

Searcy City Council – Special Session
January 26, 2016 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Alderman J R Howard gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Alderman Dale English. 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, and Mike Chalenburg. City Attorney Buck Gibson was not present. Alderman Dale Brewer was not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for discussion regarding the construction of the football concession/restroom/press box facility at the Searcy Sports Complex. Mayor Morris noted that the bids had been received from the re-bidding for the construction cost of the facility and that they had come in higher than what has been allocated for this construction. City Engineer Mark Lane explained that he had been in contact with ETC Engineers and Delk Construction regarding possible ways to reduce the cost of this facility. He noted that there have been some things identified that would reduce this cost. His concern is that one of the deductive alternatives was to not have the block exterior walls and have a wood frame with siding on the exterior walls. In order to have the cost of the facility come in within the allocated budget, this deductive alternate would have to be taken before value engineering to reduce costs can be considered. The Parks and Recreation Department, the PeeWee Football Committee, and the City administration recommend that the exterior walls be of block or brick construction for better durability, in that a wood frame/siding would be easily damaged and not last as long. Mr. Raney noted that if the original design for block walls is to be kept, the project would need to be re-bid. Mr. Lane noted that it may be possible to have wood frame walls with brick and be able to reduce the cost. Mr. Sterling noted that he is concerned with the sheetrock interior walls. He suggested that the interior walls should be constructed with a material that would be washable with a water hose and with drains in the floor. Mr. Sterling also stated that he is going to investigate the actual costs of the materials called for in the construction of the facility. Mr. Raney suggested, and Mayor Morris agreed, that Mr. Lane, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Parsons meet again with ETC Engineers and Delk Construction and work on relaying exactly what is wanted/needed for this facility and to be within the budgeted allocation.

Item (4) on the agenda was for the consideration of any changes to be made to the proposed operating budget for the City of Searcy for the calendar year 2016. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to move into executive session for discussion on personnel issues. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. The Council retired into executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. English to come out of executive session and return to regular session. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. At this time a motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to not fund the new additional personnel position requested by the Municipal Airport and to

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reduce the proposed City Attorney Department 'OFFICE EXPENSES' line item request of \$24,000.00 by \$6,000.00 to \$18,000.00. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Sterling, English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard.

A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to make the following changes to the proposed 2016 General Fund budget for operation for the City of Searcy:

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

- Additional \$2,000.00 to 'BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS' (01 5-066-02-01) – from \$20,000.00 to \$22,000.00
- Additional \$7,000.00 to 'OPERATIONAL COSTS' (01 5-066-02-08) – from \$54,000.00 to \$61,000.00
- Additional \$3,000.00 to 'VETERINARY SUPPLIES' (01 5-066-02-09) – from \$22,000.00 to \$25,000.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Additional \$4,000.00 to 'TRAVEL/TRAINING' (01 5-060-01-06) – from \$8,000.00 to \$12,000.00
- Additional \$4,000.00 to 'UNIFORMS' (01 5-060-01-07) – from \$26,000.00 to \$30,000.00
- Additional \$2,500.00 to 'TESTING/NEW HIRES' (01 5-060-01-11) – from \$2,500.00 to \$5,000.00

MAYOR DEPARTMENT

- Additional \$5,000.00 to 'MAIN STREET SEARCY' (01 5-010-05-13) – from \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00
- Reduce by \$3,000.00 'BUILDING MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS' (01 5-010-02-01) – from \$10,000.00 to \$7,000.00
- Additional \$3,000.00 to 'LIGHTLE CENTER REPAIRS' (01 5-010-02-13) – from \$0.00 to \$3,000.00

Motion carried with the following voting "yes": English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling.

A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to make the following change to the proposed 2016 Street Fund budget for operation for the City of Searcy:

STREET DEPARTMENT

- Add a line item for Capital Expenditures in the amount of \$45,000.00 for the acquisition of a Skid Steer with Broom

Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 9, 2016

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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