

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Prior to the beginning of the regular monthly Council meeting, the City of Searcy was presented a limited edition painting by the White County Child Safety Center in appreciation of the help in the funding for the construction of the new Child Safety Center facility. Mayor David Morris accepted the painting on behalf of the City of Searcy.

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Glenda Wagner, Searcy Ministerial Alliance, gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Alderman Steve Sterling. 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: (8) approval of a change order to the therapy pool UV system at the new swimming pool facility, (11) approval of an engineering firm and authorization to enter negotiations for professional services for drainage improvements to the Cloverdale subdivision and Rolling Meadows subdivision, (22-1-j) budget ordinance appropriation for windows in the football concessions/press box/restroom facility, (22-1-k) budget ordinance appropriation for the transfer of funds for the costs associated with the hiring of a manager of the new swimming pool facility, (22-1-l) budget ordinance appropriation for the costs associated with the hiring of a manager of the new swimming pool facility, (22-1-m) budget ordinance appropriation for the transfer of funds to pay the final lease payments on the mowers for the Parks and Recreation Department, (22-1-n) budget ordinance appropriation for construction of a maintenance bay under a recycling grant through White River Planning and Development District, (22-1-o) budget ordinance appropriation for a concrete floor in the maintenance bay under a recycling grant through White River Planning and Development District, (22-2-a) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds [an additional billing has been received in the amount of \$14,666.69] for fuel for all departments, and (22-2-n) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for windows in the football concession/press box/restroom facility. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. English 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.

The minutes of the regular January 10, 2017 meeting of the Council and the special January 30, 2017 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Sterling to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

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Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer's Report which lists the following balances as of 1-31-17: General Fund: \$1,228,801.53; Street Fund \$1,196,111.18; Capital Equipment Fund \$22,501.15; LOPFI Fund \$142,980.54; Act 833 Fund \$26,088.76; Airport Fund \$98,406.27; Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,259,953.13; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$6,213,853.22; Information Technology Projects Fund \$22,954.40; Special Projects Fund \$2,505.53. He also reported a total of \$501,574.21 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$7,041.80 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, and the Special Projects Fund) is \$2,714,889.43.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the recognition and approval of additions and deletions to the fixed asset schedule for the City of Searcy. A listing of the additions and deletions to the fixed asset schedule for the calendar year 2016 was provided to the Council and a copy of the complete fixed asset schedule was made available to the Council. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve the additions and deletions to the fixed asset schedule for the City of Searcy. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (7) was for the approval for the hiring of a manager for the new swimming pool facility. It was noted that it was important to get the manager in place as soon as possible in order to become familiar with the operations of the pool equipment, preparing for the staffing that will be needed for the facility, establishing the fees and schedules of the facility, and the scheduling of various events that will be hosted at the facility as well as other various items associated with the operation of the new facility. A motion was made by Mr. Raney to hire the new swimming pool facility manager beginning on March 6, 2017 in order to make preparations for the opening of the facility. The motion was seconded by Mr. English. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. It was noted by Mayor Morris that the needed appropriations associated with the costs of the employment position were included in the budget adjustment ordinance (item 22).

Item (8) on the agenda was for the approval of a change order to the therapy pool UV system at the new swimming pool facility to a ChlorKing SAG-480-A UV system. This change order will result in a cost savings of \$2,699.00. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the change order. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Item (9) was for the approval of an architectural firm and authorization to enter into negotiations for providing professional services for the construction of the new softball concession facility. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to select and enter into negotiations with Hoffmann Architectural for the provision of professional services for the construction of the new softball concession facility. Motion

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

Item (10) was for the approval of an engineering firm and authorization to enter into negotiations for providing professional services for improvements to North Main Street from Moore Avenue to the new Highway 13. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to select and enter into negotiations with Pickering Firm for the provision of professional services for improvements to North Main Street from Moore Avenue to the new Highway 13. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (11) on the agenda was for the approval of an engineering firm and authorization to enter into negotiations for providing professional services for drainage improvements to the Cloverdale subdivision and the Rolling Meadows subdivision. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. English, to select and enter into negotiations with Morrison-Shipley Engineers for the provision of professional services for drainage improvements to the Cloverdale subdivision and the Rolling Meadows subdivision. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.

