

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 9, 2018. The purpose for this public hearing was for the consideration of any public input in determining the amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and the abatement of other nuisances that have been incurred by the City of Searcy. Mayor David Morris opened the public hearing. No person requested to speak. Mayor Morris closed the public hearing.

Mayor David Morris called to order the Regular Session of the Searcy City Council. Karl McLarty of the White County Ministerial Alliance gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Searcy Assistant Police Chief Steve Taylor. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, J. R. Howard, Dale English, Don Raney, and Mike Chalenburg. City Attorney Buck Gibson was not present. Council members Mary Ann Arnett, Steve Sterling, and Dale Brewer were not present. Mayor Morris explained that there is a quorum present with five members and that business can be conducted with the exception that any item that calls for the suspension of the rules cannot be considered. They cannot be considered with less than a two-thirds vote, which would be six members. The items that are affected are items (3), (13), (14), (15), and (16). He recommended that these items be tabled and for a special meeting of the Council be called for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 to consider these items. Mayor Morris asked if there were any objections to this recommendation. There were none.

Item (3) on the agenda was to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: (16-1-j) budget ordinance appropriation for the payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center and (16-2-k) budget ordinance authorization to expend funds for the payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center. This item was not considered due to the need to suspend the rules and having only five council members present at the meeting.

The minutes of the regular December 12, 2017 meeting of the Council and the December 14, 2017 and December 22, 2017 special meetings of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the three sets of minutes. The following voted to approve: Howard, English, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 12-31-17: General Fund: \$1,620,004.19; Street Fund \$1,457,381.29; Capital Equipment Fund \$66,334.64; LOPFI Fund \$93,547.13; Act 833 Fund \$97,071.56; Airport Fund \$72,503.20. The total of the preceding listed funds is \$3,406,842.01. He also reported the following balances: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,140,127.22; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$5,969,978.65; Information Technology Projects Fund \$3,718.35; Special Projects Fund \$2,526.40; 0.25% Fire

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Protection Services Tax Fund \$112,033.02. He also reported a total of \$6,384,479.64 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$274,381.52 from the same time in 2016.

Item (6) on the agenda was for the reappointment of Adam Hart to a five-year term on the Searcy Airport Commission, as recommended by the Airport Commission, with the term set to expire on December 31, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to reappoint Adam Hart to a five-year term on the Searcy Airport Commission, with the term set to expire on December 31, 2022. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howard.

Item (7) was for the review of the City of Searcy Governing Body Procedures for 2018. Mayor Morris noted that no changes or recommendation for changes have been made to the procedures for the 2018 calendar year. He also noted that the last change made was in 2016 when the time for the regular Council meetings was changed from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the time for the pre-council agenda meetings was changed from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Chalenburg, to approve the current procedures in place for calendar year 2018. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, and English.

Item (8) on the agenda was for the setting of a date and time to hold a public hearing concerning the declaring of certain real property located at 3900 East Race Avenue (known as the Roseann Motel) a nuisance property. A date and time of February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular February City Council meeting, was recommended. Code Enforcement Director Mike Cleveland noted that proper notifications had been sent out and that announcements of the public hearing are set to be published in the local newspaper on two consecutive Sundays before the date of the hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. English to set February 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing concerning the declaring of certain real property located at 3900 East Race Avenue a nuisance property. Motion carried with following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, English, and Raney.

Item (9) was a resolution recognizing the opioid epidemic in the United States of America and in Arkansas and to engage in litigation against those entities and people responsible for this societal crisis. City Clerk Jerry Morris read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution recognizing the opioid epidemic in the United States of America and in Arkansas and to engage in litigation against those entities and people responsible for this societal crisis. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Howard, English, Raney, and Chalenburg. **Resolution 2018-01**

Item (10) was a resolution approving amounts of liens to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. City Clerk Jerry Morris read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the

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following voting “yes”: Howard, English, Raney, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Resolution 2018-02

Item (11) was a resolution for authorization to execute and perform certain agreements with: (1) Main Street Searcy, (2) Humane Society of Searcy, (3) Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, (4) Metro Little Rock Alliance, (5) White County Historical Society/Pioneer Village, (6) White County Aging Program/Lightle Senior Citizen Center, and (7) Searcy Arts Council/Black House. City Clerk Jerry Morris read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Chalenburg to approve the resolution for authorization to execute and perform certain agreements with: (1) Main Street Searcy, (2) Humane Society of Searcy, (3) Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce, (4) Metro Little Rock Alliance, (5) White County Historical Society/Pioneer Village, (6) White County Aging Program/Lightle Senior Citizen Center, and (7) Searcy Arts Council/Black House. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howard. **Resolution 2018-03**

Item (12) was a resolution approving certain agreements, and authorization to execute and perform certain agreements with U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, for Cintas. City Clerk Jerry Morris read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg and seconded by Mr. Raney to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howard, and English. **Resolution 2018-04**

Item (13) on the agenda was an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 683 with respect to the zoning classification of a specific land area within the City of Searcy, real property known as the Kohler building property, from I-2 (Industrial) to PD (Planned Development). This ordinance was not considered due to having only five council members present at the meeting.

