

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 13, 2017. The purpose for this public hearing was for the consideration of any public input regarding the declaration of a nuisance property, for property located at 3900 East Race Avenue (Rose Ann Motel). Doug Gray of 404 Lakewood Drive in Searcy, Arkansas spoke to the Council of his concern of the condition of the property and the need to have the property cleaned up. Mayor Morris closed the public hearing.

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 13, 2017. The purpose for this public hearing was for the consideration of any public input in determining the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and the abatement of other nuisances that have been incurred by the City of Searcy. Mayor David Morris opened the public hearing. No person requested to speak. Mayor Morris closed the public hearing.

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Rebecca Frankford, representing the White County Ministerial Alliance, gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Jamie Mobley. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, J. R. Howard, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council members Mary Ann Arnett and Steve Sterling were not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (9) appointment of Jana Miller to the Searcy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, (17-1-o) budget ordinance appropriation for receipt of 0.25% County Fire Sales Tax revenue, (17-1-p) budget ordinance appropriation for the receipt of 2017 Spring Park playground grant reimbursement, (17-1-q) budget ordinance appropriation for the Rialto Theater needs assessment grant from the Arkansas Historic Preservation program, (17-1-r) budget ordinance appropriation for the annual payment for the 911 system upgrade, and (217-2-k) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for the annual payment for the 911 system upgrade. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. English to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular January 9, 2018 meeting of the Council and the special meetings of the Council on January 18, 2018, January 23, 2018, and January 30, 2018 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve all four sets of the minutes. The following voted to approve: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howard.

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Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer's Report which lists the following balances as of 1-31-18: General Fund: \$1,918,064.97; Street Fund \$1,531,531.06; Capital Equipment Fund \$66,429.99; LOPFI Fund \$207,222.15; Act 833 Fund \$89,355.32; Airport Fund \$72,889.59. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$3,885,493.08. He also reported the following balances as of 1-31-18: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,146,507.62; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$5,987,088.42; Information Technology Projects Fund \$1,320.73; Special Projects Fund \$2,532.70; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$135,381.88. He also reported a total of \$518,578.22 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$17,004.01 from the same time in 2017.

Item (6) on the agenda was for a report on the re-opening of the Rialto Theater, the Ice Skating rink at Spring Park, and the Searcy Swim Center. Mayor Morris noted that Searcy Parks and Recreation Director Mike Parsons was unable to be present at this meeting, therefore he would like to postpone this report until the March 2018 meeting.

Item (7) was for the reappointment of Mike Hutsell to the Searcy Planning Commission for a three year term, with the term set to expire on February 8, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the reappointment of Mike Hutsell to the Searcy Planning Commission. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, and English.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the appointment of Jamie Mobley and Larry DeGroat to the Searcy Planning Commission for three year terms, with the terms set to expire on February 8, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to approve the appointments of Jamie Mobley and Larry DeGroat to the Searcy Planning Commission. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, and Raney.

Item (9) was for the appointment of Jana Miller to the Searcy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to fill the five year term position vacated by Rinda Hall, with the term set to expire on November 3, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Raney to approve the appointment of Jana Miller to the Searcy Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (10) on the agenda was for the approval and selection of a bid for the construction of the softball complex concession/press box/restroom facility. A total of thirteen (13) qualifying bids were received for the construction of the concession/press box/restroom facility at the softball complex. The base bids were as follows:

1. Odom Construction Service - \$442,000.00
2. Connel Construction - \$457,420.00
3. Delk Construction - \$460,600.00
4. Wagner General Contractors - \$478,877.00
5. CWR Construction, Inc. - \$499,032.00
6. Shields & Associates - \$524,000.00

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7. John Brown Construction - \$525,133.00
8. American Structure, Inc. - \$534,997.00
9. Bell Construction Co. - \$543,700.00
10. Bradford and Scruggs - \$570,000.00
11. Dayco Construction, Inc. - \$580,000.00
12. Jetton Contracting, Inc. - \$612,245.00
13. C & K Mitchell Contractors - \$630,770.00

The architect for this project, Barry Hoffmann, informed the Council that it would be his recommendation for the Council to approve and select the bid of \$442,000.00 from Odom Construction Services for construction services on softball complex concession/press box/restroom facility. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Howard, to approve and select the bid of \$442,000.00 from Odom Construction Services for the construction of the softball concession/press box/restroom facility. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.

