Searcy City Council – Special Session June 29, 2022 4:00 p.m. Minutes

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Council member David Morris gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Council member Rodger Cargile. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering "present": Logan Cothern, David Morris, Chris Howell, Rodger Cargile, Don Raney, and Mike Chalenburg. City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council members Tonia Hale and Dale Brewer were not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for discussion regarding land acquisition. Mayor Osborne noted that for a long amount of time there had been interest in relocating the Street and Sanitation Departments. In regard to that it has been learned that the Bowerman Trucking facility on Eastline Road is on the market to be purchased. Mayor Osborne said that the trucking facility is approximately double the size of the current Street and Sanitation Department facilities and has more than adequate buildings for the department's needs. He also noted that there would be some things that would have to be done, such as moving the fuel storage tanks, refueling pump equipment, and some structures that were built using Recycle Grant funds.

Mayor asked the Council if this is something that the City would be interested in and, if so, authorize him to contact the seller and enter into negotiations regarding the possible acquisition of the trucking facilities. The question was asked of the Mayor of where the funds would come from to purchase the facilities. Mayor Osborne said that using a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act funds is a possibility and that if it is allowable that would be his recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Mr. Cothern to authorize the Mayor to enter into negotiations with the seller for the possible acquisition of the property. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Morris, Howell, Cargile, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothern.

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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