

**Searcy City Council – Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2012 7:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called on Chief Bill Baldrige to give the Invocation, with the pledge following, led by Alderman Steve Sterling. Mayor Morris then called to order the regular February meeting of the Searcy City Council. 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.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 10 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn.

Clerk/Treasurer Peggy Meads presented the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 1-31-12: General Fund: \$1,039,316.57; Street Fund \$488,457.50; Capital Equipment Fund \$222,748.64; LOPFI Fund \$758,954.72; Parks & Recreation Capital Fund \$86,353.65. She also reported \$243,670.78 in County Sales Tax revenues received, and \$255,180.88 in City Sales Taxes received, during the month of January. This is \$15,201.00 more than January 2011 sales tax revenues. The total of all funds is \$2,845,133.88.

Item (e) on the agenda was a resolution to authorize the Mayor to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for the transfer station. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Raney to approve the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon.

**Resolution 2012-02**

Item (f) was authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to renew agreements between the City and Searcy Regional Economic Development Corporation. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Dixon to grant such authority. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling.

Item (g) was a resolution to set a public hearing at 7:05 PM on March 13, 2012 on a petition to vacate a portion of Gum Street lying between Blocks 47 and 52 in the original town of Searcy, upon the request of Susannah Streit, attorney for Searcy Public Schools. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. English and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English. Mr. Raney abstained.

**Resolution 2012-03**

Item (h) on the agenda was an ordinance to abandon and vacate alleys lying in the original Block Four and Block Five of Sough Heights Addition to the City of Searcy. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English. Mr. Raney abstained. 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”: Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English and Brewer.

**Ordinance 2012-07**

Item (i) was a resolution to declare as a nuisance certain real property at 507 West Woodruff (Lot 3 and the East 30 feet of Lot 2, Raines Subdivision & Woodruff Addition, City of Searcy), upon the request of the Code Enforcement Department. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. English, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer and Derrick. **Resolution 2012-04**

Item (j) on the agenda was two budget amending ordinances to the 2011 budget. The first was to appropriate \$30,911.52 from General Fund to the Act 833 fund; and to authorize the transfer of \$998.38 from the Fire Prevention Education expenditure account (5-070-01-13) to the Fire Prevention Education Grant expenditure account (5-070-56-07). A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. English, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn and Arnett. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Dixon, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon. **Ordinance 2012-08**

The second ordinance under item (j) was the year-end budget adjusting ordinance to correct certain line items in the 2011 budget, as noted in Exhibit A to the ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Derrick, seconded by Mr. Raney, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mrs. Arnett, seconded by Mr. Derrick, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon Sterling, English and Raney. **Ordinance 2012-09**

Item (k) on the agenda was a budget amending ordinance to the 2012 budget, to:

- Appropriate \$3,523.08 to Airport Terminal revenue account (12 4-000-10-01) and to Airport Terminal architect fees expenditure account (12 5-040-05-01) (re December billing statement from architect);
- Appropriate \$3,001.62 from unappropriated reserves to Fire Prevention Education Grant expenditure account (5-070-56-07).
- Authorize payment of \$7,673.08 to SCM Architects, PLLC, for airport terminal project (Oct., Nov. & Dec. statements) from Airport Projects architect fees account (12 5-040-05-01);
- Authorize payment of \$26,974.82 to AC Oil Co., Inc., for December fuel purchases for all City departments; and
- Authorize payment of \$30,451.42 to Stephenson Oil Co., Inc., for January fuel purchases for all City departments.

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Dixon, 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. Sterling, 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 Mr. English, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2012-10**

Item (l) on the agenda was an ordinance to appropriate capital, Act 833, and general fund expenditures considered after the 2012 budget was adopted in December. The ordinance authorizes the following:

- a) Appropriate \$19,501.76 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Code Enforcement capital expenditure account for ½-ton full-size extended cab pickup (04 5-920-53-03);
- b) Appropriate \$54,000.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Courts capital expenditure account for Contexte conversion (04 5-850-53-01);
- c) Appropriate \$1,700.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Fire Department capital expenditure account for SEMS 2 Base Station PCMCIA Card and Software (04 5-870-53-31);
- d) Appropriate \$19,300.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Fire Department capital expenditure account for four SCBA with SEMS 2 (04 5-870-53-32);

