

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2020. 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. Mark Harris gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Rodger Cargile. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Chris Howell, Rodger Cargile, Dale English, Don Raney, and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council member Dale Brewer was not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (16-1-d) budget ordinance appropriation to purchase 96-gallon trash containers, (16-2-f) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds to purchase 96-gallon trash containers, (16-1-e) budget ordinance appropriation for the Belle Meade drainage project, and (16-2-g) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for the Belle Meade drainage project. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular December 10, 2019 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the minutes. The following voted to approve: Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 12-31-2019: General Fund: \$1,112,652.89; Street Fund \$1,679,446.52; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,812.40; LOPFI Fund \$51,248.10; Act 833 Fund \$65,223.18; Airport Fund \$47,818.83. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$2,974,201.92. He also reported the following balances as of 12-31-2019: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$3,825,604.03; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$7,743,632.97; Information Technology Projects Fund \$14,495.55; Special Projects Fund \$2,581.80; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$279,072.33; Court Automation Fund \$30,049.73; Advertising and Tourism Promotion Fund \$434,570.67. He also reported a total of \$6,369,876.44 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is down \$250,226.28 from the same time in 2018.

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Item (6) on the agenda was for the appointment of Lisa Wray to a three-year term on the Searcy Planning Commission, with the term set to expire on February 8, 2023. A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Cargile to approve the appointment of Lisa Wray to a three-year term on the Searcy Planning Commission, with the term set to expire on February 8, 2023. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howell.

Item (7) was for the review and approval of the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures for 2020. No changes were recommended for the procedures for 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to approve the City of Searcy Governing Body procedures for 2020. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, and Cargile.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the discussion of and the setting of a time and date for a public hearing regarding a request to vacate a portion of East Market Avenue (between Main Street and Locust Street). A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cargile to set a time of 6:00 p.m. on February 11, 2020, prior to the regular February 2020 Council meeting, for a public hearing regarding a request to vacate a portion of East Market Avenue (between Main Street and Locust Street). Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, and English.

Item (9) was a resolution for the authorization to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics on behalf of the Searcy Airport Commission. The grant will be used for the repair of lighting fixtures on the apron, runway, and taxiway at the Searcy Municipal Airport. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution for the authorization to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics on behalf of the Searcy Airport Commission. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, and Raney. **Resolution 2020-01**

Item (10) was a resolution authorizing the execution and performance of a certain agreement with Enterprise FM Trust for the provision of motor vehicle leasing in connection with the Searcy Police Department for use by the Drug Task Force and for other purposes as directed by the City and the Searcy Police Department. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2020-02**

Item (11) was a resolution approving the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mrs. Arnett and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the resolution approving the amounts of liens to

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be certified to the White County Tax Collector as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Resolution 2020-03**

Item (12) 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. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. **Resolution 2020-04**

Item (13) was a resolution to authorize the execution and performance of certain agreements specifically regarding cleaning services for the Searcy Public Library building and the Pyeatt building. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution to authorize the execution and performance of certain agreements specifically regarding cleaning services for the Searcy Public Library building and the Pyeatt building. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howell. **Resolution 2020-05**

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the City of Searcy Employee Handbook. 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, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, and Cargile. 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”: Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, and English. 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”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, and Raney. **Ordinance 2020-01**

Item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance adopting the budget for operation of the City of Searcy for the calendar year 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only.

Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, and Raney. 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”: Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, and Chalenburg. 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”: Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. **Ordinance 2020-02**

Item (16) 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 \$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 \$70,097.70 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 construction services;
- c. Appropriate \$8,606.00 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 \$7,462.80 from 2014 Eight Year Plan unappropriated reserves to ‘SIDE-ARM TRASH CONTAINERS’ expenditure account (#14 54-090-53-02) for 96-gallon trash containers;
- e. Appropriate \$30,760.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to ‘BELLE MEADE DRAINAGE’ expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-06) for Belle Meade drainage improvement project construction services;

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

sums:

- a. \$17,289.28 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for payment on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center (#14 5-085-05-01);
- c. 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);
- d. \$70,097.70 to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc. for construction services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);
- e. \$8,606.00 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- f. \$7,462.80 to Toter Wastequip, LLC for 96-gallon trash containers (#14 5-090-53-02);
- g. \$30,760.00 to Johnny Brock Excavating & Landscaping, Inc. for construction services on the Belle Meade drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);

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”: Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. 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”: Cargile, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howell. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cargile, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, and Cargile. **Ordinance 2020-03**

The Mayor announced:

- City offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 20, 2020
- Statements of Financial Interest are to be returned to City Hall by January 31, 2020

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

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Minutes Approved: February 11, 2020

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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