

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

3/29/2022

City Hall

- Chairman Chris Howell called the meeting to order at 9:00am
- Commissioners Centola, Chalenburg, House, Jones, and Patel were present
- Approval of Minutes: Patel motioned to approve, Chalenburg seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- Mr. Blansett gave the financial report. The first page shows a tracking of all funds requested from the Commission. Total fund balance as of 2/28/22 was \$2,402,775.41. Restricted Fund Balance is \$1,375,034.34 and the Unrestricted Fund Balance is \$1,027,741.07. Collections for the month of January 2022 were for Lodging \$19,870.51 and Prepared Foods \$91,449.75. Interest Income \$315.41. Expenditures were: White County Fair Improvement Grant \$9,946.51, Searcy Recreational Sports League, Inc. \$22,602.17, White County Fair Assn.-2022 \$5803.49, First Robotics 2022 \$66,000.00 Accounting Services \$1,950.00, Attorney Services \$125.00, Bank Fees \$1193.47 Net income for February 2022 \$4,015.03.
- Request for Funding: Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce Newcomers Guide \$17,000.00. Tara Cathey presented. Second Year of A&P funding to include all businesses that collect the A&P Tax. Jones requested that the guide include the A&P Logo on the front cover. Patel motioned to approve, Centola seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.

- Request for Funding: Searcy Parks and Recreation Timing System for tournaments in the swim center. \$17,660.00 Mike Parsons presented. The timing system will allow the swim center to host tournaments, which we have turned down in the past. The system is built especially for our pool. Centola motioned to approve, Chalenburg seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- Request for Funding: SearcyRecreational Sports League, Inc. Addition to restrooms, rebuild Crain-Yancey concession/restrooms & Permanent fencing. \$126,430.00. Rigel Page presented. Mr Page started with results of the survey from the first tournament. He then proceeded to explain that there has been a change in the request. At this time, he asked that the Commission approve for a restroom trailer be brought in for the weekend tournaments and the fencing be purchased. He has had discussions with the city on possible renovations to the facilities. Jones asked what would be the cost of renting or buying a trailer to be out there permanently. Mr. Page said he would look into it and report back to the Commission. Centola motioned to approved \$47,860.00 for the rental and fencing, with the provision that Mr. Page come back with pricing to rent for the entire season or purchase one. Jones seconded. Vote to approve was unanimous.
- Mike Parsons addressed the Commission about a previous funding request for laying out Riverside Park and seeing about renewing the request. Howell asked Mr. Blansett if this was still on the books. It is dated the end of June of 2021, meaning it is still an active request. No action was necessary.
- Chalenburg asked about the date on the Legion Hut Request for Funds. Mr. Blansett said that it was March of last year and he would reach out to Main Street Searcy about renewing the request. Chalenburg motioned to extend the request for three months so they can complete the grant. Centola seconded. Vote to extend the request was approved unanimous.
- Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 9:44am.