

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Karl McLarty 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: (11-1-h) budget ordinance appropriation for Fire Department uniforms service charge and (11-2-h) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for Fire Department uniforms service charge. 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, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular August 10, 2021 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve the 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 August 31, 2021: General Fund: \$3,226,244.71; Street Fund \$2,497,226.44; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,877.55; LOPFI Fund \$173,415.43; Act 833 Fund \$64,807.00; Airport Fund \$115,335.99. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$6,094,907.12. He also reported the following balances as of August 31, 2021: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$1,182,091.56; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$10,489,554.09; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$503,974.93; Court Automation Fund \$51,173.46; American Rescue Plan Act Fund \$2,444,552.80. He also reported a total of \$5,363,919.22 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$665,864.92 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 for setting a time and date for a public hearing regarding the Zion Rock Climbing building on North Spruce Street being declared a nuisance property. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer to set a public hearing regarding the Zion Rock Climbing building for 6:00 p.m. on October 12, 2021. This public hearing will be prior to the regular monthly Council meeting and located at the Carmichael Community Center. Motion was seconded by Mr. Morris. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.

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Item (8) on the agenda was for setting a time and date for a public hearing regarding an application for a private club permit that has been submitted by Venezia's Italian Grill, Inc. A motion was made by Mr. Morris to set a public hearing regarding an application for a private club permit submitted by Venezia's Italian Grill, Inc. for 6:00 p.m., prior to the November 9, 2021 regular monthly Council meeting at the Carmichael Community Center. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cothorn. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile.

Item (9) was a resolution approving the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector 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 Mrs. Hale to approve the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. **Resolution 2021-27**

Item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance fixing and establishing property tax millage for 2021, to be collected in 2022. 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, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. 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": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Ordinance 2021-28**

Item (11) 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 \$24,035.25 to the Sanitation Department 'LEAF/BRUSH TRAILER' expenditure account (#01 5-090-53-19) for the purchase of vacuum units for the three leaf/brush pickup trailers;
- b. Appropriate \$353,253.77 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;
- c. Appropriate \$39,366.25 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'LIBRARY RENOVATION REIMBURSEMENT' revenue account (#14 4-000-70-03) and appropriate \$39,366.25 to the 'LIBRARY RENOVATION'

expenditure account (#14 5-020-54-02) for architectural services on the new Library Building renovation project;

- d. Appropriate \$7,185.92 to the General Fund 'ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GREAT STRIDES GRANT' revenue account (#01 4-000-98-42) and appropriate \$7,185.92 to the 'YANCEY PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-080-56-07) for the receipt and use of Arkansas Department of Health Great Strides grant funding to replace playground equipment (spinner) at Yancey Park;
- e. Appropriate \$57,350.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'SOUTH SAWMILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-07) for engineering services on the South Sawmill Road improvement project;
- f. Appropriate \$339.24 to General Fund 'EVIDENCE ASSET FORFEITURE' revenue account (#01 4-000-20-10), and appropriate \$339.24 to Police Department 'EVIDENCE ASSET FORFEITURE' expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-09);
- g. Appropriate \$2,500.00 to the General Fund 'POLICE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Police Department 'DONATIONS EXPENSED' expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for a donation from Walmart;
- h. Appropriate \$11,000.00 from 0.25% Fire Sales Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'UNIFORMS' expenditure account (#18 5-070-05-14) for uniforms service charges from Cintas, Inc.;

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

- a. \$18,134.88 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$24,035.25 to McHenry Power Equipment Inc. for the purchase of vacuum units for the three leaf/brush pickup trailers (#01 5-090-53-19);
- c. \$353,253.77 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);

- d. \$39,366.25 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the new Library building renovation project (#14 5-020-54-02);
- e. \$7,185.92 to Hahn Enterprises for the purchase of playground equipment (spinner) at Yancey Park (#01 5-080-56-07);
- f. \$57,350.00 to Davidson Engineering for engineering services on the South Sawmill Road improvement project (#14 5-900-54-07);
- g. \$1,176.00 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);
- h. \$10,974.99 to Cintas, Inc. for Fire Department uniforms service charges (#18 5-070-05-14);

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, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Morris, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.
Ordinance 2021-29

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: October 12, 2021

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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