

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

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Searcy Fire Department Chief Bill Baldrige gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Searcy City Attorney Buck Gibson. 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: (6) quarterly report from the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Searcy Regional Economic Development Corporation, (16-1-m) budget ordinance appropriation for the receipt and use of a donation from the Officer Will McGary Memorial Foundation for the purchase of body cameras for the Police Department, (16-1-n) budget ordinance appropriation for the purchase of the building used in the operation on the skating rink, and (16-1-o) budget ordinance appropriation for the for the receipt of reimbursement for the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics grant #3523-16 for the rehabilitation of taxiways and aprons at the Searcy Municipal Airport. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mrs. Arnett 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 February 14, 2017 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: 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 2-28-17: General Fund: \$2,192,663.07; Street Fund \$1,267,469.60; Capital Equipment Fund \$148,369.71; LOPFI Fund \$139,473.35; Act 833 Fund \$26,088.76; Airport Fund \$103,299.11; Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,264,362.26; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$5,624,655.42; Information Technology Projects Fund \$37,459.40; Special Projects Fund \$2,509.78. He also reported a total of \$1,111,636.19 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$36,265.42 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 \$3,877,363.60.

Item (6) on the agenda was the quarterly report from the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Searcy Regional Economic Development Corporation presented by Buck Layne of the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce.

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Item (7) was for the appointment of Paige Norman to fill an unexpired term position on the Searcy Board of Zoning Adjustment, previously held by Tracey Thompson, with the term set to expire on October 31, 2017. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to appoint Paige Norman to fill an unexpired term position on the Searcy Board of Zoning Adjustment, previously held by Tracey Thompson, with the term set to expire on October 31, 2017. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (8) on the agenda was a presentation from ETC Engineers for their recommendation on the lighting needed for the parking lot at the new swimming pool facility. ETC presented their recommendation but explained that at this time they do not have a cost for this recommendation. An inquiry was also made as to whether there was any outside lighting on the back side of the facility. ETC Engineers noted that there was not any outside lighting on the back side of the facility included in the plans. They noted that some of the inside fixtures would provide a small amount of light to the outside through the glass walls on the back side of the building. ETC stated that as soon as the cost for the parking lot lighting and lighting on the back side of the building was obtained, it would be sent to the Mayor and the City Engineer.

Item (9) was for the approval of a change order #2 for the Williams Addition/Chrisp Avenue drainage improvement project. This change order was for a substitution for 2 valves and additional tree removal, with a net result of a decrease of \$400.00 in the project. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to approve the change order for the Williams Addition/Chrisp Avenue drainage improvement project. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling.

Item (10) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely an agreement to provide cleaning services for the Searcy Public Library. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. English to approve the resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely an agreement to provide cleaning services for the Searcy Public Library. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English. **Resolution 2017-12**

Item (11) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely agreements with: 1) White County Historical Society/Pioneer Village, 2) Victor Weber/Rialto Theater, 3) Searcy Arts Council/Black House, and 4) White County Aging Program/Lightle Senior Citizens Center. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Under advisement from the City Attorney, with concern regarding the agreement on the Rialto Theater, it was recommended that this resolution be tabled. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to table the resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney.

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Item (12) was a resolution to approve certain contracts and for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely an agreement associated with improvements to North Main Street with Pickering Firm. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the resolution to approve certain contracts and for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely an agreement associated with improvements to North Main Street with Pickering Firm. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Resolution 2017-13**

Item (13) was a resolution to approve certain contracts and for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely an agreement associated with drainage improvements for the Rolling Meadows subdivision and the Cloverdale subdivision with Morrison-Shipley Engineers. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution to approve certain contracts and for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely an agreement associated with drainage improvements for the Rolling Meadows subdivision and the Cloverdale subdivision with Morrison-Shipley Engineers. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2017-14**

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance 683 with respect to the zoning classification for real property located at Hubach Loop, changing the zoning classification from C-4 (Community Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial). 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”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mrs. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, 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. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Ordinance 2017-05**

Item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2016-05, the budget for the operation of the City of Searcy for calendar year 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, 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. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the 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. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. **Ordinance 2017-06**

