

ORDINANCE 2020 - 29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS; TO ADD SECTION 2-8 RELATING TO THE GRANT APPLICATIONS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The City Council of the City of Searcy, Arkansas, meeting in regular session, makes the following findings of fact and enacts the following provisions:

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council recognizes the need to make application for grants for the use by various departments of the City of Searcy; and

WHEREAS, certain grant applications may have windows of opportunity that can close in the absence of prompt applications that may not have specific approval of the Searcy City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to afford the Mayor, or his permitted designee, the opportunity to maximize grant funding revenue for the use of the City of Searcy and for the benefit of all of the residents and patrons of the City of Searcy; and

WHEREAS, to the extent permitted by law, the City Council wishes to afford to the Mayor, or his permitted designee, the authority to make application for grant proceeds while reserving to the Searcy City Council the final authority to apply any matching funds and to approve grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Searcy City Council finds that, in light of the need to provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of its citizens, an emergency exists requiring the immediate enforcement of this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Searcy City Council adopts the following addition to the Searcy Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. The Searcy Code of Ordinances is amended to include the following Section 2-8, which shall read as follows:

“Sec. 2-8. Grant Applications. The Mayor or his duly authorized representative shall have the authority and responsibility, but shall not be required, to make any applications for grant funding in any amount from any source that the Mayor may determine to be in the best interests of the City of Searcy, all within the sole and exclusive determination of the Mayor. The grant applications may be for the provision of any supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials and other things requisite for public purposes in and for the City of Searcy, or for the acquisition of or improvement to any services or other matters related to the operation of the City of Searcy. Upon the making of any such grant application, the Mayor shall notify the City Council of the City of Searcy at the

next following regularly scheduled meeting the Searcy City Council and the authority conferred herein shall not obligation the City of Searcy to expend any funds or to allocate any funds received by the City of Searcy and all such expenditures and appropriations shall be subject to the budgeting laws of the State of Arkansas or that are otherwise applicable to the City of Searcy.”

Section 2. The provision of this ordinance are separable and, upon any finding that any provision of this ordinance is unenforceable, the remaining provision shall be enforceable according to their terms.

Section 3. All ordinances, resolution or other acts of the City in conflict with the terms hereof are repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Emergency Clause. The Searcy City Council has determined that an emergency exists and that the immediate adoption and enforcement of this ordinance being necessary for the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the provisions hereof shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Adopted this 8th day of September, 2020.

The City of Searcy, Arkansas

By: /s/ Kyle Osborne
Mayor of Searcy

Attest

/s/ Jerry Morris
Searcy City Clerk-Treasurer