

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Mike Chalenburg gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Logan Cothorn. 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, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Item (3) on the agenda was to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add item: (12-1-i) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for engineering services on the Fuller Lane improvement project and (12-2-i) budget adjustment ordinance authorization to expend funds for engineering services on the Fuller Lane improvement project. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Morris to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular April 12, 2022 meeting of the Council and the minutes of the special April 18, 2022 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve both sets of the minutes. The following voted to approve: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of April 30, 2022: General Fund: \$3,765,860.49; Street Fund \$3,135,502.73; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,879.60; LOPFI Fund \$216,533.72; Act 833 Fund \$68,051.11; Airport Fund \$196,504.89. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$7,400,332.54. He also reported the following balances as of April 30, 2022: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$122,038.75; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$14,314,350.41; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$343,241.41; Court Automation Fund \$68,967.59; American Rescue Plan Act Fund \$2,132,197.58. He also reported a total of \$2,770,706.70 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$280,345.15 from the same time in 2021.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of the following members of the Searcy Tree Board to three year terms:

- Freda Morgan – term set to expire on 12/31/2023
- Sue Ekdahl – term set to expire on 12/31/2023
- Alice Jewell – term set to expire on 12/31/2024
- Bob Norris – term set to expire on 12/31/2024

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A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve the reappointment of these members. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.

Item (7) was for setting a time and date for a public hearing in regard to closing, abandoning, and vacating a portion of a street in the City of Searcy, namely Bryce Boulevard. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Morris, to set May 31, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. at City Hall as the time and date of the public hearing. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile.

Item (8) on the agenda was an update on the negotiations with Crafton Tull regarding the City of Searcy Master Planning and Studies project. A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Cargile to accept the proposed cost of the project of \$335,000.00. Mr. Raney asked from where would the funding for this planning study come. Mayor Osborne said it would come from the Eight Year Tax fund (fund 14). Mayor Osborne also noted that he would approach the Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission regarding the possibility of them funding the Park System Master Plan portion of this study. The Park System portion of the Master Plan has a cost of \$110,000.00. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale.

Item (9) was a resolution to amend the grant of a franchise for the operation of an ambulance service to NorthStar EMS, Inc., setting rates for services pursuant to the grant of a franchise agreement. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the resolution to amend the grant of a franchise for the operation of an ambulance service to NorthStar EMS, Inc., setting rates for services pursuant to the grant of a franchise agreement. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Raney. Mrs. Hale abstained from voting. **Resolution 2022-19**

Item (10) was a resolution expressing the willingness to utilize Federal-Aid Recreation Trails Program funds to develop or improve Riverside Park Bike Trail. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer.

Resolution 2022-20

Item (11) was a resolution for the authorization to submit application to the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services grant program for School Resource Officers. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the resolution for the authorization to submit application to the Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services grant program for School Resource Officers. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.

Resolution 2022-21

Item (12) 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 \$12,164.69 from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘SALT/SAND SPREADER’ expenditure account ((#02 5-900-05-10) for purchase of 2 salt/sand spreaders that mount on Street Department pick-up trucks;
- b. Appropriate \$148,769.05 from Eight Year Plan Tax Fund to the ‘NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS’ expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-09) for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project;
- c. Appropriate \$4,724.06 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Black House ‘RESTORATION/REPAIRS’ expenditure account (#01 5-083-05-02) for architectural services on the Black House restoration/repair project;
- d. Appropriate \$2,248.50 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘REPAIRS AMERICAN LEGION HUT’ expenditure account ((#01 5-010-05-21) for architectural services on the American Legion building renovation project;
- e. Appropriate \$34,425.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘REPAIRS AMERICAN LEGION HUT’ expenditure account ((#01 5-010-05-21) for construction services on the American Legion building renovation project;
- f. Appropriate \$17,660.00 to General Fund ‘OTHER MISCELLANEOUS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-80-04) and appropriate \$17,660.00 to the Swim Center ‘LAP TIMERS/TOUCHPADS’ expenditure account (#01 5-082-53-01) for the receipt and use of Advertising and Tourism Promotion funds for the purchase of lap timers and touchpads for the Searcy Swim Center;
- g. Appropriate \$2,450.00 to General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$9,957.06 to Police Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENSED’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for the receipt and use of donations;
- h. Appropriate \$2,500.00 to the ‘FIRE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-

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000-90-07) and appropriate \$2,500.00 to the Fire Department 'DONATIONS EXPENDED' expenditure account (#01 5-070-05-17) for the receipt and use of a donation from Walmart;

- i. Appropriate \$19,743.75 from Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'FULLER LANE IMPROVEMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-08) for engineering services on the Fuller Lane improvement project;

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

- a. \$31,501.49 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. Transfer \$125,000.00 from the City of Searcy 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund to the City of Searcy LOPFI Fund for payment of LOPFI Retirement obligation (#14 5-190-05-04);
- c. \$12,164.69 to Grand Truck Equipment Co., LLC for 2 salt/sand spreaders;
- d. \$148,769.05 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#14 5-900-54-09);
- e. \$4,724.06 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the Black House restoration/repairs project (#01 5-083-05-02);
- f. \$2,248.50 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);
- g. \$34,425.00 to Wagner General Contractors, Inc. for construction services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);
- h. \$17,660.00 to Colorado Time Systems for lap timers and touchpads for the Searcy Swim Center;
- i. \$19,743.75 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the Fuller Lane improvement project (#14 5-900-54-08);

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

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following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell. **Ordinance 2022-10**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: June 14, 2022

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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