- e) Appropriate \$3,300.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Fire Department capital expenditure account for six sections of 5-inch hose (04 5-870-53-33);
- f) Appropriate \$5,000.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Fire Department capital expenditure account for backup generator for repeater (04 5-870-53-34);
- g) Appropriate \$19,440.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Mayor expenditure account for AC units (Lightle Center, Phase 1) (04 5-810-53-01);
- h) Appropriate \$22,000.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Parks & Recreation capital expenditure account for one pickup truck (04 5-880-53-09);
- i) Appropriate \$24,000.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Parks & Recreation capital expenditure account for two mid-deck mowers (04 5-880-53-10);
- j) Appropriate \$7,500.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Parks & Recreation capital expenditure account for one mule utility vehicle (04 5-880-53-11);
- k) Appropriate \$6,500.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Parks & Recreation capital expenditure account for one walk-behind mower (04 5-880-53-12);
- l) Appropriate \$71,350.79 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Police Department capital expenditure account for 2009 police vehicles (04 5-860-53-03);
- m) Appropriate \$21,600.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Police Department capital expenditure account for two high frequency digital repeaters (04 5-860-53-08);
- n) Appropriate \$5,000.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Police Department capital expenditure account for Smart911 System (04 5-860-53-09);
- o) Appropriate \$27,000.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Sanitation Department capital expenditure account for leaf vacuum with trailer (04 5-890-53-10);

- p) Appropriate \$41,040.00 from unappropriated capital equipment fund reserves to Sanitation Department capital expenditure account for dumpsters (04 5-890-53-11);
- q) Appropriate \$7,000.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Airport expenditure account for FODD Removal (01 5-040-05-10);
- r) Appropriate \$4,000.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Airport expenditure account for Lav Cart (01 5-040-05-11);
- s) Appropriate \$4,000.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Airport expenditure account for sump fuel tanks (01 5-040-05-12);
- t) Appropriate \$5,000.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Airport expenditure account for furniture for airport terminal (01 5-040-05-09);
- u) Appropriate \$2,000.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Airport expenditure account for runway crack sealant (01 5-040-05-13);
- v) Appropriate \$3,000.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to IT Department expenditure account for Probation software update (01 5-160-05-01);
- w) Appropriate \$10,400.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Fire Department expenditure account for thirteen SCBA air pack seat brackets (01 5-070-05-26);
- x) Appropriate \$10,800.00 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Parks & Recreation expenditure account for solar shade pavilion system at Berryhill Park (01 5-080-05-04);
- y) Appropriate \$8,640.08 from unappropriated general fund reserves to Sanitation Department expenditure account for seventeen radios (01 5-090-03-06); and
- z) Appropriate \$105,613.32 from anticipated Act 833 revenue to Act 833 expenditure account for 2011 Pumper Truck (11 5-070-05-01).

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

read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling. **Ordinance 2012-11**

Item (m) on the agenda was an ordinance to repeal the provision in the Code of Ordinances that required enhanced notice to citizens of Searcy in certain elections concerning taxation and revenue measures. The ordinance deletes Section 10-9 of the Code of Ordinances in its entirety. Mr. Raney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. Mrs. Arnett then made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the ordinance. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English and Raney. The ordinance has no emergency clause. **Ordinance 2012-12**

Mayor Morris then called on Tonya Hale to speak on behalf of NorthStar EMS. Ms. Hale announced that due to growth of the City of Searcy and White County, NorthStar has added another unit during the week, so there will be five units serving the community from 8am-6pm Monday through Friday; and four 24-hour units on Saturday and Sunday. They have also added a dispatcher, so there will be two dispatchers from 9am-9pm. They hope to get into their new building on Beebe-Capps Expressway by the middle of March. They will continue to have a substation at the White County Medical Center-South Campus and on Sawmill Road, with one unit each, and will have three units operating out of the Beebe-Capps location. The new location will also have a training facility.

The Mayor then announced a special meeting of the Airport Commission on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 5:30pm. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Minutes Approved: March 13, 2012

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Meads  
CITY CLERK

Seal