

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

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2021. The purpose for this public hearing was for the consideration of any public input in determining the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and the abatement of other nuisances that have been incurred by the City of Searcy. Mayor Kyle Osborne opened the public hearing. No person requested to speak. Mayor Osborne closed the public hearing.

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 Rodger Cargile. 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.

Item (3) on the agenda was for suspending the rules and amending the agenda to add items: (10) approval/selection of bid(s) for the sale of the 1994 International E-One pumper firetruck, (15-1-i) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for replacement of Police Department radios, (15-1-j) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for Fire Department building maintenance/repairs, (15-2-h) budget adjustment ordinance authorization to transfer funds for payment of LOPFI Retirement obligation, (15-2-i) budget adjustment ordinance authorization to expend funds for replacement of Police Department radios, and (15-2-j) budget adjustment ordinance authorization to expend funds for holders for Police Department replacement radios. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Raney to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular March 9, 2021 meeting of the Council and the special March 12, 2021 and April 2, 2021 meetings were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the three sets of minutes. The following voted to approve: Howell, 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 March 31, 2021: General Fund: \$2,559,540.39; Street Fund \$2,529,718.02; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,876.07; LOPFI Fund \$164,244.97; Act 833 Fund \$62,367.94; Airport Fund \$145,802.83. The total of the preceding funds is \$5,479,550.22. He also reported the following balances as of March 31, 2021: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$2,645,060.94; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$7,983,416.07; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$503,853.43;

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Court Automation Fund \$39,260.35; Advertising and Tourism Promotion Fund \$1,496,810.83. He also reported a total of \$1,933,676.29 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$208,699.14 from the same time in 2020.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of Chris Howell and Mike Chalenburg to one-year terms on the Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission (A&P), with the terms set to expire on April 30, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mrs. Hale for the reappointment of Chris Howell and Mike Chalenburg to one-year terms on the Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission (A&P), with the terms set to expire on April 30, 2022. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.

Item (7) was for the reappointment of Gary Patel to a three-year term on the Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission (A&P), with the term set to expire on April 30, 2024. A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to approve the reappointment. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile.

Item (8) was for discussion regarding the replacement of Police Department radios. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve the replacement of the Police Department radios. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale.

Item (9) on the agenda was for discussion regarding the 2021 street paving project. City Engineer Mark Lane had presented a listing of streets identified for inclusion in this project along with the estimated cost of each. The estimated cost was for \$852,183.75, although Mr. Lane explained that this is only an estimate. The actual cost will come after the project is put out for bid. Mr. Lane and Mayor Osborne asked the Council to look over the listing and to let them know if there were any additions or changes they would like to have considered.

Item (10) was for the approval/selection of bid(s) for the sale of the 1994 International E-One pumper firetruck. Two bids had been received, as follows:

- Higginson Fire Department – \$20,001.00
- West Fork Fire Department – \$15,000.00

A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to accept the bid from the Higginson Fire Department in the amount of \$20,001.00. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney.

Item (11) 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. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve 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 carried with the

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following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. **Resolution 2021-14**

Item (12) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets in the Police Department. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2021-15**

Item (13) was a resolution to adopt the finalized White County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP); providing an effective date. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the resolution to adopt the finalized White County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP); providing an effective date. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Resolution 2021-16**

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code with respect to the zoning classification of a specific land area, property located at 117 Eastline Road from C-4 (Regional and Open-display Commercial) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). 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”: Howell, 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. Morris, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell. 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, Howell, and Cargile. **Ordinance 2021-10**

Item (15) 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 \$5,477.53 to General Fund ‘EVIDENCE ASSET FORFEITURE’ revenue account (#01 4-000-20-10), and appropriate \$5,477.53 to Police Department ‘EVIDENCE ASSET FORFEITURE’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-09);
- b. Appropriate \$26,965.58 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘20-YARD DUMPSTERS’ expenditure account (#01 5-090-53-18) for the purchase of dumpsters;
- c. Appropriate \$21,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘REPAIRS –

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- AMERICAN LEGION HUT' expenditure account (#01 5-010-05-21) for roof replacement and additional repairs to the American Legion Building;
- d. Appropriate \$12,750.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to 'WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT/HOSTING' expenditure account (#01 5-010-05-33) for website development and hosting;
 - e. Appropriate \$45,201.96 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;
 - f. Appropriate \$357.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for testing services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project construction services;
 - g. Appropriate \$766.19 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;
 - h. Appropriate \$78,534.43 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;
 - i. Appropriate \$75,331.07 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'POLICE RADIOS' expenditure account (#14 5-060-53-02) for replacement of Police Department radios;
 - j. Appropriate \$5,000.00 from 0.25% Fire Services Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS' expenditure account (#18 5-070-02-02);

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

- a. \$20,089.02 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$12,750.00 to Pugh Communications for website development and hosting;
- c. \$45,201.96 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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- d. \$357.00 to Arkansas Testing Labs, Inc. for testing services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);
- e. \$4,333.82 to Hoffmann Architectural for services on the American Legion building renovation (#01 5-010-05-21);
- f. \$766.19 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- g. \$78,534.43 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);
- h. Transfer \$175,000.00 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);
- i. \$72,976.07 to MJ Communications, Inc. for replacement of Police Department radios;
- j. \$2,355.00 to Zero9 Solutions for holders for Police Department radios;

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”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. 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”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2021-11**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: May 11, 2021

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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