

**Searcy City Council – Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on August 10, 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. Tim Wachtstetter 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, and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council member Dale Brewer was not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for suspending the rules and amending the agenda to add items: (10) resolution authorizing the execution and performance of a certain agreement for the receipt of funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for Airport Rescue Grant #3-05-0057-026-2021, (11) ordinance providing for the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax within the City of Searcy to commence on July 1, 2022, (12) ordinance calling a special election in the City of Searcy, Arkansas on the question of levying a one percent (1%) sales and use tax within the City of Searcy, Arkansas to commence on July 1, 2022, (14-1-f) budget ordinance appropriation for replacement of city fuel pumps, and (14-2-f) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for replacement of city fuel pumps. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Morris 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 July 13, 2021 meeting of the Council and the special July 28, 2021 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve both sets of the minutes. The following voted to approve: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of July 31, 2021: General Fund: \$5,900,793.78; Street Fund \$2,998,869.05; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,876.96; LOPFI Fund \$165,758.87; Act 833 Fund \$53,108.69; Airport Fund \$104,888.46. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$9,241,295.81. He also reported the following balances as of July 31, 2021: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$1,992,821.83; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$9,841,246.83; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$524,967.54; Court Automation Fund \$52,321.06. He also reported a total of \$4,672,974.64 year-to-

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date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$607,001.42 from the same time in 2020.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of Donnie Miller to a five-year term on the City of Searcy (Harding University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board, with the term set to expire on August 17, 2026. A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Raney, to approve the reappointment of Donnie Miller to a five-year term on the City of Searcy (Harking University and Harding Place) Public Educational and Residential Housing Facilities Board, with the term set to expire on August 17, 2026. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.

Item (7) was a resolution to authorize the abandonment of fully utilized assets, specifically a Kubota mower and a mower deck at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the resolution to authorize the abandonment of fully utilized assets, specifically a Kubota mower and a mower deck at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. **Resolution 2021-23**

Item (8) 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 the abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale.

**Resolution 2021-24**

Item (9) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform a certain agreement with the Searcy Special School District to provide School Resource Officers for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve the resolution for the authorization to execute and perform a certain agreement with the Searcy Special School District to provide School Resource Officers for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. **Resolution 2021-25**

Item (10) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform a certain agreement for the receipt of funds from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Airport Rescue Grant #3-05-0057-026-2021. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Morris to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2021-26**

Item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance providing for the levy of a one percent (1%) sales and use tax within the City of Searcy, to commence on July 1, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow

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reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. 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”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris. **Ordinance 2021-24**

Item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance calling a special election in the City of Searcy, Arkansas on the question of levying a one percent (1%) sales and use tax within the City of Searcy, Arkansas to commence on July 1, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. **Ordinance 2021-25**

Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Code of Ordinances, providing for revisions to provisions related to private clubs upon annexed lands. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Morris, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Chalenburg. **Ordinance 2021-26**

Item (14) 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 \$180,806.14 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;
- b. Appropriate \$319,091.10 from Street Department Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘ISSUE #1 MUNICIPAL TURNBACK PAVING’ expenditure account (#02 5-900-05-15) for the 2021 street paving program;
- c. Appropriate \$230,908.90 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘STREET RESURFACING/IMPROVEMENT’ expenditure account (#14 5-900-05-01) for the 2021 street paving

program;

- d. Appropriate \$19,635.35 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'LIBRARY RENOVATION REIMBURSEMENT' revenue account (#14 4-000-70-03) and appropriate \$19,635.35 to the 'LIBRARY RENOVATION' expenditure account (#14 5-020-54-02) for architectural services on the new Library Building renovation project;
- e. Appropriate \$2,942.00 to the General Fund 'POLICE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$10,110.76 to the Police Department 'DONATIONS EXPENSED' expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06);
- f. Appropriate \$19,000.00 to the General Fund 'FUEL PUMP REPLACEMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-010-53-02) for the replacement of city fuel pumps;

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

- a. \$22,131.42 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$180,806.14 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);
- c. \$427,801.27 to Delta Asphalt of Arkansas, Inc. for services for the 2021 street paving program (#02 5-900-05-15);
- d. \$19,635.35 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the new Library building renovation project (#01 5-020-54-02);
- e. \$394.50 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);
- f. \$17,543.55 to Arkansas Petroleum Solutions for the replacement of city fuel pumps (#01 5-010-53-02);

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": Morris, Howell, 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 Mrs. Hale, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr.

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Morris, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.

**Ordinance 2021-27**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: September 14, 2021

/s/ Kyle Osborne  
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK

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