

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**September 24, 2015 5:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Searcy Fire Department Chief Bill Baldrige gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Alderman Steve Sterling. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, J R Howard, Steve Sterling, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Alderman Dale English was not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was an ordinance to amend and replace Chapter 14 of the Searcy Code of Ordinances concerning the Sanitation department and the services to be provided thereby. Mayor Morris noted that this revision to the Code of Ordinances was made necessary by the upcoming change to the method of collecting trash, garbage, and refuse with the automated trash pick-up trucks. The revision is also necessary in order to establish certain requirements to the types of receptacles and the placement of such receptacles in order to accommodate the new automated side-arm trash collection trucks. Alderman Raney reiterated what Mayor Morris noted and added that this revision brings Chapter 14 up to date, not only in regard to the services that are provided by the Sanitation department with the new side-arm pick-up trucks and containers, but also the recycling services that are provided. City of Searcy Sanitation department director Terry Rutherford stated that he is pleased with the revision in that some of the provisions were dated and in need of change and these revisions will be more reflective of the services that are provided. Mr. Raney noted that, in consultation with Mr. Rutherford and City Engineer Mark Lane, two (2) changes should be considered before the adoption of the ordinance. These changes are to the ‘Appendix to Chapter14’ on page 8 of the ordinance: 1. In the third paragraph titled ‘Garbage Dumpsters’, insert the word *monthly*, to read; **Effective March 1, 2013, the monthly rates to be charged for the disposition of trash deposited in bins owned and supplied by the City of Searcy shall be as follows:** 2. In the title header of the ‘MONTHLY FEES FOR SCHEDULED PICK-UPS’ schedule, add the words *PER WEEK* to read; **NO. OF PICKUPS PER WEEK**. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howard, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance with the suggested changes to the ‘Appendix to Chapter 14’. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Ordinance 2015-30**

Item (4) 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 \$27,056.35 from Information Technology Projects Fund unappropriated reserves to 'FIBER OPTIC NETWORK CONSTRUCTION' expenditure account (#15 5-160-05-01);
- b. Appropriate \$50,000.00 to 'GIF – RIVERSIDE PARK PLAN & DESIGN' expenditure account (#01 5-010-56-07);
- c. Transfer \$4,149.84 from Police department 'FUEL' expenditure account (#01 5-060-03-04) and transfer \$4,149.84 to Police department 'COMPUTER EQUIPMENT/REPAIR' expenditure account (#01 5-060-04-05) for Cisco Attendant Console licenses for the Dispatch computers;
- d. Appropriate \$10,000.00 to 'POLICE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$10,000.00 to Police department 'BODY CAMERAS' expenditure account (#01 5-060-53-18) for the receipt and use of a donation that was received for the purchase of body cameras for the Police department;
- e. Appropriate \$300.00 to 'AR FIRE PREVENTION GRANT' revenue account (#01 4-000-98-84) and appropriate \$300.00 to Fire department 'FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION' expenditure account (#01 5-070-01-13) for the receipt and use of Fire Prevention Commission Grant;

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

- a. \$139,460.00 to Robert Underwood Construction, LLC for the Searcy Library HVAC project (#14 5-020-02-01 'LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT');
- b. \$5,121.61 to Miller-Newell Engineers for professional services for the 80/20 Arkansas Department of Aeronautics 'SOUTH HANGAR DEVELOPMENT AREA FILL & DRAINAGE' airport grant project (#14 5-040-56-03);
- c. \$85,873.27 to Paladino-Nash, Inc. for construction services for the 80/20 Arkansas Department of Aeronautics 'SOUTH HANGAR

DEVELOPMENT AREA FILL & DRAINAGE' airport grant project (#14 5-040-56-03);

- d. \$150,000.00 to Ron Boland for the portion of the Holiday of Lights displays approved to be funded out of the 2014 Eight Year Plan reserve and opportunity expenditures (#14 5-500-05-06 'HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS');
- e. \$54,948.43 to Ron Boland for the portion of the Holiday of Lights displays funded by donations that have been received (#01 5-010-05-09 'HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS');
- f. \$6,236.16 to Whitlow Engineering Services, Inc. for professional services for the Riverside Park Plan & Design project (#01 5-010-56-07 'GIF – RIVERSIDE PARK PLAN & DESIGN');
- g. \$4,149.84 to NetGain Technologies, Inc. for Cisco Attendant Console licenses for the Dispatch computers (#01 5-060-04-05 'COMPUTER EQUIPMENT / REPAIR');

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

**Ordinance 2015-31**

Mayor Morris announced:

- The Getdown Downtown Festival will be September 25 – 26, 2015 in downtown Searcy

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: October 13, 2015

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK  
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