Item (11) on the agenda was for the approval of additions and deletions to the City of Searcy Fixed Asset Schedule. The Council had been provided with a listing of additions and deletions to the Fixed Asset Schedule at the February 8, 2018 agenda meeting in order to examine and have the opportunity to ask any questions, if any, regarding the listing. A motion was made by Mr. English, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to approve the additions and deletions to the City of Searcy Fixed Asset Schedule. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (12) was a resolution regarding the disposition of a 1992 International Pumper Fire Truck. With the acquisition of the new E-One Pumper Fire Truck, this International Fire Truck is no longer needed by the Searcy Fire Department. Discussion was had regarding whether to try to sell the truck or to donate the truck to a neighboring city. The City of Higginson, Arkansas which is contiguous to the City of Searcy, has expressed interest in the truck. A question as to the value of the truck was asked, to which Searcy Fire Chief Andy Woody responded. He stated that investigation determined that the truck has an estimated value of between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Mr. Gibson explained that the truck could be donated with an accompanying interlocal cooperation agreement. He stated that it would be his recommendation to table this issue until the next meeting. Mayor Morris stated that his recommendation would be to donate the truck to the City of Higginson, Arkansas Volunteer Fire Department with an accompanying interlocal cooperation agreement. Mr. Gibson again stated that it would be his recommendation to table this issue until the next Council meeting in order to draft the needed documents. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to table the resolution until the next meeting in order to have a resolution with an accompanying interlocal cooperation agreement to donate the 1992 International Pumper Fire Truck to the City of Higginson Volunteer Fire Department along with an accompanying interlocal cooperation agreement. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howard.

Item (13) was a resolution authorizing the execution and performance of certain agreements, specifically agreements for cleaning services at the Searcy Public Library with Misti Gillespie and at the Pyeatt Building with Dannette Williams. 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, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, and English. **Resolution 2018-05**

Item (14) was a resolution for the declaration of nuisance property located at 3900 East Race Avenue, property known as the Rose Ann Motel property. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the resolution for the declaration of nuisance property located at 3900 East Race Avenue, property known as the Rose Ann Motel property. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, and Raney. **Resolution 2018-06**

Item (15) was a resolution approving amounts of liens to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties for grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. English to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Resolution 2018-07**

Item (16) on the agenda was an ordinance authorizing the execution of an equipment lease agreement and providing for the payment of the principal and interest on the lease, specifically for replacement of 911 system related equipment. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howard. **Ordinance 2018-07**

Item (17) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to:

Section 1. The budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is amended in the following manner:

- a. Appropriate \$2,309.05 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION’ expenditure account (#14 5-070-54-01) for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation;
- b. Appropriate \$30,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION’ expenditure account (#14 5-070-54-01) for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation;

- c. Appropriate \$14,101.25 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services;
- d. Appropriate \$5,108.16 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'SOFTBALL PRESSBOX/CONCESSION/RESTROOM' expenditure account (#14 5-085-54-03) for architectural/design services on the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility;
- e. Appropriate \$54,047.50 from 1% Special Tax Connector Route Fund unappropriated reserves to 'NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS' expenditure account (#13 5-900-54-03) for engineering services on North Main Street improvement project;
- f. Appropriate \$19,959.14 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Searcy Swim Center 'TOOLS/EQUIPMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-082-02-13) for UV Ozone unit for the competition pool at the Searcy Swim Center;
- g. Appropriate \$269,219.33 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'SWIMMING POOL FACILITY' expenditure account (#14 5-085-54-02) for engineering and architectural services for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;
- h. Appropriate \$9,839.23 from Act 833 Fund unappropriated reserves to the '2018 PUMPER LOAN PAYMENT' expenditure account (#11 5-070-05-05) for loan payment on 2018 E-One Pumper Fire Truck;
- i. Appropriate \$108,217.06 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'SWIM POOL COMPLEX LOAN PAYMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-085-05-01) for payment of on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;
- j. Appropriate \$32,500.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ROF-ANIMAL SHELTER KENNELS' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-30) for construction of outside kennel system at the Searcy

