

**Searcy City Council- Special Session  
January 28, 2013 5:00 p.m. Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Fire Chief Bill Baldrige gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Alderman Steve Sterling. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering "present": Logan Cothorn, Jim Dixon Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Alderman Mary Ann Arnett was not present. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Mayor Morris made the announcement of the selection of Jeremy Clark as the new Chief of Police for the City of Searcy.

Item (3) on the agenda was an ordinance to adopt the budget for the City of Searcy for the calendar year 2013. Mayor Morris expressed his appreciation for the work put in by everyone involved toward getting the budget in place. Special Assistant to the Mayor and Human Resources Director Jay Shock gave a brief update regarding the revised figures that were included in the budget presentation, which included the cost of the removal of the 1% Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA), the revision in the estimated revenues from the Franchise Tax (due to a decrease in the amount received from CenterPoint Energy), and the inclusion of the \$26,000.00 assurance for the Searcy Compost Center as required by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. A motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Dixon. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Dixon, and Sterling. **Ordinance 2013-03**

Item (4) on the agenda was an ordinance for the approval of a short-term loan earmarked for the completion of the Searcy Airport. Mayor explained that bids were received from various financial institutions for the short-term financing of the project and that an individual (Mr. Reynie Rutledge) had extended an offer to the City of Searcy to loan the funds, interest-free, that are needed to complete the project, subject to the guidelines and statutes provided for by the State of Arkansas Amendment 78 regarding short-term financing. 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": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Dixon, Sterling, and English. 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": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Dixon, Sterling, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Dixon, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Dixon, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2013-04**

Mayor Morris announced that the required information and documents needed for the request for reimbursement for the first 50% of the costs pertaining to the construction of the Airport Terminal had been submitted to the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics.

Mayor Morris announced the receipt of a letter from the Independent Tea Party of White County requesting a line-item accounting of all checks written on the City of Searcy checking accounts for the calendar year 2012.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 12, 2013

/s/ David Morris  
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
City Clerk