

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. In order to follow recommended Covid-19 guidelines regarding social distancing, the regular May 12, 2020 City Council meeting was held at the Carmichael Community Center. Mike Chalenburg gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Rodger Cargile. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Chris Howell, Rodger Cargile, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Council member Mary Ann Arnett was not present. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Item (3) on the agenda was for suspending the rules to add items (13-1-f): budget ordinance appropriation for testing services for the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale drainage improvement project and (13-2-h) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for testing services for the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale drainage improvement project. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to suspend the rules and add items (13-1-f) and (13-2-h) to the budget adjustment ordinance. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular April 14, 2020 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Cargile to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howell.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 4-30-2020: General Fund: \$899,512.52; Street Fund \$2,024,946.71; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,841.51; LOPFI Fund \$155,738.51; Act 833 Fund \$27,388.52; Airport Fund \$45,877.00. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$3,171,304.77. He also reported the following balances as of 4-30-2020: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$3,832,298.54; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$8,633,108.44; Information Technology Projects Fund \$491.96; Special Projects Fund \$2,590.42; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$367,067.71; Court Automation Fund \$32,859.49; Advertising and Tourism Promotion Fund \$628,690.22. He also reported a total of \$2,249,386.07 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$143,684.88 from the same time in 2019.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of Mike Chalenburg and Chris Howell to one-year terms on the Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission, with the terms set to expire on April 30, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. English, to approve the reappointments of Mike Chalenburg and Chris Howell to one-year terms on the Searcy Advertising and Tourism Promotion Commission, with the

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terms set to expire on April 30, 2021. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, and Cargile.

Item (7) on the agenda was for the reappointments of Steve Jordan and Bill Patton to three-year terms on the Searcy Planning Commission, with the terms set to expire on February 8, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to approve the reappointments of Steve Jordan and Bill Patton to three-year terms on the Searcy Planning Commission, with the terms set to expire on February 8, 2023. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, and English.

Item (8) was for setting a date for a public hearing for the vacating of a portion of the right-of-way of 1611 West Pleasure Avenue as requested by Robert Greene on behalf of the Searcy Board of Realtors. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to set a date of June 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. at Searcy City Hall for a public hearing for the vacating of a portion of the right-of-way of 1611 West Pleasure Avenue as requested by the Searcy Board of Realtors. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, English, and Raney.

Item (9) on the agenda was for the approval of a change order on the Country Club Road improvement project. The change order was for a decrease of \$16,631.00 on the project. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Howell, to approve the change order for a decrease of \$16,631.00 on the Country Club Road improvement project. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (10) was a resolution to authorize the Mayor of Searcy to submit an application to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism seeking grant funding assistance for development of recreational facilities on the newly acquired park site located on Highway 13. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Cargile to approve the resolution to authorize the Mayor of Searcy to submit an application to the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism seeking grant funding assistance for development of recreational facilities on the newly acquired park site located on Highway 13. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2020-16**

Item (11) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Code of Ordinances, providing for the conduct of meetings in times of emergency. 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”: Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howell. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by

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Mr. Brewer, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, and Cargile. **Ordinance 2020-12**

Item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code with respect to the zoning classification of a specific land area within the city and for approving a large scale development plan. The rezoning classification from C-4 (Regional and Open Display Commercial) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) was for real property located at 505 North Maple Street and the approval for a large scale development was for property located on Janet Drive facing Highway 67/167 for an Orr Chrysler, Dodge, Ram, and Jeep facility. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cargile, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, and English. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2020-13**

Item (13) 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 \$46,733.71 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the ‘COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT’ expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-01) for construction services on the Country Club Road improvement project;
- b. Appropriate \$5,020.89 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE’ expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services;
- c. Appropriate \$121,816.60 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE’ expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project construction services;
- d. Appropriate \$3,500.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘WHITE COUNTY AGING PROGRAM GRANT ASSISTANCE’ expenditure account (#14 5-010-05-02) for matching grant assistance to the White County Aging Program for the purchase of a

van;

- e. Appropriate \$2,628.63 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to 'FORMER MAYORS RETIREMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-010-01-08) for the settlement of 2017 legislative audit finding regarding former mayors retirement monthly benefit;
- f. Appropriate \$370.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project testing services;

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

- a. \$7,588.02 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for payment on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center (#14 5-085-05-01);
- c. Transfer \$175,000.00 from the City of Searcy 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund to the City of Searcy LOPFI Fund for payment of LOPFI Retirement obligation (#14 5-190-05-04);
- d. \$46,733.71 to RL Persons Construction, Inc., for construction services on the Country Club Road improvement project (#14 5-900-54-01);
- e. \$5,020.89 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- f. \$121,816.60 to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc. for construction services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);
- g. \$3,500.00 to the White County Aging Program for matching grant assistance for the purchase of a van;
- h. \$370.00 to Arkansas Testing Labs, Inc. for testing services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);

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A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howell. **Ordinance 2020-14**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: June 9, 2020

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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