

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-05, THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SEARCY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023; 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 by the City of Searcy is 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 \$2,006,748.33 in the following manner for Police, Fire and other Public Safety Services for the date range of January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

- a. Appropriate \$2,006,748.33 from American Rescue Plan Act Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘2023 POLICE, FIRE, PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES’ expenditure account (#21 5-010-01-03) and 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;

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

- a. Transfer \$2,006,748.33 from the City of Searcy American Rescue Plan Act Fund to the City of Searcy General Fund for Police, Fire, and other Public Safety Services (#21 5-010-01-03);

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 11th day of April, 2023.

/s/ Mat Faulkner
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk