

Searcy City Council – Special Session
January 23, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

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

Item (3) on the agenda was an ordinance for the financing of the new 911 system. Mayor Morris noted that at the January 18, 2018 called special Council meeting a vote was taken to reject all bids received because of not conforming to specifications required. City Attorney Gibson noted that the presentation by AT&T did meet the specifications required but that they did not submit a formal bid as required. At that time the city had voted to select AT&T as the provider of the new 911 system because it did meet all of the requirements of the new system. Therefore, at the January 18 meeting all bids were rejected and that at a future meeting, bidding will be waived to select AT&T as the provider of the new system because they meet all specifications that are required of the new system. He also noted that another issue has since come to light, in that a contract has not yet been received from AT&T for the Council to consider. He recommended that this item be tabled until at such time a contract has been received from AT&T for the Council to consider. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Howard, to table the ordinance until a future meeting. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (4) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to:

Section 1. The following sums are appropriated in the absence of a budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas:

- a. Appropriate \$562,052.00 to the Act 833 Fund ‘LOAN PROCEEDS-2018 PUMPER TRUCK’ revenue account (#11 4-000-91-01) and appropriate \$562,052.00 to the Act 833 Fund ‘2018 E-ONE PUMPER TRUCK’ expenditure account (#11 5-070-05-04) for the receipt of financing proceeds and purchase of the new 2018 E-One Pumper fire truck;
- b. Appropriate \$8,645.05 to the General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$8,645.05 to the Police Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENSED’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for the receipt and use of a donation from First Community Bank for the acquisition of an equipped golf-cart type utility vehicle;

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

- a. \$562,052.00 to Sunbelt Fire for the purchase of 2018 E-One Pumper fire truck (#11 5-070-05-04);

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”: Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and English.

Ordinance 2018-04

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 13, 2018

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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