

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, February 9, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Reverend Kade Curry of the First Presbyterian Church of Searcy gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Richard Stafford. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, J. R. Howard, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (16-1-n) budget ordinance appropriation for concrete testing and professional services on the construction of the Main Street replacement bridge, (16-2-c) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for concrete testing on the construction of the Main Street replacement bridge, (16-2-d) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for professional services on construction of the Main Street replacement bridge, (16-2-e) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for the purchase of a 2007 Chevrolet truck for the Code Enforcement Department, and (16-2-f) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for the purchase of a 2009 Chevrolet truck for the Parks and Recreation Department. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. English to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular January 12, 2016 meeting of the Council, the special January 26, 2016 meeting of the Council, and the special January 28, 2016 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 1-31-16: General Fund: \$1,705,819.68; Street Fund \$740,164.76; Capital Equipment Fund \$22,388.94; LOPFI Fund \$123,593.79; Act 833 Fund \$98,207.66; Airport Projects Fund \$1,186.51; Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$8,027,294.82; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$3,937,946.92; Information Technology Projects Fund \$230,383.93; Special Projects Fund \$3,739.01. He also reported a total of \$494,532.41 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is down \$29,863.66 from the same time in 2015. The total of all funds (excluding the Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund, the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund, the Information Technology Projects Fund, and the Special Projects Fund) is \$2,691,361.34.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the approval of plans for the Searcy Pool Complex and authorization to solicit bids for the construction of the Searcy Pool Complex. Mayor

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Morris noted that ETC Engineers presented the plans at the February 4, 2016 pre-council agenda meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to approve the plans and authorize the solicitation of bids for the construction of the Searcy Pool Complex. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (7) was for the discussion and consideration for approval of bids received for the construction of a concession/press box/restroom facility at the Searcy Sports Complex. Mayor Morris noted that this has been put out for bid at two times and both times have come in above the allocated amount for this project. Mr. Sterling stated that he believed the City has the capability to undertake this project and would like to see the City do this project in-house. Mr. Raney asked Mr. Gibson what the proper steps would be in order for the City to undertake this project. Mr. Gibson advised that if the City wishes to do the project in-house, the first order of business would be to reject the bids that were received on this project. He stated that he and Mayor would contact ETC about terminating their professional services for this project. He further stated that if any action is required in order to terminate the services with ETC Engineers for this particular project it would be brought to the Council at either a special called Council meeting or at the next regular Council meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to reject the second bid received for the construction of the concession/press box/restroom facility at the Searcy Sports Complex. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. City Engineer Mark Lane stated that he felt that the City would be able to do a large percentage of the work, but that some of the work such as the pouring of concrete, the laying of block, and some carpentry would have to be subcontracted. A motion was then made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. English, for the city move forward with overseeing this project, subcontracting portions of the work that is needed and doing as much of the construction as possible with city employees. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the consideration for the acceptance of bids for the Downtown Beautification project. Mr. Richard Stafford presented a bid sheet from Johnny Brock Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. with a total project cost of \$194,090.03, which includes deductive alternates, deductive change orders, engineering fees, inspection fees, and surveying fees. Mr. Stafford also noted that the change order does have a provision to add deleted items back in the contract if additional funds become available. Motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to accept the bid from Johnny Brock Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney.

Item (9) on the agenda was for the consideration for the acceptance of bids for the construction of the Information Technology building. A total of nine (9) bids were received. Mr. Barry Hoffmann, of Hoffmann Architectural, noted that Delk Construction returned the low base bid of \$1,128,460.00 and that the five lowest bids were within

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approximately 6% of each other which basically shows a realistic cost of the proposed building. All of the bids were above the allocated amount for this construction project of \$759,000.00. Mr. Hoffmann stated that at this point, his recommendation for the best course of action would be to reject the bids and make modifications to the construction plans to bring it in line with the allocated budget and then re-bid the project. A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to reject the bids that were received and to re-bid the project after modifications to the construction plans for the Information Technology building are made. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (10) was for the authorization to solicit bids for the purchase of a Skid Steer with broom attachment authorized in the 2016 calendar year budget for the Street Department. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Brewer to authorize the solicitation of bids for the purchase of a Skid Steer with broom attachment for the Street Department. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.

Item (11) on the agenda was for the acknowledgement of the review and approval of the additions and deletions to the Fixed Assets Schedule for the City of Searcy. A listing of additions/deletions to the Fixed Assets Schedule for the previous year was provided to the Council for review at the February 4, 2016 pre-council agenda meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, acknowledging the review of and approving the additions and deletions to the Fixed Assets Schedule for the City of Searcy. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (12) was a resolution approving certain contracts and for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, specifically an agreement with Johnny Brock Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. for construction of improvements to the downtown area of the City of Searcy (Downtown Beautification project). Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Howard to pass the resolution approving certain contracts and for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, specifically an agreement with Johnny Brock Excavating and Landscaping, Inc. for construction of improvements to the downtown area of the City of Searcy (Downtown Beautification project). Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Resolution 2016-02

Item (13) was a resolution approving certain contracts and authorizing the execution and performance of certain agreements, specifically a contract for the construction of the Information Technology building. The bids that were received for the construction of the Information Technology building were rejected, as noted in item (9), therefore this resolution was not considered or acted upon.

