

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**June 22, 2017 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 Fire Department Inspector Guy Grady. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Mary Ann Arnett, J R Howard, Dale English, Don Raney, and Mike Chalenburg. Alderman Steve Sterling and City Attorney Buck Gibson arrived after the roll was called. Alderman Logan Cothorn and Alderman Dale Brewer were not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was discussion regarding the possible improvements to meet Fire Code standards that may be required at the city-owned building that houses the Searcy HeadStart program administered by the Community Action Program of Central Arkansas (CAPCA). Mayor Morris explained that Assistant Fire Chief Andy Woody and Fire Inspector Guy Grady conducted an inspection of the facility to ascertain what improvements were needed at the facility to be sure that it complies with Fire Code standards. This inspection was conducted in response to a request that was made at the June 13, 2017 regular Council meeting for the basis of a possible appropriation to be made in order to bring the building into Fire Code compliance. It was noted, in light of new information received, that there was a possibility that the paneling in the facility could actually be Fire Code compliant with a fire rating of ‘C’. If so, there would be no need to remove or cover this paneling. In order to ascertain if the paneling is compliant, a portion of the paneling would need to be removed to look for markings on the back stating as such. This has not yet been done. Fire Inspector Grady recommended that a determination of funding for needed improvements be delayed until a sample of the paneling could be taken down to determine whether it met the fire rating of ‘C’. Mayor Morris stated that it would be his recommendation to allow for more time for further investigation as to what, if any, improvements are needed in order to bring the building into compliance with Fire Code standards.

Item (4) was a resolution for naming the newly constructed street that connects South Main Street and Higginson Street and courses in front of the new swimming facility. After discussion of possible names, it was decided to adopt the name ‘Recreation Way’ for the street. City Clerk Jerry Morris read the resolution in full. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the resolution naming the newly constructed street ‘Recreation Way’. The resolution passed with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Chalenburg.

**Resolution 2017-29**

Item (5) was a resolution for naming the newly constructed swimming pool facility. After discussion of possible names, it was decided to adopt the name ‘Searcy Swim Center’ for the new facility. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was then made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt the resolution naming the newly

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constructed swimming pool facility 'Searcy Swim Center'. The resolution passed with the following voting "yes": Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Chalenburg, and Arnett.

**Resolution 2017-30**

Mayor Morris announced that immediately following adjournment of the Special Council meeting a Committee of the Whole meeting will be held for discussion of the proposed changes to the City of Searcy zoning code ordinance.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: July 11, 2017

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK

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