

Searcy City Council – Special Session
January 18, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Dr. David Burks gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Jamie Stafford. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer, and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council members Mary Ann Arnett and JR Howard were not present.

Mayor Morris called attention to certain awards that were presented to the City of Searcy and Main Street Searcy at the Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference that was held in Fort Smith, Arkansas on January 10-12, 2018. The awards were for Best Façade Restoration for the Rialto Theater and for the Best Downtown Public Improvement Project for the Downtown Beautification Project.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (7-1-j) budget ordinance appropriation for the payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center and (7-2-k) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for the payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (4) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 683 with respect to the zoning classification of a specific land area within the City of Searcy, real property known as the Kohler building property, from I-2 (Industrial) to PD (Planned Development). A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Sterling. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Sterling, and English. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Sterling, English, and Raney.

Ordinance 2018-01

Item (5) on the agenda was an ordinance for the authorization to conduct business with certain individuals who serve as members of various commissions, boards, or committees of the City of Searcy. 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”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney,

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seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. 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”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Ordinance 2018-02

Item (6) on the agenda was an ordinance for the financing of the new 911 system. Mr. Gibson explained that the Searcy Police Department formulated the specifications that would be required for the new 911 system and put it out for bid. Two formal bids were received and one presentation that was not in the form of a formal bid. The presentation was the one that was chosen by the Council and was the only one that met all of the specification requirements other than not being in a formal bid form. He further explained that the Council chose a ‘bid’ that was not actually in a conforming bid form. He recommended that the Council reject all bids that were received and revisit this matter at a later time. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. English, to reject all of the bids that were received for the new 911 system because of not conforming to the specifications that are required of the system. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Sterling.

Item (7) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to:

Section 1. The following sums are appropriated in the absence of a budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas:

- a. Appropriate \$1,000.00 to General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Police Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENSED’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for the receipt and use of donation from Diamond Pipeline LLC;
- b. Appropriate \$100,000.00 to ‘TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND’ expenditure account (#14 5-190-05-04) in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund and appropriate \$100,000.00 to ‘TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND’ revenue account (#05 4-000-80-12) in the LOPFI Fund;
- c. Appropriate \$7,948.00 from Act 833 Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘2018 E-ONE PUMPER TRUCK’ expenditure account (#11 5-070-05-04) for balanced on the cost of the new E-One Pumper Fire Truck;
- d. Appropriate \$20,760.89 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘JANET DRIVE/ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS’ expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-03) for engineering services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements;

- e. Appropriate \$222,387.08 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'JANET DRIVE/ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-03) for construction services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements;
- f. Appropriate \$12,066.75 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;
- g. Appropriate \$432.50 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;
- h. Appropriate \$44,175.50 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;
- i. Appropriate \$47,895.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves 'COMPUTER SOFTWARE/SUPPORT' expenditure account (#01 5-060-04-04) for Police Department Impact Software annual support;
- j. 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 the first payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;
- k. Appropriate \$8,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to 'TRANSFER TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS FUND' expenditure account (#01 5-190-05-16) and appropriate \$8,000.00 to Information Technology Projects Fund 'TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND' revenue account (#15 4-000-10-03) for payment on the loan for the construction of the city-owned fiber optic network;

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

- a. \$19,590.45 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$56,332.78 to U.S. Bank for the first installment of three toward 2018 APERMA Program invoice (total due - \$168,998.00);
- c. \$39,219.50 to the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust for the first installment of four for the year 2017 (total due - \$156,878.00);
- d. \$7,948.00 to Sunbelt Fire for balance needed on the cost of the new E-One Pumper Fire Truck (#11 5-070-05-04);
- e. \$20,760.89 to Whitlow Engineering Services for engineering services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements (#14 5-900-54-03);
- f. \$222,387.08 to Johnny Brock Excavating & Landscaping, Inc. for construction services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements (#14 5-900-54-03);
- g. \$12,066.75 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural/design services for the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility (#14 5-085-54-03);
- h. \$432.50 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);
- i. \$44,175.50 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- j. \$47,895.00 to Admit Computer Services, Inc. for Police Department Impact software (#01 5-060-04-04);
- k. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for the first payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, 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, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Sterling, and English. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Sterling, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded

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by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”:
Chalenburg, Cothorn, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2018-03**

Mr. Gibson noted that the Council needs to address the private club application process in the very near future. He asked that any suggestions, additions or changes to the ordinance that has been circulated for consideration be submitted to him quickly so that this matter can be acted upon.

The Mayor announced:

- Statements of Financial Interest are to be returned to City Hall by January 26, 2018
- Proposed dates/times for 2018 budget discussion – Committee of the Whole meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
- Proposed Special Council meeting to adopt 2018 budget for operations, January 29, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. [Please keep January 30, 2018 open if needed]

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 13, 2018

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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