Item (12) was a resolution for the authorization to enter into a lease agreement for mowers for the Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the resolution for the authorization to enter into a lease agreement for mowers for the Parks and Recreation Department. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Resolution 2017-04

Item (13) was a resolution for the authorization to apply for a grant from Federal-Aid Recreational Trails Program Funds for sidewalk construction near Riverview High School (Poplar Street from Moore Avenue to Race Avenue) and sidewalk construction near Searcy High School (Ella Street from Arch Avenue to Beebe Capps Expressway. 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”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Resolution 2017-05

Item (14) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements with:

- Main Street Searcy
- Humane Society of Searcy
- Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Metro Little Rock Alliance

Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution for the authorization to execute and perform

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certain agreements. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Resolution 2017-06**

Item (15) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, specifically a 1998 Jeep Cherokee 4x4 (VIN# 1J4FJ28S4WL213107, unit number 198) and a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor (VIN# 2FAFP71W83X188957, unit number 303). Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Brewer to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. **Resolution 2017-07**

Item (16) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of a fully utilized asset, specifically a Geomax-Zenith 25 GPS Receiver, serial number 2860969. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution authorizing the abandonment of a fully utilized asset, specifically a Geomax-Zenith 25 GPS Receiver, serial number 2860969. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. **Resolution 2017-08**

Item (17) was a resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for a grant to be used for improvements to the John E. Lightle Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. **Resolution 2017-09**

Item (18) was a resolution authorizing the entrance into an agreement with White River Planning and Development District, Inc. for the provision of administrative services regarding a grant to be used for improvements to the John E. Lightle Senior Citizens Center. 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 entrance into an agreement with White River Planning and Development District, Inc. for the provision of administrative services regarding a grant to be used for improvements to the John E. Lightle Senior Citizens Center. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Resolution 2017-10**

Item (19) was a resolution declaring certain real property located at 2705 Eastline Road a nuisance. It was noted by Code Enforcement Department Director Mike Cleveland that significant progress has been made toward the removal of improvements constituting the nuisance at the property and that it was of his opinion that this would be completed in a short amount of time. He further noted that it would be his recommendation that the resolution be tabled at this time because of the progress being made toward the removal of improvements constituting the nuisance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. English to table the resolution until the March 2017 regular meeting of

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the Council. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothern, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.

Item (20) on the agenda was an ordinance calling a special election in the City of Searcy on the question of levying a capital improvement tax and issuing bonds for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements to the public library located in the City of Searcy. 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 Cothern. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothern, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothern, and Arnett. **Ordinance 2017-03**

Item (21) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the City of Searcy employee Handbook. A motion was made by Mr. English and seconded by Mr. Brewer to table the ordinance for further review. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothern, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (22) 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 \$3,125.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to ‘COMPREHENSIVE DRAINAGE STUDY’ expenditure account (#14 5-130-06-01) for comprehensive drainage engineering services;
- b. Appropriate \$4,711.06 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to ‘WILLIAMS ADDITION DRAINAGE’ expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-01) for Williams Addition (Chrisp Avenue) drainage engineering services;
- c. Appropriate \$1,260.46 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to ‘FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION’ expenditure account (#14 5-070-54-01) for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation;
- d. Appropriate \$453,210.00 to 2016 Swimming Facility Improvement Fund ‘CONSTRUCTION LOAN PROCEEDS’ revenue account (#17 4-000-91-01) and appropriate \$453,210.00 to 2016 Swimming Facility Improvement Fund ‘POOL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION’ expenditure account (#17 5-085-54-01) for the first draw on the construction financing loan and payment of invoice on the construction services;

