

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEARCY CODE OF ORDINANCES;
ESTABLISHING COUNCIL MEETING TIMES AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council has reviewed the procedures for the conduct of its meetings; and

WHEREAS, the need to provide for the orderly conduct of these meetings is necessary to foster public discourse and absent such reasoned public discourse government is ineffective and, for the preservation of the public peace, safety and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas to wit:

Section 1. Chapter 2, Article IV, being Section 2-46-1 and 2-51-4 are amended and Section 2-46-10 is repealed and the following sections of the Searcy Code of Ordinances are hereby adopted and shall read as follows:

Sec.2-46 City Council Meeting

“2-46-1 Regular Meetings

The City Council shall meet in regular session on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. When a holiday occurs on any such Tuesday, the regular meeting shall be held on the following Tuesday at the same hour unless otherwise provided for by motion. The regular meeting time may be rescheduled by the Mayor of City Council in special circumstances, but when done so the change must be made far enough in advance to allow normal public notifications.”

“2-46-10 Cell Phones and Pagers

Repealed”

“2-51-4 Agenda or Pre-Council Meeting

In order to hold discussion of agenda items, an agenda/pre-council meeting shall be called for the Thursday prior to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council at 5:00 p.m. The Agenda Meeting or Pre-Council Meeting may be rescheduled by the Mayor or a majority of the members of the Searcy City Council, subject to reasonable notification and in compliance with Arkansas open meetings law that might then be in effect. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of the Searcy City Hall building unless another place has been previously set by the Mayor or City Council. All items of business that are to be considered at the next scheduled City Council meeting shall be available for discussion, as well as documentation provided to each Councilmember and media as requested.”

EMERGENCY CLAUSE The need to ensure the continued employment relationship of all employees of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, being manifest, the City Council for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, finds that an emergency exists and that the provisions of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of May, 2023.

/s/ Mat Faulkner
Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
City Clerk