Item (16) 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 \$2,597.49 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;
- b. Appropriate \$35,791.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to 'INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION' expenditure account (#14 5-160-54-01) for construction invoice on the Information Technology building;
- c. Appropriate \$12,725.30 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];
- d. Appropriate \$452.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'PROPOSED LIBRARY DESIGN' expenditure account (#14 5-190-05-09) for the publishing of Ordinance 2017-03 calling the special election for the proposed new library facility [This is to be reimbursed to the City of Searcy by the White County Regional Library System];
- e. Appropriate \$1,020.06 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 \$5,532.16 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'WILLIAMS ADDITION DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-01) for Williams Addition (Chrisp Avenue) drainage engineering services;
- g. Appropriate \$4,500.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to Mayor's Department 'BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS' expenditure account (#01 5-010-02-01);
- h. Appropriate \$337,811.00 to 2016 Swimming Facility Improvement Fund

'CONSTRUCTION LOAN PROCEEDS' revenue account (#17 4-000-91-01) and appropriate \$337,811.00 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;

- i. Appropriate \$8,537.73 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'STREET SIGNAL LIGHT CONTROLLERS' expenditure account (#14 5-900-53-03) for purchase of street signal light controllers;
- j. Appropriate \$546,141.25 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'MAIN /HIGGINSON STREET CONNECTOR' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-02) for construction services on the new street in front of the new swimming pool facility;
- k. Appropriate \$57.22 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to 'GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT' expenditure account (#01 5-070-56-09) for remaining expenditures on GIF grant for the Fire Department;
- l. Appropriate \$1,000.00 to General Fund 'POLICE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Police Department 'EQUIPMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-060-03-03) for the receipt and use of a donation from Walmart for the bicycle patrol;
- m. Appropriate \$2,989.35 to General Fund 'POLICE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$2,989.35 to the Police Department 'EQUIPMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-060-03-03) for the receipt and use of a donation from the Officer Will McGary Memorial Foundation for the purchase of wearable body cameras;
- n. Appropriate \$7,200.72 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Parks and Recreation department 'PORTABLE BLDG-SKATE RINK 12X20' expenditure account (#01 5-080-53-10) for the purchase of the portable building used for the operation of the skating rink;
- o. Appropriate \$199,482.89 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'ADA #3523-16 SEALCOAT TAXIWAY/APRONS' revenue account (#14 4-000-98-

04) for the receipt of final reimbursement on the 90-10% Arkansas Department of Aeronautics Grant #3523-16 to rehabilitate taxiways and select apron areas at the Searcy Municipal Airport;

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

- a. \$14,751.65 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. Transfer \$90,000.00 from the City of Searcy 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund to the City of Searcy LOPFI Fund for payment of LOPFI Retirement obligation (#14 5-190-05-04);
- c. \$2,597.49 to Regions Bank for payment of interest expense on the Swimming Pool Complex construction loan (#14 5-085-05-01);
- d. \$35,791.00 to Delk Construction Co., Inc. for construction invoice on the Information Technology building (#14 5-160-54-01);
- e. \$12,725.30 to Sapp Design Associates Architects for architectural design services for the proposed new library facility (#14 5-190-05-09);
- f. \$452.00 to the Daily Citizen for the publishing of Ordinance 2017-03 calling the special election for the proposed new library facility (#14 5-190-05-09);
- g. \$1,020.06 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);
- h. \$5,532.16 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Williams Addition (Chrisp Avenue) drainage engineering services (#14 5-130-05-01);
- i. \$4,500.00 to Connell Construction for repairs to City Hall front entranceway off of Arch Avenue (#01 5-010-02-01);
- j. \$337,811.00 to Hydco, Inc. for construction on swimming pool complex (#17 5-085-54-01);
- k. \$8,537.73 to Temple, Inc. for the purchase of street signal light controllers (#14 5-900-53-03);
- l. \$37,679.38 to Redstone Construction Group for construction services on the Williams Addition/Chrisp Avenue drainage improvements project (#14 5-130-05-01);

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A motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. English, 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, Raney, and Brewer. 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”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2017-07**

The Mayor announced:

- The county sales and use tax increases to 1.75% on April 1, 2017 with the additional 0.25% county fire tax becoming effective
- The Spring 2017 county-wide clean-up: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 20-22, 2017 at the White County Fairgrounds

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: April 11, 2017

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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