

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, October 9, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Reverend Carl Medley gave the Invocation, with the pledge following, led by Reverend Carl Medley. 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, Dale Brewer and Mark Derrick. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Mayor David Morris asked the City Council to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda due to a new item in the budget adjusting ordinance. This new item was for the September 30, 2012 James H. Cone contractor’s invoice pertaining to the Airport Project, included for the appropriation of and authorization of payment in the amount of \$58,005.00. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. English to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to include the new items. The motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular September 11, 2012 meeting of the Council and the minutes of the special September 18, 2012 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney 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 Jerry Morris presented the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 09-30-12: General Fund: \$915,405.86; Street Fund \$683,070.74; Capital Equipment Fund \$219,768.57; LOPFI Fund \$527,942.95; Parks & Recreation Capital Fund \$13,227.32; Act 833 Fund \$23,677.90; Airport Projects Fund \$115,799.30; Special Highway Tax Fund \$2,131,287.51. He also reported a total of \$4,827,994.83 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$272,699.30 from the same time in 2011. The total of all funds (excluding special highway tax fund) is \$2,498,892.64. Mr. Cothorn made a motion, seconded by Mr. Raney, to approve the report. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon.

Mayor David Morris reported that a recommendation for filling the vacant position on the Public Education and Housing Facilities Board has not yet been received and asked the Council to carry this item forward to the regular November meeting of the Council.

Mayor David Morris informed the Council that the city is in the process of obtaining a bonded title for the truck acquired from the Searcy Board of Public Utilities (Water System). The bonded title is necessary in order to license the truck. No action is necessary from the Council and the Council will be made aware when the licensing process is completed.

Mayor Morris informed the Council of the recommendation for the reappointment of Mr. Marty Spears to the position on the Searcy Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the 5-year term of 11/3/2012 through 11/3/2017. A motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Dixon for the reappointment of Mr. Spears to the Searcy Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon and Sterling.

Mayor Morris asked the Council to entertain a motion to waive the bidding on the paving work done by Cox Paving, Inc. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to waive bidding. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling and English

Item (I) on the agenda was an ordinance to re-zone real property located at 208 East Moore Street (with the legal description attached as exhibit A) from R-3 (Residential) to PD (Planned Development) as recommended by the Planning Commission for the City of Searcy. A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett, 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, English and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney and Brewer. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer and Derrick. **Ordinance 2012-30**.

Item (J) on the agenda was an ordinance fixing and establishing the property tax millage to be collected for the city of Searcy for 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Derrick, 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. Derrick, 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. Sterling, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett and Dixon. **Ordinance 2012-31**.

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

- a. Appropriate \$44,784.92 to Airport Donations revenue account (#12 4-000-01-01), and appropriate \$15,300.00 to Sitework/Pavement grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-02), and \$29,484.92 to Airport Terminal grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-01): [James H. Cone, contractor's August 31, 2012 invoice for work completed];
- b. Appropriate \$442.69 to Airport Donations revenue account (#12 4-000-01-01), and appropriate \$354.15 (80%) to Airport Terminal grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-01), and \$88.54 (20%) to Sitework/Pavement grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-02): [SCM Architects services August 31, 2012 invoice];
- c. Appropriate \$58,005.00 to Airport Donations revenue account (#12 4-000-01-01), and appropriate \$58,005.00 to Airport Terminal grant expenditure account (#12 5-040-56-01): [James H. Cone, contractor's September 30, 2012 invoice for work completed];
- d. Appropriate \$3,000.00 to Fire Equipment expenditure account (#01 5-070-05-01): this \$3,000.00 comes from the White County Quorum Court donation to the Fire Dept. received on 8/24/2012 and receipted to Fire Donations revenue account (#01 4-000-90-07) [*already in budget for 2012*];
- e. Appropriate \$200.00 to Fire Donations revenue account (#01 4-000-90-07) and \$200.00 to Fire Donations Expended expenditure account (#01 5-070-05-17): this comes from \$200.00 donation to the Fire Dept. from Searcy Newcomers League;
- f. Appropriate \$600.00 to Recreation Donations revenue account (#01 4-000-90-08), and appropriate \$600.00 to Parks and Recreation Supplies expenditure account (#01 5-080-02-08): this comes from a \$500.00 donation from Henard Utility Products and a \$100.00 donation from First Community Bank to be used on costs associated with the Employee Appreciation Lunch held on 9/26/2012;
- g. Transfer \$1,175.00 from Airport Furniture expenditure account(#01 5-040-05-09) to Airport FODD Removal expenditure account (#01 5-040-05-14): [*\$7,000.00 has already been budgeted for the FODD expenditure account for 2012, but a price increase and sales tax brings the total cost to \$8,175.00*].

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

- a. \$44,784.92 to James H. Cone, Inc., for August 31, 2012 invoice;
- b. \$442.69 to SCM Architects PLLC, for August 31, 2012 invoice;
- c. \$58,005.00 to James H. Cone, Inc., for September 30, 2012 invoice;
- d. \$32,288.70 to Cox Paving, Inc.

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

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English. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Derrick, Cothorn, Arnett, Dixon, Sterling, English and Raney.

Ordinance 2012-32.

Mayor Morris brought for discussion the status of the Airport Terminal project in that the original sources of revenue for the project (\$125,000.00 from White County and \$100,000 from SREDC) have been largely expended and that there will be a balance in the Airport Projects Fund of \$12,677.65 after payment of the above authorized invoices; \$44,784.92 to J. H. Cone, \$442.69 to SCM Architects, and \$58,005.00 to J. H. Cone. He notified the Council that a source of funding for the project will need to be identified because request for reimbursement cannot be made until 50% of the grant award amount has been expended. The grant awards were for the amounts of: \$150,000.00 for the Sitework/Pavement grant and \$450,000.00 for the Airport Terminal building grant. Respectively, the 50% level will be \$75,000.00 and \$225,000.00. The Council was informed that this would be worked on and that a report would be presented at the regular November Council meeting.

The Mayor announced that the 2013 budget setting process is in progress with the submission of budget proposals having been received from all department heads and that meetings with the individual department heads are being set up to further this process and for discussion of their recommendations.

The Mayor announced the receipt of a letter from the FAA regarding revenue that is generated from mineral rights at the Searcy Municipal Airport. The report from the City of Searcy, dated 6/12/2012 has been reviewed by the FAA and that no action is required at this time.

The Mayor announced the dates and times for the scheduled Town Hall meetings: Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Searcy High School and Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Lightle Center.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: November 13, 2012

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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