

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**March 2, 2017 12:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Alderman Don Raney 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 Cothern, Mary Ann Arnett, J R Howard, Steve Sterling, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. City Attorney Buck Gibson was not present. Also present was Administrative Assistant to the Mayor Lillie Cook.

Item (3) on the agenda was for the review, approval, and selection of bids for the construction of the new street that will connect South Main Street and Higginson Street. This new street will pass in front of the new swimming pool facility. A total of eight (8) bids were received for the construction of the new street. The base bids/alternate bids received were as follows:

1. Redstone Construction, Little Rock, AR - \$656,988.85/\$609,808.85
2. Township Builders, Little Rock, AR - \$820,760.00/\$764,680.00
3. HardRock Construction, Russellville, AR - \$605,735.50/\$558,058.30
4. Frank Gardner Construction, Mt. Vernon, AR - \$562,700.00/\$518,020.00
5. Heritage Excavation, Beebe, AR - \$663,494.30/\$607,834.30
6. Patriarch Construction, Searcy, AR - \$747,041.00/\$700,981.00
7. Brock Excavating, Searcy, AR - \$546,141.25/\$496,441.25
8. Spurlock, Inc., Searcy, AR - \$649,716.25/\$597,806.25

City Engineer Mark Lane explained that deductive alternate #1 was for a reduction in the thickness of the paving for the street. Mr. Lane also stated that it would be his recommendation to accept and select the base bid from Brock Excavating for this project. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. English to approve and select the base bid submitted by Brock Excavating in the amount of \$546,141.25 for the construction of a new street that will connect South Main Street and Higginson Street. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothern.

Item (4) was a resolution for the approval of certain contracts and the authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely an agreement with Brock Excavating associated with the construction of a connector street between South Main Street and Higginson Street. Mrs. Cook read the resolution in full. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to adopt the resolution. The resolution passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothern, and Arnett. **Resolution 2017-11**

Item (5) on the agenda was for the review and discussion of a recommendation from ETC Engineering, Inc. for lighting in the parking area of the new swimming pool facility. It had been discovered that there were no lighting fixtures in the plans for the parking lot of the new swimming pool facility. ETC presented a proposal/drawing that included 3 light

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poles each with 2 LED fixture heads. It was noted that these lighting fixtures were located in the middle areas of the parking lot with no lights closer to the entrance of the building. ETC noted that there are already lights on the building itself but did not know how much light this would emit to the outside entranceway area. This addition of the 3 light poles and fixtures was shown as adding an amount of \$26,300.00 to the project. ETC was asked to come back on March 9, 2017 to the pre-council agenda meeting with plans for some additional lighting in the outside entranceway area of the facility as well as the lighting additions that had been presented. Mayor Morris also added that this would give the City Engineer more time to study the proposal to determine the lighting needs for the parking lot area.

Item (6) on the agenda was for an update from ETC Engineering, Inc. on the overall progress of the construction of the new swimming pool facility. ETC stated that the project was mostly on schedule and going well, although the recent rainy weather slowed things a little. They also noted that for the most part the weather had been better than usual over the winter and that they were probably one week ahead of schedule.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: April 11, 2017

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
CITY CLERK

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