- e. Appropriate \$2,197.24 to 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'SWIM POOL COMPLEX LOAN PAYMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-085-05-01) for payment of interest expense on the Swimming Pool Complex construction loan;
- f. Appropriate \$22,000.00 to 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'MAIN/HIGGINSON STREET CONNECTOR ROAD' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-02) for engineering services on the construction of the road to connect Main Street and Higginson Street;
- g. Appropriate \$10,340.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Fire Department 'BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS' expenditure account (#01 5-070-02-01) for repairs of water leaks at the Central Fire Station #1;
- h. Appropriate \$11,253.77 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to 'HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS/SEARCY BEAUTIFICATION' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-06) for engineering services for Phase II of the Downtown Beautification Project;
- i. Appropriate \$24,999.22 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'PROPOSED LIBRARY DESIGN' expenditure account (#14 5-190-05-09) for architectural design services for the proposed new library facility [This is to be reimbursed to the City of Searcy by the White County Regional Library System];
- j. Appropriate \$3,900.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to 'FOOTBALL CONCESSIONS/RESTROOM' expenditure account (#14 5-085-54-01) for windows in the football concessions/press box/restroom facility;
- k. Appropriate \$44,779.75 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND – STAFFING NEEDS' expenditure account (#14 5-190-05-05) and appropriate \$44,779.75 to General Fund 'TRANSFER FROM 8 YEAR PLAN FUND' revenue account (#01 4-000-10-16) for costs associated with the hiring of a manager of the new swimming pool facility;

- l. Appropriate the following sums for the costs associated with the hiring of a manager of the new swimming pool facility:
 - Salaries (#01 5-082-01-01) - \$33,570.06
 - Social Security/Medicare (#01 5-082-01-02) - \$2,568.11
 - Health Benefit (#01 5-082-01-03) - \$3,690.00
 - APERS Retirement (#01 5-082-01-05) - \$4,951.58
- m. Transfer \$4,555.32 from the Parks and Recreation Department 'PARKS PROJECTS' expenditure account (#01 5-080-05-01) to the Parks and Recreation Department 'MOWER LEASE' expenditure account (#01 5-080-05-09) to pay the final lease payment which will then allow for the starting date of the lease of the mowers to be moved one month earlier to better coincide with the grass growing season;
- n. Appropriate \$30,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'WRI1315D MAINTENANCE BAY' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-21) for the construction of a maintenance bay at the Sanitation Department. This is for a 75/25 recycling grant through White River Planning and Development District;
- o. Appropriate \$30,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'WRI0716EWD CONCRETE/MAINTENANCE BAY' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-22) for concrete floor for the maintenance bay, in the previous item, at the Sanitation Department. This is for a 75/25 electronic waste recycling grant through White River Planning and Development District;

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

- a. \$35,428.88 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$3,125.00 to Thomas F. Black, P.E. (Flood Plain Services) for comprehensive drainage engineering services (#14 5-130-06-01);
- c. \$4,711.06 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Williams Addition (Chrisp Avenue) drainage engineering services (#14 5-130-05-01);

- d. \$1,260.46 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);
- e. \$453,210.00 to Hydco, Inc. for construction on swimming pool complex (#17 5-085-54-01);
- f. \$2,197.24 to Regions Bank for payment of interest expense on the Swimming Pool Complex construction loan (#14 5-085-05-01);
- g. \$22,000.00 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the construction of the road to connect Main Street and Higginson Street (#14 5-900-54-02);
- h. \$10,340.00 to Delk Construction Company for repairs of water leaks at Central Fire Station #1 (#01 5-070-02-01);
- i. \$11,253.77 to Whitlow Engineering Services, Inc. for engineering services for Phase II of the Downtown Beautification Project (#14 5-500-05-06);
- j. \$24,999.22 to Sapp Design Associates Architects for architectural design services for the proposed new library facility (#14 5-190-05-09);
- k. \$13,000.00 to East Park Autoplex for the purchase of a 2010 Buick Lucerne for the Parks and Recreation Department under the Vehicle Replacement Program in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund (#14 5-190-03-01);
- l. \$12,000.00 to East Park Autoplex for the purchase of a 2005 Ford F-150 Truck for the Parks and Recreation Department under the Vehicle Replacement Program in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund (#14 5-190-03-01);
- m. \$90,000.00 transfer (#14 5-190-05-04) from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund to the LOPFI Fund (#05 4-000-80-12);
- n. \$3,900.00 to Staley Glass Company, Inc. for windows in the football concessions/press box/restroom facility;

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”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. 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

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following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. 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”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. **Ordinance 2017-04**

The Mayor announced:

- City offices will be closed for George Washington’s Birthday (Presidents Day) Monday, February 20, 2017
- Bid opening for the pool access road (connecting road between Main Street and Higginson Street) is scheduled for March 1, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall (tentative special Council meeting for Friday, March 3, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. for approving construction bids)
- Continuing to work on lighting at the new swimming pool facility parking lot

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: March 14, 2017

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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