

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, June 14, 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 Chris Howell. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: David Morris, Chris Howell, Rodger Cargile, Tonia Hale, Don Raney, and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council members Logan Cothorn and Dale Brewer were not present.

The minutes of the regular May 10, 2022 meeting of the Council and the special May 31, 2022 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Chalenburg.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of May 31, 2022: General Fund: \$3,818,856.51; Street Fund \$3,258,971.23; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,880.19; LOPFI Fund \$232,354.63; Act 833 Fund \$58,264.07; Airport Fund \$209,171.26. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$7,595,497.89. He also reported the following balances as of May 31, 2022: 1% Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$0.00; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$14,750,386.08; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$340,431.39; Court Automation Fund \$59,480.82; American Rescue Plan Act Fund \$2,133,623.17. He also reported a total of \$3,556,676.37 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$303,456.72 from the same time in 2021. Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris also made note that the 1% Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund balance is now \$0.00 with all of the funds being used.

Item (5) on the agenda was for the reappointment of the following members to the City of Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission:

- Chris Howell, City Council member – one-year term with the term set to expire April 30, 2023
- Mike Chalenburg, City Council member – one-year term with the term set to expire April 30, 2023
- Jim House, owner/manager – four-year term with the term set to expire April 30, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, for the reappointment of Chris Howell to a one-year term on the City of Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission with the term set to expire April 30, 2023. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, and Morris. Mr. Howell abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Raney, for the reappointment of Mike Chalenburg to a one-year term on the City of Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission with the term set to expire April 30, 2023. Motion carried with

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the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, and Morris. Mr. Chalenburg abstained from voting.

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Morris, for the reappointment of Jim House to a four-year term on the City of Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission with the term set to expire April 30, 2026. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, and Cargile.

Item (6) was for the creation of two advisory committees (Personnel and Grounds/Equipment) along with the appointment of Mr. Cargile as the chairperson of a Personnel committee and Mr. Raney as the chairperson of a Grounds/Equipment committee. Mayor Osborne noted that these committees would report back to the full Council with any recommendations that can then be acted upon by the Council. Mayor Osborne asked City Attorney Gibson if a vote is needed for the appointments of the chairpersons. Mr. Gibson said a vote is not necessary as the Mayor made and announced the formation of the committees as well as the appointments.

Item (7) on the agenda was for the review, discussion, and selection of a bid for needed repairs to the Black House. Two bids had been received for needed repairs for the Black House. The bids received were as follows:

- OCJ, dba Connell Construction - \$174,180.00
- Wagner General Contractors, Inc. - \$259,900.00

A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to select the bid of \$174,180.00 from OCJ, dba Connell Construction for repairs to the Black House. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale.

Item (8) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of a fully utilized asset, 1999 leaf collector in the Sanitation Department. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution authorizing the abandonment of a fully utilized asset, a 1999 leaf collector in the Sanitation Department. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. **Resolution 2022-22**

Item (9) was a resolution for the authorization to enter into an administrative agreement with White River Planning and Development District in relation to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) grant for Bryce Corporation equipment purchases. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2022-23**

Item (10) was a resolution for the authorization to submit application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program grant funds to benefit Bryce Corporation. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the resolution for the authorization to submit application for Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program grant funds to

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benefit Bryce Corporation. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, and Morris. **Resolution 2022-24**

Item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance for authorization to conduct business with a certain individual who serves as a member of a commission, board, or committee of the City of Searcy, Nathan Rutledge, who serves on the Airport Commission and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, and Howell. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Morris, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. **Ordinance 2022-12**

Item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code regarding the Downtown Overlay District. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cargile, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, and Morris. **Ordinance 2022-13**

Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance amending text of the Searcy Zoning Code. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, and Howell. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. **Ordinance 2022-14**

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance amending portions of the Searcy Subdivision and Development Code (Ordinance 92-04). A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The

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ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, and Morris.
Ordinance 2022-15