Item (14) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, specifically a 2005 Ford E-450 vehicle (VIN 1FDXE45P75HA05410). This vehicle is

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contained in the Police Department inventory and has not been in use due to excessive cost to operate. It will be donated to Arkansas State University – Searcy. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Resolution 2016-03**

Item (15) was a resolution authorizing the execution and performance of certain agreements, specifically agreements with Main Street Searcy and the Humane Society of Searcy. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. **Resolution 2016-04**

Item (16) 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 \$62,700.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM’ expenditure account (#14 5-190-03-01) for the purchase of replacement vehicles in various departments;
- b. Appropriate the following amounts from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the City Attorney Department expenditure accounts:
 - \$3,488.00 to ‘SALARIES’ (#01 5-110-01-01)
 - \$266.83 to ‘SS/MEDICARE’ (#01 5-110-01-02)
 - \$505.76 to ‘APERS RETIREMENT’ (#01 5-110-01-05)
 - \$738.00 to ‘HEALTH BENEFIT’ (#01 5-110-01-03)
- c. Appropriate \$105,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND’ expenditure account (#14 5-190-05-04) and appropriate \$105,000.00 to ‘TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND’ revenue account (#05 4-000-80-12) in the LOPFI Fund;
- d. Appropriate \$200,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION’ expenditure account (#14 5-070-54-01 purchase of land for the relocation of Fire Station 2;
- e. Appropriate \$500.00 to General Fund ‘RIALTO THEATER

- DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-26) and appropriate \$500.00 to Mayor's Department 'RIALTO THEATER' expenditure account (#01 5-010-54-07) for receipt and use of donation;
- f. Appropriate \$16,272.19 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to Fire Department 'GROUNDS MAINTENANCE' expenditure account (#01 5-070-02-06) for use of the remaining funds received in 2015 from the Arkansas Highway Department for right-of-way easements at the Fire Training Center;
 - g. Appropriate \$2,700.00 to General Fund 'FIRE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-07) and appropriate \$2,700.00 to Fire Department 'FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION' expenditure account (#01 5-070-01-13) for receipt and use of donation for educational equipment;
 - h. Appropriate \$10,000.00 to General Fund 'GIF GRANT FIRE' revenue account (#01 4-000-98-68) and appropriate \$10,000.00 to Fire Department 'GENERAL IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANT' expenditure account (#01 5-070-56-09) for receipt and use of GIF funds;
 - i. Appropriate \$25,000.00 to General Fund 'GIF DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION' revenue account (#01 4-000-97-05) and appropriate \$25,000.00 to Mayor's Department 'GIF DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION' expenditure account (#01 5-010-56-09) for receipt and use of GIF funds;
 - j. Appropriate \$9,999.99 to General Fund 'GIF GRANT POLICE' revenue account (#01 4-000-98-99) and appropriate \$9,999.99 to Police Department 'GIF TASERS' expenditure account (#01 5-060-56-27) for receipt and use of GIF funds;
 - k. Appropriate \$130,479.00 to 2014 Eight Year Plan 'ADA SPECIAL GRANT/CRACK REPAIR/PAVING' revenue account (#14 4-000-98-03) for receipt of grant reimbursement for 50% completion;
 - l. Appropriate \$6,467.94 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION' expenditure account (#14 5-070-54-01) for preliminary design services provided by Hoffmann

Architectural, Inc.;

- m. Appropriate \$6,415.85 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUILDING CONSTRUCTION' expenditure account (#14 5-160-54-01) for design services provided by Hoffmann Architectural, Inc.;
- n. Appropriate \$4,148.33 from Special 1% Tax – Connector Route Fund unappropriated reserves to 'MAIN STREET DEENER CREEK BRIDGE' expenditure account (#13 5-900-54-01) for concrete testing and professional services on the construction of the Main Street replacement bridge;

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

- a. \$12,314.56 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$9,200.00 for the purchase of 2008 Ford truck for Searcy Municipal Airport through the State Surplus Property program;
- c. \$1,403.50 to Arkansas Testing Laboratories for concrete testing on construction of the Main Street replacement bridge;
- d. \$2,744.83 to Morrison Shipley Engineers for professional services on construction of the Main Street replacement bridge;
- e. \$14,500.00 to EastPark Autoplex for the purchase of 2007 Chevrolet extended cab pick-up truck for the Code Enforcement Department;
- f. \$11,000.00 to EastPark Autoplex for the purchase of 2009 Chevrolet single cab pick-up truck for the Parks and Recreation Department;

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, Sterling, and English. 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, English, and Raney. 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": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2016-06**

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The Mayor announced:

- The White County Library Board will be on the agenda for March 3, 2016, for discussion of the Needs Assessment Report for the White County Library System
- City offices will be closed on February 15, 2016 for the observation of the President's Day holiday

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: March 8, 2016

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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