

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. David Morris gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Tonia Hale. 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 December 8, 2020 meeting of the Council and the December 14, 2020 special meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve 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 December 31, 2020: General Fund: \$2,712,846.07; Street Fund \$2,286,295.24; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,871.27; LOPFI Fund \$76,297.68; Act 833 Fund \$74,774.37; Airport Fund \$132,976.03. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$5,301,060.66. He also reported the following balances as of December 31, 2020: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$3,061,737.30; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$7,495,143.84; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$424,185.54; Court Automation Fund \$41,213.91; Advertising and Tourism Promotion Fund \$1,212,078.20. He also reported a total of \$7,166,035.63 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$796,159.19 from the same time in 2019.

Item (5) on the agenda was for the review and approval of the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures for 2021. There are no changes to the procedures for 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to approve the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures for 2021. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris.

Item (6) was for the approval of change order for the Country Club Road improvement project. The change order was for an increase of \$16,144.64 for additional concrete and asphalt for the project. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the change order for the Country Club Road improvement project. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.

Item (7) was a resolution for the authorization to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics on behalf of the Searcy Airport Commission. This is an 80/20 grant for taxiway crack repair at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Raney to approve the resolution for the authorization to apply for a grant from the Arkansas

Department of Aeronautics on behalf of the Searcy Airport Commission. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. **Resolution 2021-01**

Item (8) was a resolution for the authorization to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics on behalf of the Searcy Airport Commission. This is an 90/10 grant for drainage improvements at the Searcy Municipal Airport. 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”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. **Resolution 2021-02**

Item (9) was a resolution to authorize the execution and performance of certain agreements. This included agreements with the following:

- Humane Society of Searcy
- Main Street Searcy
- Metro Little Rock Alliance
- Searcy Arts Council – Black House
- Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce
- White County Aging Program – Lightle Center
- White County Historical Society – Pioneer Village

Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the resolution to authorize the execution and performance of certain agreements. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. **Resolution 2021-03**

Item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance amending portions of the Searcy subdivision and development code (Ordinance 92-04) relating to small-scale developments. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Cargile, 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. Raney, 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. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2021-01**

Item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance to adopt the budget for operations of the City of Searcy for calendar year 2021. 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”: 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. Chalenburg, 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. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. **Ordinance 2021-02**

Item (12) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to:

- Section 1.** The following sums are appropriated in the absence of a budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas:
- a. Appropriate \$2,250.00 to the General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$2,250.00 to the Police Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENSED’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for a donation from Walmart;
 - b. Appropriate \$5,500.00 to the General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$5,500.00 to the Police Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENSED’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for a donation from Venture Equipment;
 - c. Appropriate \$75,000.00 to ‘TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND’ expenditure account (14 5-190-05-04) in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund and appropriate \$75,000.00 to ‘TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND’ revenue account (05 4-000-80-12) in the LOPFI Fund;
 - d. Appropriate \$6,465.00 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;
 - e. Appropriate \$149,753.72 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 \$107,296.85 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT’ expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-01) for construction services on the Country Club Road improvement project;
 - g. Appropriate \$186,818.84 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. \$14,810.81 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for payment on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center (#14 5-085-05-01);
- c. 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);
- d. \$6,465.00 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- e. \$149,753.72 to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc. for construction services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);
- f. \$107,296.85 to RL Persons Construction, Inc., for construction services on the Country Club Road improvement project (#14 5-900-54-01);
- g. \$186,818.84 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": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. 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": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer.

Ordinance 2021-03

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved:

MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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