

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, May 8, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

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

Mayor Morris announced that since the agenda meeting, three items had come to his attention that should be included in the May budget ordinance, these being: (1) to authorize payment of \$12,059.00 to Cox Paving, Inc., for paving at the airport with respect to the West W-1 Road Access grant; (2) to authorize payment of \$122,605.79 to Spurlock, Inc., for construction work at the airport with respect to the taxiway in hangar development area; and (3) to authorize payment of \$11,623.90 to Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc., for project management services in the hangar development area. Mr. Raney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to amend the agenda to include these three items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Meads presented the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 4-30-12: General Fund: \$787,100.69; Street Fund \$544,676.99; Capital Equipment Fund \$240,089.20; LOPFI Fund \$793,689.20; Parks & Recreation Capital Fund \$83,667.27; Airport Projects Fund \$191,758.85. She also reported a total of \$2,149,983.71 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$149,734.96 from the same time in 2011. The total of all funds is \$2,649,265.25. Rebates on sales taxes for the month of April were \$18,449.60. She also reported that the sealed-bid sale of obsolete city property yielded a gross total of \$15,141.57. Mr. Raney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to approve the report. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon.

Item (e) was a resolution to negotiate development of Sowell Street with adjacent developers for the construction of street improvements over and across the area, or for a dedicated right-of-way owned by the City of Searcy. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling. **Resolution 2012-12**

Item (f) was a resolution regarding the lighting of two fields at the Sports Complex and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Hunter Kneppshield for a negotiated contract amount of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Seven and 50/100 Dollars (\$111,997.50) for poles and fixtures; and a contract with McKenney Electric for Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy and 73/100 Dollars (\$17,970.73) for wiring and supplies. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. English to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English. **Resolution 2012-13**

Item (g) on the agenda was an ordinance to address concerns about grass clippings, limbs, and other yard waste being blown, washed, or otherwise deposited into gutters and ditches. The Mayor announced that he had heard from several citizens concerning the proposal, and suggested postponing passage of the ordinance to allow more time for research and consideration. He further suggested getting input from the Department Heads for Code Enforcement, Sanitation, Street and Fire Departments. Mr. Brewer suggested a public hearing on the issue. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to postpone action on the proposed ordinance pending a meeting of relevant Department heads and their report back to the Council concerning current code requirements, problems, and recommendations.

Item (h) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to authorize payment of the following expenses:

1. \$42,896.25 to Admit Computer Services, Inc. for annual maintenance for Impact software from IT software support expenditure account (5-160-05-01);
2. \$29,797.86 to Stephenson Oil Co., Inc. for fuel for all city departments;
3. \$12,059.00 to Cox Paving, Inc. for paving at airport (West W-1 Road Access grant, 5-040-56-44);
4. \$122,605.79 to Spurlock, Inc. for construction work at airport (Taxiway in Hangar Development Area grant, #5-040-56-43); and
5. \$11,623.90 to Miller-Newell Engineers, Inc. for project management services (Taxiway in Hangar Development Area grant, #5-040-56-43).

A motion was made by Mr. Sterling, 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, Raney and Brewer. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer and Derrick. 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”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2012-19**

The Mayor announced that Light Up the Night had been postponed due to weather and would take place at 7PM on Thursday, May 10.

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A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: June 12, 2012

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Meads
CITY CLERK

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