

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

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Mark Ferren, from First Assembly of God Church in Searcy, gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Searcy Fire Chief Andy Woody. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, J. R. Howard, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council member Steve Sterling was not present.

The minutes of the regular February 13, 2018 meeting of the Council and the special February 21, 2018 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve both sets of the minutes. The following voted to approve: Arnett, Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 2-28-18: General Fund: \$1,971,522.24; Street Fund \$1,590,844.84; Capital Equipment Fund \$66,458.20; LOPFI Fund \$148,789.78; Act 833 Fund \$79,665.22; Airport Fund \$70,808.93. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$3,928,089.21. He also reported the following balances as of 2-28-18: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,148,155.85; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$6,361,982.22; Information Technology Projects Fund \$14,795.58; Special Projects Fund \$2,534.99; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$123,250.15. He also reported a total of \$1,200,723.31 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$89,087.12 from the same time in 2017.

Item (5) on the agenda was the quarterly report from the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Searcy Regional Economic Development Corporation presented by Buck Layne of the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the appointment of Jay James to fill the unexpired three-year term, previously held by Jamie Mobley, on the Searcy Board of Zoning Adjustment, with the term set to expire on October 31, 2018. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Brewer to appoint Jay James to fill the unexpired three-year term, previously held by Jamie Mobley, on the Searcy Board of Zoning Adjustment, with the term set to expire on October 31, 2018. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Item (7) was for the reappointment of Alice Jewell to a three year term on the Searcy Tree Board, with the term set to expire on December 31, 2020. Item (8) on the agenda was for the appointment of Tod Martin and Bob Norris to fill open three year positions on

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the Searcy Tree Board, with both terms set to expire on December 31, 2020. Item (9) on the agenda was for the appointment of Andra Hatchell to fill the unexpired three year term, previously held by Steve Saunders, on the Searcy Tree Board, with the term set to expire on December 31, 2019. Mayor Morris was asked if it would be proper to combine and consider items (7), (8), and (9) since each pertained to either an appointment or a reappointment to the Searcy Tree Board. Mayor Morris stated that he thought it would be proper and confirmed this with Mr. Gibson. A motion was made by Mr. English and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to confirm the reappointment of Alice Jewell and the appointments of Tod Martin, Bob Norris, and Andra Hatchell to the Searcy Tree Board to the terms specified. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

Item (10) was a resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Searcy to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program funds to develop or improve sidewalks to Riverview School. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Brewer to approve the resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Searcy to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program funds to develop or improve sidewalks to Riverview School. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and English. **Resolution 2018-09**

Item (11) was a resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Searcy to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program funds to develop or improve sidewalks to Searcy High School. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Searcy to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program funds to develop or improve sidewalks to Searcy High School. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, English, and Raney. **Resolution 2018-11**

Item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance 2017-20 by adopting a new version of the official zoning map for lands within the City of Searcy, Arkansas. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Howard, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, English, Raney, and Brewer. 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”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2018-10**

Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance 2017-02, the budget for operation of the City of Searcy, Arkansas for the calendar year 2017, to correct certain line items. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend

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the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Howard, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and English. **Ordinance 2018-11**

Item (14) 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 \$198,071.67 to the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund ‘ADA 3580-16 TAXIWAY SIGNS/EROSION’ revenue account (#14 4-000-98-08) for the receipt of grant reimbursement from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics for the 90/10 Searcy Municipal Airport grant #3580-16, closing out this grant;
- b. Appropriate \$24,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Information Technology Department ‘COMMUNICATIONS’ expenditure account (#01 5-160-02-04) for the 911 system trunk phone lines;
- c. Appropriate \$29,476.20 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 February 2018 distribution of the 0.25% County Fire Sales Tax;
- d. Appropriate \$26,748.24 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;
- e. Appropriate \$4,500.45 from 0.25% Fire Protection Services Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘TURNOUT COATS & PANTS & HOODS’ expenditure account (#18 5-070-05-01) for replacing worn out and/or expired turnout coats and pants for the Fire Department personnel [funds were appropriated per Ordinance 2017-33, November 14, 2017, and turnouts were ordered at that time but were not received until February

2018];

- f. Appropriate \$22,500.00 to the General Fund 'FORKLIFT GRANT WRI0616EWD' revenue account (#01 4-000-97-06) and appropriate \$30,000.00 to the Sanitation Department 'FORKLIFT GRANT WRI0616EWD' expenditure account (#01 5-090-56-23) for the 75/25 grant for a forklift and expenses from the White River Planning and Development District. The bid for the forklift was approved at the October 10, 2017 Council meeting;
- g. Appropriate \$1,082,170.60 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'SWIM POOL COMPLEX LOAN PAYMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-085-05-01) for the remaining 10 monthly payments for 2018 on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;
- h. Appropriate \$477.21 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;
- i. Appropriate \$16,530.00 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;
- j. Appropriate \$26,280.00 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;
- k. Appropriate \$5,912.00 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;
- l. 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;

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

- a. \$15,293.05 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. Transfer \$100,000.00 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);
- c. \$26,748.24 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- d. \$4,500.45 to Casco Industries, Inc. for replacement turnouts for the Fire Department;
- e. \$25,890.00 to Lift Truck Service Center, Inc. for forklift for the Sanitation Department (#01 5-090-56-23), 75/25 grant WRPDD;
- f. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for payment on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center (#14 5-085-05-01);
- g. \$477.21 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural/design services for the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility (#14 5-085-54-03);
- h. \$16,530.00 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);
- i. \$26,280.00 to Johnny Brock Excavating & Landscaping, Inc. for construction services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements (#14 5-900-54-03);
- j. \$5,912.00 to Whitlow Engineering Services for engineering services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements (#14 5-900-54-03);
- k. \$9,839.23 to Regions Bank for loan payment on 2018 E-One Pumper Fire Truck (#11 5-070-05-05);

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A motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Howard, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, English, Raney, and Brewer. 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”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Ordinance 2018-12**

Item (15) was for the presentation of the annual State of the City Address by Mayor David Morris.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: April 10, 2018

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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