

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**August 14, 2015 12:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Mayor Morris gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following. City Clerk Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Aldermen answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, J R Howard, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Mayor Morris explained that this meeting was called because of the failure of one of two servers which carries the voice over internet protocol (VoIP) telephone system for the various city departments, except for the 911 emergency systems, and the immediate need to replace the servers in order to ensure that the telephone system does not fail completely. The two servers are identical in age, with the failed server acting as a backup in the case of failure of the other. Information Technology director David Sawyers noted that these servers are at the end of their expected life cycle and are no longer available except on a used basis and would still cost approximately \$10,000.00. He further explained that if a used server was found, that is what we would have; used servers close to the end of their life expectancy. Mr. Sawyers noted that the Cisco VoIP System is available on state contract through NetGain Technologies, thereby precluding the need for competitive bidding. It was Mr. Sawyers’ recommendation that a new system be acquired instead of trying to fix the existing system and still have a system that is reaching the end of its life expectancy. Item (3) 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 \$34,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to Information Technology department ‘CISCO VOIP SYSTEM’ expenditure account (01 5-160-05-06) for the purchase of telephone equipment to replace failed equipment;

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Howard, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, 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 Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Ordinance 2015-25**

It was noted that an authorization for the expenditure would be included on a budget ordinance for the regular September 2015 Council meeting when an invoice is received reflecting the actual cost of the VoIP system.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: September 8, 2015

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK