

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

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, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. City Attorney Buck Gibson was not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for suspending the rules to add items (7-1-j): budget ordinance appropriation for appraisal services for the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale drainage improvement project and (7-2-a) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for fuel for all departments due to the receipt of additional billing for fuel that was received after the June 4, 2020 pre-council agenda meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to suspend the rules and add items (7-1-j) and (7-2-a) to the budget adjustment ordinance. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular May 12, 2020 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, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 5-31-2020: General Fund: \$1,071,288.59; Street Fund \$2,143,558.51; Capital Equipment Fund \$17,845.17; LOPFI Fund \$259,935.60; Act 833 Fund \$17,577.12; Airport Fund \$53,140.75. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$3,563,345.74. He also reported the following balances as of 5-31-2020: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$3,833,241.10; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$8,764,669.43; Information Technology Projects Fund \$492.36; Special Projects Fund \$2,592.54; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$388,437.98; Court Automation Fund \$31,402.68; Advertising and Tourism Promotion Fund \$675,388.02. He also reported a total of \$2,839,460.66 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$164,765.19 from the same time in 2019.

Item (6) on the agenda was the quarterly report from the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, presented by Buck Layne.

Item (7) 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 \$2,000.00 to the General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$2,000.00 to the Police Department ‘DONATIONS

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- EXPENSED' expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for a donation from Walmart;
- b. Appropriate \$2,000.00 to the General Fund 'FIRE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-07) and appropriate \$2,000.00 to the Police Department 'DONATIONS EXPENSED' expenditure account (#01 5-070-05-17) for a donation from Walmart;
 - c. Appropriate \$194,562.04 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-01) for construction services on the Country Club Road improvement project;
 - d. Appropriate \$8,200.00 from the 1% Special Connector Route Tax Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'NORTH MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT' expenditure account (#13 5-900-54-03) for engineering services on the North Main Street improvement project;
 - e. Appropriate \$10,189.00 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;
 - f. Appropriate \$46,680.62 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;
 - g. Appropriate \$251,044.97 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to the 'LAND ACQUISITION-RIVERSIDE PARK' expenditure account (#14 5-080-02-01) for acquisition of land for expanding Riverside Park;
 - h. Appropriate \$69,000.00 to the Airport Fund 'CARES ACT GRANT ' revenue account (#12 4-000-99-01) for the receipt of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act funds that were enacted by the United States Congress;
 - i. Appropriate \$3,080.00 from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to 'TOOLS/EQUIPMENT' expenditure account (#02 5-900-02-07) and appropriate \$770.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Engineering Department 'SURVEYING EQUIPMENT' expenditure account (#01 5-130-05-07) for surveying data collector/GPS storage unit;
 - j. Appropriate \$5,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to

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'ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project appraisal services;

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

- a. \$21,082.82 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 \$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);
- d. \$194,562.04 to RL Persons Construction, Inc., for construction services on the Country Club Road improvement project (#14 5-900-54-01);
- e. \$8,200.00 to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services on the North Main Street improvement project (#13 5-900-54-03);
- f. \$10,189.00 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- g. \$46,680.62 to Burkhalter Technologies, Inc. for construction services on the Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project (#14 5-130-05-02);
- h. \$251,044.97 to Lightle Law Firm Escrow Account for acquisition of land for expanding Riverside Park (#14 5-080-02-01);

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": Cargile, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howell. Mr. Morris read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Raney noted that the authorization to expend funds related to the appropriation for the acquisition of land to expand Riverside Park (section 1-g of the budget adjustment ordinance) was omitted from section 2 of the budget adjustment ordinance. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to amend the ordinance to include the authorization to expend funds for the acquisition of land to expand Riverside Park (section 2-h of the budget adjustment ordinance). Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, and Raney. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, English, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Morris then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, Cargile, and English.

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A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: July 14, 2020

/s/ Kyle Osborne
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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