

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**July 20, 2012 2:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Alderman Logan Cothorn gave the Invocation with the pledge following, led by Alderman Steve Sterling. City Clerk Peggy Meads called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney and Mark Derrick. City Attorney Buck Gibson was also present. Alderman Dale Brewer subsequently joined the meeting.

Item (c) was a resolution to declare the real property located at 408 West Park Avenue a public nuisance and to authorize the Code Enforcement Department to proceed with proper notification and demolition of the property, pursuant to the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the resolution. The resolution passed with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Sterling, English, Raney, Derrick and Cothorn. **Resolution 2012-20**

Item (d) on the agenda was a resolution to authorize the execution of a lease agreement with CAPCA for the lease of the Head Start building at 610 Moss Street in Searcy. Upon review of the proposed lease, a motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Derrick, Cothorn and Arnett. **Resolution 2012-21**

Item e on the agenda was a report on the status of the K-Life building, and resolution to authorize demolition of property at 107 North Elm Street. Mr. Sterling suggested that he wished to talk with constituents about the property before proceeding with a decision on demolition. After discussion, Mr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to table the issue until the August regular Council meeting. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Sterling.

Mrs. Meads presented information to the Council concerning the cost of hiring the Clerk-Treasurer designee, at entry-level pay as a deputy clerk, for the period from July 30-August 31, 2012, to allow a paid training period. She stated her belief that there was sufficient money appropriated in the Clerk’s Department personnel budget to cover the anticipated expense, and that no further appropriation was needed. The Council then considered the proposed budget ordinance, and agreed to delete an appropriation of \$7,500 for demolition of the property at 107 North Elm Street, as this matter had been tabled to the August meeting, and to delete an appropriation to the Clerk-Treasurer Department to compensate the Clerk-Treasurer designee during the training period.

Item f on the agenda was an ordinance to adjust the 2012 budget as follows:

- a) Appropriate \$7,500.00 to new expenditure account entitled Demolition Expense (#01 5-010-02-12) for demolition of 107 North Elm Street;
- b) Transfer \$3,188.46 from Fire Department capital equipment account entitled

Backup Generator for Repeater (#04 5-870-53-34) to new Fire Department capital equipment account entitled Narrow Banding Radio Equipment (#04 5-870-53-35) to pay city's match for Homeland Security Grant;

- c) Transfer appropriation of \$3,500.00 from Police Department capital equipment account entitled Smart 9-1-1 system to new Police Department capital equipment account entitled Police Dispatch Console (#04 5-860-53-10) to pay part of city's match for Homeland Security Grant;
- d) Appropriate \$2,896.11 to Clerk-Treasurer Department to compensate Clerk-Treasurer designee as a deputy clerk from July 30-August 31, 2012 (\$2,372 to salaries expenditure account #5-100-01-01; \$181.76 to Social security/Medicare expenditure account #5-100-01-02; \$338.35 to APERS retirement expenditure account #5-100-01-05);

and to authorize payment of the following:

- 1. \$3,188.46 to M&J Communications for narrow banding radio equipment;
- 2. \$5,767.39 to M&J Communications for police dispatch console.

A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. English, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Sterling and English. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the ordinance, as amended. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Sterling, English and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Sterling, English, Raney and Brewer. **Ordinance 2012-26**

Item g on the agenda was consideration of applicants and a decision on the appointment of Clerk-Treasurer upon Mrs. Meads' resignation. Mr. Brewer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to go into executive session. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Cothorn, Arnett, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer and Derrick.

After discussion in executive session, the Council returned to regular session, with Mrs. Arnett making the motion to return to regular session, seconded by Mr. English. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Arnett, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn.

Mr. Raney then made a motion to appoint Jerry Morris to be the Clerk-Treasurer for the City, effective September 1, 2012. Mr. Cothorn seconded the motion. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn and Arnett.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: August 14, 2012

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Meads  
CITY CLERK

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