

Searcy City Council – Special Session
October 6, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Alderman Dale Brewer gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Assistant Chief of Police Steve Taylor. 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 the selection of an engineering firm to enter into negotiations with for the design and engineering of improvements for the project on Janet Drive and ancillary streets. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) had been received from four firms and were presented to the Council for consideration to enter into negotiations with for the design and engineering of improvements on this project. The four firms were as follows:

- McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- Morrison-Shipleigh Engineers Inc.
- Pickering Firm, Inc.
- Whitlow Engineering Services Inc.

City Attorney Buck Gibson advised the Council that three firms should be chosen and ranked according to preference in which to enter into negotiations for services. Each Alderman was asked to name and rank their preference for entering into negotiations. The three firms chosen and the order in which to enter into negotiations for services were as follows:

1. Whitlow Engineering Services Inc.
2. Pickering Firm, Inc.
3. McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Brewer to select, in ranked order, the firms of 1) Whitlow Engineering Services, 2) Pickering Firm, and 3) McClelland Consulting Engineers in which to enter into negotiations with for the design and engineering of improvements for the project on Janet Drive and ancillary streets. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (4) was for the selection of an engineering firm to enter into negotiations with for the design and engineering for the construction of a street that would connect Higginson Street and South Main Street. Request for Qualifications (RFQ) had been received from four firms and were presented to the Council for consideration to enter into negotiations with for the design and engineering for the construction of a street that would connect Higginson Street and South Main Street. The four firms were as follows:

- McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.
- Morrison-Shipleigh Engineers Inc.
- Pickering Firm, Inc.
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City Engineer Mark Lane stated that his recommendation would be that a different firm than the one chosen to do the Janet Drive and ancillary streets project be chosen to undertake this project. He explained that this project and the project for the improvements to Janet Drive and ancillary streets would probably be in progress at the same time, therefore his recommendation would be to have a different firm for each project. City Attorney Buck Gibson again advised the Council that three firms should be chosen and ranked according to preference in which to enter into negotiations for services. Each Alderman was asked to name and rank their preference for entering into negotiations. The three firms chosen and the order in which to enter into negotiations for services were as follows:

1. Pickering Firm, Inc.
2. McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc.
3. Whitlow Engineering Services Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to select, in ranked order, the firms of 1) Pickering Firm, 2) McClelland Consulting Engineers, and 3) Whitlow Engineering Services in which to enter into negotiations with for the design and engineering for the construction of a street that would connect Higginson Street and South Main Street. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Item (5) on the agenda was for discussion on the purchase of a used 2012 Caterpillar TL1055 Zoom-Boom lift machine. City Engineer Mark Lane explained that a search for available lift machines of similar size, age, and capacity that would meet the needs of the City of Searcy was conducted for both inside and outside the region and the costs of such machines ranged from \$65,000.00 to \$100,000.00. The machine that he would recommend is located here in White County at a price of \$65,000.00. The machine has been inspected by City of Searcy mechanics and the fact that it is ‘local’ would also save in costs to transport the machine to the City. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. English, to give authorization to proceed with the purchase of the used 2012 TL1055 Caterpillar Zoom-Boom lift machine for the cost of \$65,000.00. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (6) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets. The assets were out-of-service Police vehicles, namely a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN#2FAFP71WX3X188958) and a 1995 Chevrolet Caprice (VIN#1G1BL52P2SR179835). Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the resolution. The resolution passed with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. **Resolution 2016-23**

Item (7) 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 \$65,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘CATERPILLAR ZOOM-BOOM LIFT’ expenditure account

(#14 5-130-53-01) for the purchase of used Caterpillar Zoom-Boom lift;

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

- a. \$65,000.00 to Yellen Partners for the purchase of used Caterpillar Zoom-Boom Lift;

A motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Howard, 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. Howard, seconded by Mr. English, 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. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2016-28**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: November 8, 2016

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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