

**Searcy City Council – Regular Session  
Tuesday, September 11, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Bill Baldrige gave the Invocation, with the pledge following, led by Logan Cothorn. Mayor Morris extended a welcome to Ms. Ginger Blackstone's Public Affairs class from Harding University. Mayor Morris noted appreciation concerning the 9/11 memorial ceremony held earlier in the day at the Searcy Central Fire Station. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering "present": Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Jim Dixon, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, and Mark Derrick. Alderman Dale Brewer was not present. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Mayor Morris asked the Council for consideration to suspend the rules and to amend the agenda due to a change in the amount for payment authorization to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all city departments. The amount had been adjusted by \$204.53 (from \$63,969.44 to \$63,764.91) upon the discovery that this amount was actually an expenditure incurred by the Searcy Public Utilities (Water and Sewer System) and had been erroneously to the City of Searcy. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Derrick to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to reflect the new amount. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Derrick and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular August 14, 2012 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, Derrick, Cothorn and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented the Treasurer's Report which lists the following balances as of August 31, 2012: General Fund: \$769,313.76; Street Fund \$662,228.14; Capital Equipment Fund \$198,935.24; LOPFI Fund \$630,142.71; Parks & Recreation Capital Fund \$78,967.47; Act 833 Fund \$32,458.72; Airport Projects Fund \$116,029.21; Special Highway Tax Fund \$1,603,794.89. She also reported a total of \$4,281,260.15 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$290,115.72 from the same time in 2011. The total of all funds (excluding special highway tax fund) is \$2,488,075.25. Mr. Raney made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to approve the report. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon

Item (e) on the agenda was the Economic Development Report presented by President of the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce Mr. Buck Layne to the Council.

Item (f) on the agenda was an update on the acquisition of a truck from the Searcy Board of Public Utilities. More information will be forthcoming upon working with the Public Utilities Board and the State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration regarding title to the truck.

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

1. Appropriate the sum of \$9,900.00 from the General Fund unappropriated reserves to the 107 Elm Street Demolition expenditure account (#01 5-010-05-19) for the demolition of city-owned buildings located at 107 North Elm Street, Searcy, AR;
2. Appropriate \$15,092.00 to 2011 Taxiway state grant (#01 4-000-98-92) (Arkansas Department of Aeronautics 5% match supplementing 2011 Federal Taxiway grant);
3. Appropriate \$368.91 to Airport Donations revenue account (#12 4-000-01-01), and appropriate \$295.12 (80%) to Airport Terminal grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-01), and \$73.79 (20%) to Sitework/Pavement grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-02);
4. Authorize \$50,000.00 transfer from the General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Parks and Recreation Capital Fund as a loan with reimbursement to the General Fund upon receipt of the 2012 grant money of \$64,550.00 from Arkansas Parks and Tourism;

And authorize payment of the following:

1. \$111,997.50 to Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC for 2012 lighting project (#10 5-085-56-01);
2. \$368.91 to SCM Architects PLLC for July services for the airport terminal project;
3. \$10,950.00 to Miller-Newell Engineers for services re Taxiway E Rehabilitation Federal grant (#01 5-04056-46);
4. \$63,764.91 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all city departments.

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Derrick, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": English, Raney, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Raney, 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 Mr. English, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney. **Ordinance 2012-29**

The Mayor announced:

- The anticipation of a forthcoming recommendation to fill a vacancy on the Public Education and Residential Housing Facilities Board. No recommendation has yet been received with the expectation of further information by the October regular City Council meeting.
- The lifting of the burn ban.
- The placement of historical markers by the White County Historical Society.
- The holding of an intergovernmental meeting between the White County Quorum Court and the Mayors of the cities of White County re the District Judge positions salaries and distribution of payments.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: October 9, 2012

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK