

ORDINANCE NO. 2022 - 17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-02, THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SEARCY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022; SPECIFICALLY THE USE OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FOR POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, among the funds allocated in this budget adjustment ordinance are funds received pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act funds (“ARPA”), which was designed to provide fiscal relief to state and local governments and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ARPA is intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic and in the efforts of municipalities to address lost revenue; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury on January 6, 2022, issued the final rule related to the use of ARPA funds (the “Final Rule”); and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule permits cities and towns to utilize lost revenue for government services up to a standard allowance of up to \$10,000,000.00, or the total amount of a city’s grant award, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the amount of ARPA funds received, or to be received by the City of Searcy is expected to less than \$10,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Final Rule permits cities and towns to utilize lost revenue for government services and it expressly includes “the provision of “Police, Fire and other Public Safety Services” in a list of non-exclusive, enumerated uses for revenue; and

WHEREAS, this budget amendment is made in order to allocate funds as permitted by the ARPA.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS, TO-WIT:

Section 1. The City hereby appropriates from the City’s portion of the American Rescue Plan Act funding a total amount of \$2,000,000 for Police, Fire and other Public Safety Services for the date range of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Section 2. The budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is amended in the following manner:

- a. Appropriate \$2,000,000.00 from American Rescue Plan Act Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘2022 POLICE, FIRE, PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES’ expenditure

account (#21 5-010-01-02) and \$2,000,000.00 to the General Fund 'TRANSFER FROM ARPA' revenue account (#01 4-000-99-58) for the funding of police, fire, and other public safety services;

Emergency Clause. The need to maintain the fiscal affairs of the City of Searcy in accordance with the requirement of law being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2022.

/s/ Kyle Osborne
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk