

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Mike Chalenburg gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Chris Howell. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, David Morris, Chris Howell, Rodger Cargile, Tonia Hale, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

The minutes of the regular June 8, 2021 meeting of the Council and the special June 17, 2021 and June 22, 2021 meetings of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve all three sets of the minutes. The following voted to approve: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of June 30, 2021: General Fund: \$3,356,754.57; Street Fund \$2,883,114.10; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,876.96; LOPFI Fund \$178,684.15; Act 833 Fund \$62,925.66; Airport Fund \$129,964.63. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$6,629,320.07. He also reported the following balances as of June 30, 2021: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$2,254,953.45; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$9,275,768.73; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$496,529.28; Court Automation Fund \$50,745.44. He also reported a total of \$3,994,689.76 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$568,347.45 from the same time in 2020.

Item (5) on the agenda was for the selection of a City Council member to a depository board for the City of Searcy. With the expected distribution of American Rescue Plan Act funding, which is required to be in a separate fund, a depository board consisting of Mayor Kyle Osborne, Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris, and a member of the City Council has to be in place to “designate depositories and supervise the depositing of municipal funds”. The Council member is selected by the City Council. This is required under Arkansas Code Annotated (A.C.A.) § 19-8-106. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Howell to select David Morris as the City Council member of the depository board. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. David Morris abstained from voting.

Item (6) was a resolution approving the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the resolution approving the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Motion

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carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell. **Resolution 2021-22**

Item (7) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the City of Searcy to conduct business with a certain individual who serves as a member of a commission, a board, or a committee of the City of Searcy. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Morris, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. 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”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. **Ordinance 2021-21**

Item (8) 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 \$33,012.50 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund ‘LIBRARY RENOVATION REIMBURSEMENT’ revenue account (#14 4-000-70-03) and appropriate \$33,012.50 to the ‘LIBRARY RENOVATION’ expenditure account (#14 5-020-54-02) for architectural services on the new Library Building renovation project;
- b. Appropriate \$262,131.62 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;

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

- a. \$16,194.77 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. Transfer \$100,000.00 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. \$1,421.24 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);

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- d. \$18,861.50 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the new Library building renovation project (#01 5-020-54-02);
- e. \$262,131.62 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);

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”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. 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”: Cothorn, Morris, Howell, 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. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2021-22**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved:

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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