

Searcy City Council – Special Session
December 22, 2017 9:00 a.m.
Minutes

Mayor David Morris called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Council member Mike Chalenburg gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Council member Dale Brewer. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, J R Howard, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council members Mary Ann Arnett and Steve Sterling were not present.

Item (3) on the agenda for the discussion regarding the necessary start-up expenses for equipment and supplies for the continued operation of the Rialto Theater. City of Searcy Parks and Recreation Department Director Mike Parsons provide a listing of one-time start-up expenses which included the projector/speaker/lighting equipment and installation, concession equipment, register/payment system, security system for the building, and beginning concession supplies. The total cost of this equipment was for \$61,901.69. Staffing/personnel costs of \$48,429.26 annually were also presented to the Council, but it was noted that these costs would be included in the 2018 budget for operations for the City of Searcy. The start-up expenses would need to be appropriated in order to obtain the equipment and supplies. Mr. Parsons noted that the equipment and installation could be done before the end of the year. The item that will take some time will be the agreements with the production companies for the licensing authorization to show featured films.

Item (4) was for the discussion and authorization regarding the job description for the manager of the Rialto Theater and compensation for employees that are necessary beginning on January 1, 2018 for the operation of the Rialto Theater. A motion to authorize the job description changes and compensation for the employees that are necessary for the operation of the Rialto Theater beginning on January 1, 2018 was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Howard. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howard, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (5) was a resolution to approve certain contracts and authorization to execute and perform certain agreements, namely agreements with production companies for licensing authorization to show featured films at the Rialto Theater. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the resolution. The resolution passed with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howard. **Resolution 2017-62**

Item (6) 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 \$50,402.69 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated

reserves to 'ROF-RIALTO PROJECTOR, EQUIPMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-28) for the purchase of a projector and peripheral equipment for the Rialto Theater;

- b. Appropriate \$12,499.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ROF-RIALTO CONCESSION, ADMISSION, SECURITY SUPPLIES' expenditure account (#14 5-500-05-29) for equipment needed for operation of the Rialto Theater;

Section 2. The Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to expend the following sums:

- a. \$15,105.35 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$58,841.69 to Tri-State Theater/Digital Services for the purchase of a projector, peripheral equipment, and concession equipment for the Rialto Theater;

A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, and English. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting "yes": Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, Raney, and Brewer. **Ordinance 2017-38**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: January 9, 2018

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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