

Searcy City Council – Special Session
March 15, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Searcy Chief of Police Eric Webb gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Searcy City Engineer Mark Lane. 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, and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Aldermen Dale English and Dale Brewer were not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for the discussion and approval of various options concerning the drainage improvements in the Williams Addition (Chrisp Avenue). City Engineer Mark Lane noted that it would be his recommendation to have an enclosed drainage system instead of an open channel system. The Council also expressed the desire to have the drainage improvements as an enclosed system as opposed to an open channel system. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to have Morrison-Shipleigh Engineers move forward with the planning design for drainage improvements in the Williams Addition in preparation for the formal bidding for the project. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (4) was for the discussion in preparation for the acceptance of a bid for the construction of the new Information Technology building. Mr. Barry Hoffmann of Hoffmann Architectural explained that if deductive alternates 1 and 2 or 1, 2, and 3 are taken, Delk Construction Company will have the low bid. His recommendation would be to accept the bid from Delk Construction Company, taking deductive alternates 1 and 2, and enter into negotiations in an effort to get the construction bid under the budgetary amount of \$734,085.00.

Item (5) was a resolution for the authorization to enter into an agreement associated with the construction of the new Information Technology building, namely an agreement with Delk Construction Company. 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”: Howard, Sterling, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. **Resolution 2016-07**

Item (6) on the agenda was an ordinance establishing the City of Searcy as a Pollinator Friendly Community. A motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to amend the ordinance as follows:

- Section 1: 30-5-A; ‘There is hereby created the Searcy Pollinator Friendly Committee. This committee shall be composed of **15 members** who shall be appointed by the Mayor.

- **Emergency Clause: The need to provide for the advancement of pollination in the City of Searcy and being necessary for the advancement of food, fiber, and other flowering plants, an emergency is hereby declared by the City of Searcy, and the foregoing ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.**

Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance as amended. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, Raney, and Chalenburg.
Ordinance 2016-10

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: April 12, 2016

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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