Animal Shelter;

- k. Appropriate \$1,392.00 to General Fund 'RECREATION DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-08) for donation from First Community Bank for a scoreboard at the Carmichael Community Center;
- l. Appropriate \$550.00 to General Fund 'RECREATION DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-08) and appropriate \$550.00 to Parks and Recreation Department 'DONATIONS EXPENSED' expenditure account (#01 5-080-05-10) for donation from Marco's Pizza to be used for basketball league expenses at the Carmichael Community Center;
- m. Appropriate \$11,710.89 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'WRI1315D MAINTENANCE BAY GRANT' revenue account (#14 4-000-98-05) for grant reimbursement from White River Regional Solid Waste Management District for the maintenance bay at the Sanitation Department;
- n. Appropriate \$18,304.43 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'WRI0716EWD MAINTENANCE BAY CONCRETE GRANT' revenue account (#14 4-000-98-06) for grant reimbursement from White River Regional Solid Waste Management District for the maintenance bay concrete floor at the Sanitation Department;
- o. Appropriate \$23,434.03 to the 0.25% Fire Protection County Sales Tax Fund '0.25% COUNTY FIRE TAX REVENUE' revenue account (#18 4-000-10-01) for the receipt of the January 2018 distribution of the 0.25% County Fire Sales Tax;
- p. Appropriate \$61,375.00 to the General Fund 'PARKS/TOURISM GRANT' revenue account (#01 4-000-98-31) for the receipt of the reimbursement for the 2017 Spring Park Playground equipment grant (Grant #A-10713-17-WH);
- q. Appropriate \$30,000.00 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund 'RIALTO STUDY GRANT 18HPRG11' revenue account (#14 4-000-98-07) and appropriate \$30,000.00 to 'RIALTO STUDY GRANT 18HPRG11' expenditure account (#14 5-086-56-01) for the Arkansas Historic

Preservation Grant to study the needs of the Rialto Theater;

- r. Appropriate \$59,389.09 to the General Fund 'PSAP/911 EQUIPMENT UPGRADE' expenditure account (#01 5-060-53-17) for the first of five annual payments for the 911 system upgrade;

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to expend the following sums:

- a. \$2,309.05 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);
- b. \$30,000.00 to Cline Construction Group for construction services on the Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);
- c. \$14,101.25 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- d. \$5,108.16 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural/design services for the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility (#14 5-085-54-03);
- e. \$54,047.50 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);
- f. \$19,959.14 to Clarity Pools for UV Ozone unit for the competition pool at the Searcy Swim Center (#01 5-082-02-13);
- g. \$269,219.33 to ETC Engineers & Architects, Inc. for engineering and architectural services for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center (#14 5-085-54-02);
- h. \$9,839.23 to Regions Bank for loan payment on 2018 E-One Pumper Fire Truck (#11 5-070-05-05);
- i. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for payment on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;
- j. Transfer \$50,000.00 from the City of Searcy 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund to the City of Searcy LOPFI Fund for payment of LOPFI Retirement obligation (#14 5-190-05-04);

- k. \$59,389.09 to AT&T Capital Services, Inc. for the first of five annual payments for the 911 system upgrade;

A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Raney, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, and English. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2018-08**

The Mayor announced:

- City offices will be closed in observance of Presidents’ Day, Monday, February, 19, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: March 13, 2018

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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