial Bank for a scoreboard at the Carmichael Community Center;
  - g. Appropriate \$5,768.90 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'SWIM POOL COMPLEX LOAN PAYMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-085-05-01) for payment of interest expense on the Swimming Pool Complex construction loan;
  - h. Appropriate \$74,704.14 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'JANET DRIVE/ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-03) for engineering services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements;
  - i. Appropriate \$9,114.00 to the General Fund 'FIRE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-07) and appropriate \$9,114.00 to the Fire Department 'DONATIONS EXPENDED' expenditure account (#01 5-070-05-17) for receipt of a donation from Diamond Pipeline for protective equipment;
  - j. Appropriate \$5,059.00 to Swim Facility Construction Fund 'POOL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION' expenditure account (#17 5-085-54-01)

for the change order for application of slip resistant sealant additive for the floor of the Searcy Swim Center;

- k. Appropriate \$92,250.72 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ADA 3580-16 TAXIWAY SIGNS/EROSION CONTROL' grant project expenditure account (#14 5-040-56-07) for construction services pertaining to signs and erosion control grant project at the Searcy Municipal Airport;
- l. Appropriate \$252,995.00 to 2016 Swimming Facility Improvement Fund 'CONSTRUCTION LOAN PROCEEDS' revenue account (#17 4-000-91-01) and appropriate \$252,995.00 to 2016 Swimming Facility Improvement Fund 'POOL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION' expenditure account (#17 5-085-54-01) for the draw on the construction financing loan and payment of the invoice for construction services;
- m. Appropriate \$23,597.30 to the 0.25% Fire Protection County Sales Tax Fund '0.25% COUNTY FIRE TAX REVENUE' revenue account (#18 4-000-10-01) for the receipt of the September distribution of the 0.25% County Fire Sales Tax;

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

- a. \$17,692.54 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$231,581.01 to Cline Construction Group for construction services on the Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);
- c. \$38,350.00 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);
- d. \$10,891.13 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- e. \$2,146.65 to Whitlow Engineering Services, Inc. for engineering services for Phase II of the Downtown Beautification Project (#14 5-500-05-06);
- f. \$511.26 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);

- g. \$5,129.72 to Rainey Electronics, Inc. for the acquisition of a scoreboard for the Carmichael Community Center;
- h. \$5,768.90 to Regions Bank for payment of interest expense on the Swimming Pool Complex construction loan (#14 5-085-05-01);
- i. \$74,704.14 to Whitlow Engineering Services for engineering services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements (#14 5-900-54-03);
- j. \$41,843.00 to Township Builders, Inc. for Downtown Beautification Phase 2 Schedule 1 construction project (#14 5-500-05-25);
- k. \$11,429.74 to L&S Landscape Solutions for Downtown Beautification Phase 2 Schedule 2 landscaping project (#14 5-500-05-26);
- l. \$362,748.26 to Cox Paving, Inc. for the 2017 Street Paving Program (#02 5-900-05-15);
- m. \$92,250.72 to HardRock Construction, Inc. for construction services at the Searcy Municipal Airport for the ADA 3580-16 Taxiway Signs/Erosion Control grant (#14 5-040-56-07);
- n. \$252,995.00 to Hydco, Inc. for construction on swimming pool complex (Searcy Swim Center) (#17 5-085-54-01);

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”: 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. Brewer, 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. Howard, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Ordinance 2017-32**

The Mayor announced:

- Developers have announced a ground breaking ceremony for the Searcy City Center will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
- Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Searcy Swim Center will be on Friday, October 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- Trick or Treat On The Square will be on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. in Downtown Searcy

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: November 14, 2017

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK

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