Item (15) 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 \$133,363.05 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;
- b. Appropriate \$335,000.00 from Eight Year Plan Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘SEARCY MASTER PLANNING & STUDIES’ expenditure account (#14 5-010-05-03) for the City of Searcy master planning and studies project;
- c. Appropriate \$67,665.00 from Eight Year Plan Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘BERRYHILL TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS’ expenditure account (#14 5-080-05-01) for the Berryhill Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts project;
- d. Appropriate \$62.56 to General Fund ‘EVIDENCE ASSET FORFEITURE’ revenue account (#01 4-000-20-10) and appropriate \$62.56 to Police Department ‘EVIDENCE ASSET FORFEITURE’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-09);
- e. Appropriate \$8,700.00 to General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$8,700.00 to Police Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENSED’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for the receipt and use of donations;
- f. Appropriate \$5,240.00 from the General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Police Department ‘BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-02-01) for water leak repairs needed to the Police building;
- g. Appropriate \$2,175.79 from the General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Police Department vehicle ‘SERVICE/REPAIRS’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-03-01) for repairs to unit #519;
- h. Appropriate \$9,442.48 from the General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Police Department ‘SIREN MAINTENANCE’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-

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- 05-05) for repairs to the emergency siren located on Benton Street;
- i. Appropriate \$40,000.00 to General Fund 'OTHER MISCELLANEOUS' revenue account (#01 4-000-80-04) and appropriate \$40,000.00 to the 'REPAIRS AMERICAN LEGION HUT' expenditure account (#01 5-010-05-21) for the receipt and use of Advertising and Tourism Promotion funds for repairs to the American Legion building;
 - j. Appropriate \$14,703.31 from the 0.25% Fire Services Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'SCBA & AIR SUPPLY' expenditure account (#18 5-070-05-16) for respirator fit testing equipment;
 - k. Appropriate \$14,414.25 from the 0.25% Fire Services Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION' expenditure account (#18 5-070-05-22) for extinguisher training system equipment;
 - l. Appropriate \$34,280.89 from the General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Police Department 'SPEED AWARENESS TRAILER' expenditure account (#01 5-060-53-21) for the acquisition of speed awareness trailers;
 - m. Appropriate \$20,000.00 from the General Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS' expenditure account (#01 5-010-05-09);
 - n. Appropriate \$47,440.00 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;
 - o. Appropriate \$1,765.67 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;
 - p. Appropriate \$15,575.00 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;
 - q. Appropriate \$1,255.82 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;
 - r. Appropriate \$15,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Parks and Recreation Department 'BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS'

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- expenditure account (#01 5-080-02-01) for repairs to the pavilions at city parks;
- s. Appropriate \$20,000.00 to General Fund 'OTHER REIMBURSEMENT REVENUE' revenue account (#01 4-000-70-05) and appropriate \$20,000.00 to Parks and Recreation Department 'CONTRACT LABOR' expenditure account (#01 5-080-01-10) for the receipt and use of A&P Commission funds for Parks and Recreation upkeep labor;

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

- a. \$66,657.58 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. Transfer \$75,000.00 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. \$133,363.05 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#14 5-900-54-09);
- d. \$335,000.00 to Crafton Tull for planning services on the City of Searcy master planning and studies project (#14 5-010-05-03);
- e. \$67,665.00 to Davidson Engineering for engineering services for the Berryhill Park Tennis/Pickleball Courts project (#14 5-080-05-01)
- f. \$5,240.00 to Z Power of Arkansas for Police building water leak repairs (#01 5-060-02-01);
- g. \$2,175.79 to Charlie's Paint and Body for repairs to unit #519 (#01 5-060-03-01);
- h. \$9,442.48 to SafetyCom, Inc. for repairs to the emergency siren located on Benton Street (#01 5-060-05-05);
- i. \$14,703.31 to TSI Incorporated for respirator fit testing equipment (#18 5-070-05-16);
- j. \$14,414.25 to NAFECO for extinguisher training system equipment (#18 5-070-05-22);
- k. \$34,280.89 to Kustom Signals, Inc. for the acquisition of speed awareness trailers (#01 5-060-53-21);
- l. \$47,440.00 to KC Able Plumbing, Inc. for construction services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);

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- m. \$1,765.67 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);
- n. \$15,575.00 to Wagner General Contractors, Inc. for construction services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);
- o. \$1,255.82 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the Black House restoration/repairs project (#01 5-083-05-02);

A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Morris, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, and Howell. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Hale, Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, and Cargile. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale. **Ordinance 2022-16**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: July 12, 2022

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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