

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Dale Brewer gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by David Morris. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, David Morris, Rodger Cargile, Tonia Hale, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council member Chris Howell was not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for suspending the rules and amending the agenda to add items: (17) resolution for the authorization to enter into an agreement for the receipt of U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; (21-1-d) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for replacement of Engineering Department plotter/printer, (21-1-e) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for radar traffic counter for the Engineering Department, (21-2-f) budget adjustment ordinance authorization to expend funds for replacement of Engineering Department plotter/printer, and (21-2-g) budget adjustment ordinance authorization to expend funds for radar traffic counter for the Engineering Department. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Cargile to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular May 11, 2021 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of May 31, 2021: General Fund: \$3,108,212.85; Street Fund \$2,763,741.97; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,876.66; LOPFI Fund \$204,603.78; Act 833 Fund \$32,883.11; Airport Fund \$107,638.77. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$6,234,957.14. He also reported the following balances as of May 31, 2021: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$2,401,521.93; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$8,901,696.00; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$471,797.31; Court Automation Fund \$47,108.47; Advertising and Tourism Promotion Fund \$1,635,964.22. He also reported a total of \$3,253,219.65 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$413,758.99 from the same time in 2020.

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

Item (7) was an announcement of the temporary closure of East Vine Avenue at Main Street for construction for First Security Bank.

Item (8) was for discussion regarding replacement of the plotter for the Engineering Department. Motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to authorize the replacement of the plotter. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Cargile.

Item (9) was for discussion regarding replacement of the traffic counter for the Engineering Department. Motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Brewer to authorize the replacement of the traffic counter. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, and Hale.

Item (10) was for the approval of change order #8 for the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale drainage improvement project (reconciliation) – \$36,692.28 reduction in cost. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the change order. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, and Raney.

Item (11) was for the approval of a contract with Davidson Engineering for the South Sawmill Road improvement project. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve a contract with Davidson Engineering for the South Sawmill Road improvement project. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (12) was for the approval of a contract with Pickering Engineering for the Fuller Lane improvement project. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve a contract with Pickering Engineering for the Fuller Lane improvement project. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.

Item (13) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of a fully utilized asset, a Mayor’s Department/City Hall copy machine. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution authorizing the abandonment of a fully utilized asset, a Mayor’s Department/City Hall copy machine. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn **Resolution 2021-17**

Item (14) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, Information Technology Department equipment. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris. **Resolution 2021-18**

Item (15) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, Fire Department equipment. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Raney to approve the resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, Fire Department equipment. Motion carried with

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the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Cargile. **Resolution 2021-19**

Item (16) was a resolution for the authorization to submit an application for obtaining Outdoor Recreation grant funding assistance from the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, and Hale. **Resolution 2021-20**

Item (17) was a resolution for the authorization to enter into an agreement for the receipt of U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the resolution for the authorization to enter into an agreement for the receipt of U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. **Resolution 2021-21**

Item (18) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code, regarding solar arrays. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Morris, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Morris, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2021-16**

Item (19) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code, regarding parking lot curbs. 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”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Cargile. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, and Hale. **Ordinance 2021-17**

Item (20) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Code of Ordinances; providing for revision to certain fees. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Morris, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile,

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Hale, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Ordinance 2021-18**

Item (21) 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 \$209,199.62 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 construction services;
- b. Appropriate \$1,750.00 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;
- c. Appropriate \$146,611.72 from Special 1% Connector Route Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS’ expenditure account (#13 5-900-54-03) for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project;
- d. Appropriate \$9,251.93 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to Engineering Department ‘PLOTTER/PRINTER’ expenditure account (#01 5-130-53-04) for the replacement of plotter/printer;
- e. Appropriate \$4,499.75 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to Engineering Department ‘TRAFFIC COUNTER’ expenditure account (#01 5-130-53-03) for the purchase of radar traffic counter;

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

- a. \$39,606.13 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$209,199.62 to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc. for construction services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);

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- c. \$1,750.00 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- d. \$146,611.72 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);
- e. Transfer \$75,000.00 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);
- f. \$9,251.93 to Arkansas Blueprint Company for the replacement of the Engineering Department plotter/printer;
- g. \$4,499.75 to Jamar Technologies, Inc. for the purchase of radar traffic counter equipment;

A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Raney, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Cargile. **Ordinance 2021-19**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: July 13, 2021

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK
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