

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, July 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 12, 2022. The purpose for this public hearing was for the consideration of any public input in determining the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and the abatement of other nuisances that have been incurred by the City of Searcy. Mayor Kyle Osborne opened the public hearing. No person requested to speak. Mayor Osborne closed the public hearing.

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. David Morris gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Don Raney. 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: (13) budget adjustment ordinance for the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for police, fire, and other public safety services, (14-1-l) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for the purchase of summer/special event uniforms for the Police department, (14-1-m) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for replacing vehicles in various departments, (14-1-n) budget adjustment ordinance appropriation for the purchase of property for the relocation of the Street and Sanitation department facilities, and (14-2-i) budget adjustment ordinance authorization to expend funds for the purchase of property for the relocation of the Street and Sanitation department facilities. 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 June 14, 2022 meeting of the Council and the special June 29, 2022 meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mrs. Hale to approve 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 May 31, 2022: General Fund: \$4,228,635.76; Street Fund \$3,309,145.51; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,880.49; LOPFI Fund \$181,828.83; Act 833 Fund \$92,531.43; Airport Fund \$224,450.61. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$8,054,472.63. He also reported the following balances as of May 31, 2022: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$0.00; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$15,158,851.42; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$365,052.36; Court Automation Fund \$64,800.20; American Rescue Plan Act Fund \$2,134,348.02. He also reported a

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total of \$4,260,252.16 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$265,562.16 from the same time in 2021.

Item (6) on the agenda was the quarterly report from the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, presented by Buck Layne.

Item (7) was an update on the new library facility, presented by Jan Smith representing the Searcy Library Fundraising Committee.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the authorization to waive bidding for LiveScan System/finger printing system for the Searcy Police Department. This system will be funded by reimbursement through the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) grant. Searcy Chief of Police Steve Hernandez explained that this system is what is utilized by the Arkansas State Police and would replace the system that has been in use since the 1990's. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to authorize waiving the bidding for the acquisition of the LiveScan System/finger printing system for the Searcy Police Department. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, and Howell.

Item (9) was for the approval of a change order for an increase of \$41,448.07 on the North Main Street improvement project. A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the change order. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, and Cargile.

Item (10) was a resolution for the authorization to submit an application to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism for grant funding assistance for infrastructure at Riverside Park. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Raney to approve the authorization to submit an application to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism for grant funding assistance for infrastructure at Riverside Park. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, and Hale.

Resolution 2022-25

Item (11) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform under the terms of a certain agreement for the acquisition of certain real property from Bowerman Real Estate, LLC. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, and Raney.

Resolution 2022-26

Item (12) was a resolution to approve the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Morris to approve the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass

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cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, and Brewer.

Resolution 2022-27

Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance for the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for police, fire, and other public safety services. A motion was made by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mrs. Hale, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Morris, Howell, Cargile, Hale, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. 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, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Morris. **Ordinance 2022-17**

Item (14) 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 \$31,809.00 from the Airport Fund unappropriated reserves to the Airport ‘VEHICLE PURCHASE’ expenditure account (#12 5-0540-53-01) for the purchase of a vehicle;
- b. Appropriate \$9,470.00 from the Airport Fund unappropriated reserves to the Airport ‘FURNITURE’ expenditure account (#12 5-0540-05-09) for the purchase of furniture;
- c. Appropriate \$50,000.00 from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to the Street Fund ‘COMPACT EXCAVATOR’ expenditure account (#02 5-900-53-14) for the purchase of a compact excavator for the Street Department;
- d. Appropriate \$50,000.00 from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to the Street Fund ‘FLATBED DUMP TRUCK’ expenditure account (#02 5-900-53-03) for the purchase of a flatbed truck for the Street Department;
- e. Appropriate \$50,000.00 from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to the Street Fund ‘SKID STEER’ expenditure account (#02 5-900-53-17) for the purchase of a skid steer for the Street Department;
- f. Appropriate \$1,202,389.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘FAA30500570272022 TAXIWAY LIGHTING/GUIDANCE SIGNS’ expenditure account (#14 5-040-56-15)

for the reconstruction of taxiway lighting and reconstruction of guidance signs at the Searcy Municipal Airport using Federal Aviation Administration grant funding;

- g. Appropriate \$45,118.23 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Police Department COSSAP Grant 'LIVESCAN SYSTEM' expenditure account (#01 5-065-53-03) for the acquisition of IDEMIA LiveScan System: This system will be reimbursed through the COSSAP grant;
- h. Appropriate \$496.75 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;
- i. Appropriate \$688.25 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;
- j. Appropriate \$369,595.72 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;
- k. Appropriate \$31,590.00 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;
- l. Appropriate \$11,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Police Department 'UNIFORMS' expenditure account (#01 5-060-01-07) for purchase of summer/event uniforms;
- m. Appropriate \$105,168.35 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM' expenditure account (#14 5-190-03-01) for replacing vehicles in various departments;
- n. Appropriate \$825,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'BOWERMAN PROPERTY PURCHASE' expenditure account (#01

5-010-55-03) for purchase of property for the relocation of the Street and Sanitation Department facilities;

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

- a. \$27,863.44 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. Transfer \$100,000.00 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. \$80,932.50 to Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc. for engineering services on the reconstruction of taxiway lighting and reconstruction of guidance signs at the Searcy Municipal Airport grant project (#14 5-040-56-15);
- d. \$45,118.23 to Idemia Identity and Security USA LLC for the acquisition of IDEMIA LiveScan System (#01 5-065-53-03);
- e. \$496.75 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the Black House restoration/repairs project (#01 5-083-05-02);
- f. \$688.25 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural services on the American Legion building renovation project (#01 5-010-05-21);
- g. \$369,595.72 to Township Builders, Inc., for construction services on the North Main Street improvement project (#14 5-900-54-09);
- h. \$31,590.00 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the Fuller Lane improvement project (#14 5-900-54-08);
- i. \$825,000.00 to Bowerman Real Estate, LLC for the acquisition of property for the relocation of the Street and Sanitation Department facilities;

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

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following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Morris, Howell, Cargile,
and Hale. **Ordinance 2022-18**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: August 9, 2022

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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