

**Searcy City Council – Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, January 8, 2019 6:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 8, 2019. 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 Kyle Osborne opened the public hearing. No person requested to speak. Mayor Osborne closed the public hearing.

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Judy Rudd, representing the White County Ministerial Alliance, gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Logan Cothorn. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Chris Howell, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (11) resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreement with the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce for specific marketing services, (13-1-h) budget appropriation for architectural/design services for the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility, (13-1-i) budget appropriation for construction services for the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility, (13-1-j) budget appropriation for special marketing services agreement with the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, (13-2-h) budget appropriation ordinance authorization to expend funds for work on the Library roof replacement project, (13-2-i) budget appropriation ordinance authorization to expend funds for architectural/design services for the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility, and (13-2-j) budget appropriation ordinance authorization to expend funds for construction services for the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility. 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”: Arnett, Howell, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular December 11, 2018 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: Howell, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 12-31-2018: General Fund: \$1,677,906.12; Street Fund \$1,674,083.59; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,716.29; LOPFI Fund \$53,269.24; Act 833

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Fund \$55,683.53; Airport Fund \$34,198.80. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$3,512,857.57. He also reported the following balances as of 12-31-2018: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,046,364.80; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$7,194,980.04; Information Technology Projects Fund \$1,619.85; Special Projects Fund \$2,556.12; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$163,030.62. He also reported a total of \$6,625,764.99 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$241,285.35 from the same time in 2018.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of Charles Green, Jim Wilbourn, and Jim House to the Searcy Planning Commission for three (3) year terms, with the terms set to expire on February 8, 2022. The reappointments have been recommended by the Searcy Planning Commission. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Sterling for the reappointment of Charles Green, Jim Wilbourn, and Jim House to the Searcy Planning Commission for three (3) year terms, with the terms set to expire on February 8, 2022. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howell.

Item (7) was for the review and approval of the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures for 2019. No changes were recommended for the procedures for 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to approve the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures for 2019. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, and Sterling.

Item (8) was a resolution approving the amount of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector as a result of grass cutting expenses and the abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution approving the amount of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector as a result of grass cutting expenses and the abatement of other nuisances. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Sterling, and English.

**Resolution 2019-01**

Item (9) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely certain agreements with:

- Main Street Searcy
- Humane Society of Searcy
- Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Metro Little Rock Alliance
- White County Historical Society (Pioneer Village)
- White County Aging Program (Lightle Senior Citizens Center)
- Searcy Arts Council (Black House)

Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Raney to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Sterling, English, and Raney.

**Resolution 2019-02**

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Item (10) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely agreements for cleaning services at the city-owned Searcy Public Library building and the city-owned Pyeatt building. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. English to approve the resolution for the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely agreements for cleaning services at the city-owned Searcy Public Library building and the city-owned Pyeatt building. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer.

**Resolution 2019-03**

Item (11) was a resolution for the authorization to execute and perform a certain agreement, namely an agreement with the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce for the provision of specific marketing services. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the resolution for the authorization to execute and perform a certain agreement, namely an agreement with the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce for the provision of specific marketing services. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2019-04**

Item (12) on the agenda was an ordinance to authorize the City of Searcy to conduct business with certain individuals who serve as employees of the City of Searcy, specifically Council Member Robert Christopher Howell. 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”: Arnett, Howell, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Howell abstained from voting. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Howell abstained from voting. **Ordinance 2019-01**

Item (13) on the agenda was a budget appropriation ordinance in the absence of a budget for 2019 to:

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

- a. 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;
- b. Appropriate \$40,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘TRANSFER TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND’ expenditure

account (#01 5-190-05-16) in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund and appropriate \$40,000.00 to 'TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND' revenue account (#15 4-000-10-03) in the Information Technology Projects Fund for supplement to make payments on the fiber optic network loan;

- c. Appropriate \$260,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to 'LIBRARY BUILDING ROOF' expenditure account (#01 5-020-02-12) for the replacement of the city-owned Library Building roof (bidding was done through the TIPS/TAPS cooperative purchasing program);
- d. Appropriate \$34,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-01) for planning and engineering work on the Country Club Road improvement project;
- e. Appropriate \$5,875.00 to the General Fund 'INSURANCE CLAIMS REIMBURSEMENT' revenue account (#01 4-000-70-01) and appropriate \$5,500.00 to the General Fund 'DAMAGED PROPERTY REPLACEMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-190-02-11) for the receipt and use of insurance reimbursement to replace a wrecked/totaled 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Department vehicle;
- f. Appropriate \$345,363.55 for Street Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'PAVING' expenditure account (#02 5-900-05-07) for the remaining work to be done on the 2018 street paving program;
- g. Appropriate \$35,000.00 from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to 'STREET SIGNS/MARKINGS' for striping of various streets;
- h. Appropriate \$120.39 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 \$95,571.90 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'SOFTBALL PRESSBOX/CONCESSION/RESTROOM'

expenditure account (#14 5-085-54-03) for construction services on the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility;

- j. Appropriate \$5,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ROF-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MARKETING SERVICES' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-31) for the 2019 special marketing services agreement with the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce;

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

- a. \$13,911.70 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$60,533.00 to U.S. Bank for the first installment of three toward 2019 APERMA Program invoice (total due - \$181,599.00);
- c. \$31,200.00 to the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust for the first installment of four for the year 2019 (total due - \$124,803.00);
- d. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for the first payment of 2019 for principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center (#14 5-085-05-01);
- e. \$260,000.00 to All Spec Roofing for the replacement of the city-owned Library Building roof (#01 5-020-02-12);
- f. \$34,000.00 to ETC Engineers & Architects, Inc., for planning and engineering work on the Country Club Road improvement project (#14 5-900-54-01);
- g. \$5,500.00 to Chicago Motors for replacement of a wrecked/totaled 2010 Ford Crown Victoria Police Department vehicle (#01 5-190-02-11);
- h. \$143,487.80 to All Spec Roof Corp. for work on the city-owned Library roof replacement project (#01 5-020-02-12);
- i. \$120.39 to Hoffmann Architectural for architectural/design services on the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility (#14 5-085-54-03);

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- j. \$95,571.90 to Odom Construction Services, LLC for construction services on the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility;

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”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, and Sterling. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Sterling, and English. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Sterling, English, and Raney. **Ordinance 2019-02**

The Mayor announced:

- City offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. day on Monday, January 21, 2019
- Statements of Financial Interest are to be returned to City Hall by January 25, 2019

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 12, 2019

/s/ Kyle Osborne  
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK

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