

**Searcy City Council – Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, July 10, 2012 7:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Chris Gant gave the Invocation, with the pledge following, led by Dale Brewer. City Clerk Peggy Meads called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Jim Dixon, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Dale Brewer and Mark Derrick. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Mayor Morris announced that since the agenda meeting, five items had come to his attention that should be included in the July agenda, these being: (1) Review of the contract with CAPCA for Head Start building at 610 Moss Street, and Resolution to authorize Mayor to execute agreement; (2) Appropriate \$9082.97 from unappropriated reserves to Mayors building maintenance/repairs expenditure account for air conditioner repairs/replacement at City Hall; (3) Authorize payment of \$9082.97 to Air Care for air conditioner replacement/repairs at City Hall (5-010-02-01); (4) Authorize payment of \$9467.74 to AACO for air conditioner replacement/repair at The Lightle Center (04-5-810-53-01); (5) Request approval to dispose of five paperback book turnstiles from Searcy Library. Mr. Brewer made a motion, seconded by Mr. English, to amend the agenda to include four of these items, but to table consideration of the CAPCA contract until a subsequent meeting. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular June meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Meads presented the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 6-30-12: General Fund: \$824,249.45; Street Fund \$634,233.17; Capital Equipment Fund \$210,294.10; LOPFI Fund \$863,561.46; Parks & Recreation Capital Fund \$79,180.83; Act 833 Fund \$21,514.54; Airport Projects Fund \$180,994.99; Special Highway Tax Fund \$505,313.33. She also reported a total of \$3,256,860.04 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$162,630.18 from the same time in 2011. The total of all funds (excluding special highway tax fund) is \$2,814,028.54. Mr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to approve the report. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, and Dixon.

Item E. on the agenda was a Motion to authorize revision of the recycling grant budget for the Sanitation Department to authorize purchase of a one-ton truck for recycling, in lieu of purchase of a baler, and to authorize Mayor to sign the grant revision. The motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve. Motion carried with

the following voting “yes”: English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, and Sterling.

Item F. on the agenda was a Motion to authorize Code Enforcement to proceed with demolition of property at 408 W. Park Ave. Motion to table a decision on this item until the July 20 special meeting was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Sterling. The motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, and English.

Item G. on the agenda was a Motion to authorize removal of Walk Bridge over Gin Creek on abandoned section of Spring Street. A motion was made by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve. Motion was carried with the following voting “yes”: Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, and Brewer.

Item H. on the agenda was a motion to authorize the Police Department to renew three-year contract for T-1 line. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. English to authorize this action. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, and Derrick.

Item J. on the agenda was a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a 50-50 matching outdoor recreation grant. Mr. Buck Gibson read the Resolution aloud. A Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve. The Resolution was passed with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, and Cothorn.

**Resolution No. 2012-18**

Item K. on the agenda was a Resolution to reaffirm City’s preference for the Covington Road alternative for the proposed Highway 36-67 connector. A Motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve. The Resolution was approved with the following voting “yes”: Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, and Arnett.

**Resolution No. 2012-19**

Item L. on the agenda was an ordinance to amend portions of the Zoning Code relating to home occupations. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. English, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. English, seconded by Mr. Dixon, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English.

Item M. on the agenda was an ordinance to approve the April sale of surplus property and to authorize removal of the items sold from fixed assets inventory. A motion was made by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English and Brewer. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer and Derrick. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn.

**Ordinance 2012- 24**

Item N. on the agenda was a budget ordinance to amend Ordinance 2011-41, the budget for the city of Searcy for the calendar year 2012, including the following:

- Appropriate \$415.51 to Airport Terminal revenue account (12 4-000-01-01) and to Airport Terminal architect fees expenditure account (12 5-040-05-01) for May billing statement from architect;
- Appropriate \$30,000.00 to 2011 Parks grant revenue account (01 4-000-98-91) for playground equipment at sports complex;
- Appropriate \$9,082.97 from unappropriated reserves to Mayor’s building maintenance/repairs expenditure account (01-5-010-02-01); for air conditioner repairs/replacement at City Hall;

And authorize payment of the following:

- \$22,622.00 to Wastequip, Inc., for twelve 6-yard bins and ten 8-yard bins for Sanitation Department (04-5-890-53-01);
- \$31,682.36 to Stephenson Oil Co., Inc. for fuel for all city departments;
- \$22,006.62 to A-C Oil Co., Inc., for off-road (dyed) diesel fuel;
- \$34,562.70 to James H. Cone Construction, Inc., \$28,357.20 for site work expenditures (12 5-040-56-02) and \$6,205.50 for airport terminal building expenditures (12 5-040-56-01);
- \$9,082.97 to Air Care for air conditioner repairs/replacement at City Hall (5-010-02-01);
- \$9,467.74 to AACO for air conditioner replacement/repair at Lightle Center (04 5-810-53-01).

A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn and Arnett. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr.

Dixon, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mrs. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the Emergency Clause. The motion was carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling.

**Ordinance No. 2012-25**

The Mayor updated the Council on correspondence with the FAA re: airport mineral leases.

A motion was made to table a decision regarding the K-Life property until July 20 pending a report on the cost of demolition. The motion was made by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to table the action. The motion passed with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English.

A motion was made to approve the request made by the Searcy Library to dispose of five paperback book turnstiles. The motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Dixon to approve. The motion was carried with the following voting “yes”: Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English and Brewer.

The Clerk/Treasurer summarized the Council Member’s ranking of candidates for the Clerk/Treasurer position. A motion was made to go into Executive Session in order to discuss applicants for the City Clerk/Treasurer. The motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Dixon. The motion carried by the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer and Derrick.

A motion was made to reconvene in regular session by Mr. Dixon, and seconded by Mrs. Arnett. The motion carried by the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn.

A motion was made to reconvene Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 5:00 PM in order to interview all candidates in alphabetical order for the City Clerk/Treasurer position. The motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Derrick to approve. The motion was carried by the following voting “yes”: Dixon, Sterling, English, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, and Arnett.

The Mayor announced the Wounded Warrior Bike Ride and Walk to be held Saturday, July 28, 2012 at 8:15 AM. For more information please contact Karen Marshall at 305-4373.

The Mayor announced that the Burn Ban and Fire Works Ban are still in effect.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: August 14, 2012

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Meads  
CITY CLERK

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