

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 48

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-05, THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SEARCY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EXPENDITURES; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN EXPENDITURES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, desired to recognize the contributions made by all employees of the City of Searcy; and

WHEREAS, economic factors outside the control of the City of Searcy have resulted in higher prices for goods and services available to the City of Searcy to provide for the level of services it currently provides within the City of Searcy; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council desires to expend funds for a one-time bonus in the amount of \$2,000.00 for all full time employees (defined as those employees either: (a) defined as full-time employees by operation of law and specifically including the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Searcy, Arkansas; or (b) working thirty (30) hours or more per week) of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, as of November 5, 2023 (the “Eligible Full Time Employees”); and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council desires to expend funds for a one-time bonus in the amount of \$750.00 for all part time employees (defined as working twenty-nine (29) hours or less per week) of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, as of November 5, 2023 (the “Eligible Part Time Employees”).

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, meeting in regular session, to-wit::

Section 1. The budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is amended in the following manner:

- a. Appropriate from General Fund unappropriated reserves the following amounts:
A total of \$530,601.98 is to be appropriated from the General Fund unappropriated reserves and attributed between accounts within the relevant department of the City of Searcy to afford Eligible Full Time Employees a one-time bonus in the amount of \$2,000.00 and Eligible Part Time Employees in the amount of \$750.00, with said funds to be attributed to the relevant expense accounts for salary, social security

withholding, Medicare and APERS within each department as follows:

Mayor's Department

- Salary (5-010-01-01) – \$16,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-010-01-02) – \$1,224.00
- APERS Retirement (5-010-01-05) – \$1532.00

District Court

- Salary (5-050-01-01) – \$24,750.00
- SS/Medicare (5-050-01-02) – \$1,893.38
- APERS Retirement (5-050-01-05) – \$3,791.70

Police

- Salary (5-060-01-01) – \$143,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-060-01-02) – \$10,939.50
- APERS Retirement (5-060-01-05) – \$4,442.80

STOP Grant

- Salary (5-062-01-01) – \$4,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-062-01-02) – \$306.00

Animal Control

- Salary (5-066-01-01) – \$4,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-066-01-02) – \$306.00
- APERS Retirement (5-066-01-05) – \$612.80

DCE&PF

- Salary (5-067-01-01) – \$2,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-067-01-02) – \$153.00
- APERS Retirement (5-067-01-05) – \$306.40

Fire

- Salary (5-070-01-01) – \$111,500.00
- SS/Medicare (5-070-01-02) – \$1,864.75
- APERS Retirement (5-070-01-05) – \$612.80

Parks and Recreation

- Salary (5-080-01-01) – \$20,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-080-01-02) – \$1,530.00
- APERS Retirement (5-080-01-05) – \$3,064.00

Carmichael Center

- Salary (5-081-01-01) – \$10,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-081-01-02) – \$765.00
- APERS Retirement (5-081-01-05) – \$1,532.00

Swim Center

- Salary (5-082-01-01) – \$16,250.00
- SS/Medicare (5-082-01-02) – \$1,243.13
- APERS Retirement (5-082-01-05) – \$2,489.50

Rialto

- Salary (5-086-01-01) – \$750.00
- SS/Medicare (5-086-01-02) – \$57.38
- APERS Retirement (5-086-01-05) – \$114.90

Sanitation

- Salary (5-090-01-01) – \$73,500.00
- SS/Medicare (5-090-01-02) – \$5,622.75
- APERS Retirement (5-090-01-05) – \$11,260.20

Clerk

- Salary (5-100-01-01) – \$8,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-100-01-02) – \$612.00
- APERS Retirement (5-100-01-05) – \$1,225.60

City Attorney

- Salary (5-110-01-01) – \$2,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-110-01-02) – \$153.00
- APERS Retirement (5-110-01-05) – \$306.40

Code Enforcement

- Salary (5-120-01-01) – \$20,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-120-01-02) – \$1,530.00
- APERS Retirement (5-120-01-05) – \$3,064.00

Engineering

- Salary (5-130-01-01) – \$4,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-130-01-02) – \$306.00
- APERS Retirement (5-130-01-05) – \$612.80

Information Technology

- Salary (5-160-01-01) – \$6,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-160-01-02) – \$459.00
- APERS Retirement (5-160-01-05) – \$919.20

- b. Appropriate from the Street Fund unappropriated reserves the following amounts:
A total \$17,215.80 is to be appropriated from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to afford Eligible Full Time Employees employed by the Street Department a one-time bonus in the amount of \$2,000.00, and Eligible Part Time Employees employed by the Street Department a one-time bonus in the amount of \$750.00 with said funds to be attributed to the relevant expense accounts for salary, social security withholding, Medicare and APERS within the Street Department as follows:

- Salary (5-900-01-01) – \$14,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-900-01-02) – \$1,071.00
- APERS Retirement (5-900-01-05) – \$2,144.80

- c. Appropriate from the Airport Fund unappropriated reserves the following amounts:
A total \$7,378.20 is to be appropriated from Airport Fund unappropriated reserves to afford Eligible Full Time Employees employed by the Airport Department a one-time bonus in the amount of \$2,000.00, and Eligible Part Time Employees employed by the Street Department a one-time bonus in the amount of \$750.00 with said funds to be attributed to the relevant expense accounts for salary, social security

withholding, Medicare and APERS within the Airport Department as follows:

- Salary (5-040-01-01) – \$6,000.00
- SS/Medicare (5-040-01-02) – \$459.00
- APERS Retirement (5-040-01-05) – \$919.20

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

- a. \$530,601.98 from the General Fund for a one-time bonus for city employees;
- b. \$17,215.80 from the Street Fund for a one-time bonus for city employees;
- c. \$7,378.20 from the Airport Fund for a one-time bonus for city employees;

Emergency Clause. The need to provide for employees of the City of Searcy, Arkansas is a critical need and is necessary to provide for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Mat Faulkner

Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris

City Clerk