Item (14) on the agenda was an ordinance for the authorization to conduct business with certain individuals who serve as members of various commissions, boards, or committees of the City of Searcy. This ordinance was not considered due to having only five council members present at the meeting.

Item (15) on the agenda was an ordinance for the financing of the new 911 system. This ordinance was not considered due to having only five council members present at the meeting.

Item (16) on the agenda was a budget ordinance to:

Section 1. The following sums are appropriated in the absence of a budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas:

- a. Appropriate \$1,000.00 to General Fund ‘POLICE DONATIONS’ revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Police Department ‘DONATIONS EXPENSED’ expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-

- 06) for the receipt and use of donation from Diamond Pipeline LLC;
- b. Appropriate \$100,000.00 to 'TRANSFER TO LOPFI FUND' expenditure account (#14 5-190-05-04) in the 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund and appropriate \$100,000.00 to 'TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND' revenue account (#05 4-000-80-12) in the LOPFI Fund;
 - c. Appropriate \$7,948.00 from Act 833 Fund unappropriated reserves to '2018 E-ONE PUMPER TRUCK' expenditure account (#11 5-070-05-04) for balanced on the cost of the new E-One Pumper Fire Truck;
 - d. Appropriate \$20,760.89 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'JANET DRIVE/ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-03) for engineering services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements;
 - e. Appropriate \$222,387.08 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'JANET DRIVE/ANCILLARY IMPROVEMENTS' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-03) for construction services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements;
 - f. Appropriate \$12,066.75 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'SOFTBALL PRESSBOX/CONCESSION/RESTROOM' expenditure account (#14 5-085-54-03) for architectural/design services on the construction of the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility;
 - g. Appropriate \$432.50 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'FIRE STATION 2 RELOCATION' expenditure account (#14 5-070-54-01) for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation;
 - h. Appropriate \$44,175.50 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'ROLLING MEADOWS/CLOVERDALE DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-02) for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services;
 - i. Appropriate \$47,895.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves 'COMPUTER SOFTWARE/SUPPORT' expenditure account (#01 5-060-04-04) for Police Department Impact Software annual support;

- j. Appropriate \$108,217.06 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'SWIM POOL COMPLEX LOAN PAYMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-085-05-01) for the first payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;
- k. Appropriate \$8,000.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to 'TRANSFER TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS FUND' expenditure account (#01 5-190-05-16) and appropriate \$8,000.00 to Information Technology Projects Fund 'TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND' revenue account (#15 4-000-10-03) for payment on the loan for the construction of the city-owned fiber optic network;

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

- a. \$19,590.45 to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
- b. \$56,332.78 to U.S. Bank for the first installment of three toward 2018 APERMA Program invoice (total due - \$168,998.00);
- c. \$39,219.50 to the Municipal League Workers' Compensation Trust for the first installment of four for the year 2017 (total due - \$156,878.00);
- d. \$7,948.00 to Sunbelt Fire for balance needed on the cost of the new E-One Pumper Fire Truck (#11 5-070-05-04);
- e. \$20,760.89 to Whitlow Engineering Services for engineering services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements (#14 5-900-54-03);
- f. \$222,387.08 to Johnny Brock Excavating & Landscaping, Inc. for construction services for Janet Drive, ancillary streets, public infrastructure improvements (#14 5-900-54-03);
- g. \$12,066.75 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural/design services for the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility (#14 5-085-54-03);
- h. \$432.50 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural services on Fire Station 2 relocation (#14 5-070-54-01);

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- i. \$44,175.50 to Morrison – Shipley Engineers Inc. for Rolling Meadows/Cloverdale Addition drainage improvement project engineering services (#14 5-130-05-02);
- j. \$47,895.00 to Admit Computer Services, Inc. for Police Department Impact software (#01 5-060-04-04);
- k. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for the first payment of principal and interest on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center;

This ordinance was not considered due to having only five council members present at the meeting.

The Mayor announced:

- City offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 15, 2018
- Statements of Financial Interest are to returned to City Hall by January 26, 2018
- Proposed dates/times for 2018 budget for operations discussion – Committee of the Whole meetings
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 18, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 5:00 p.m.
- Proposed Special Council meeting to adopt 2018 budget for operations, Monday, January 29, 2018 – 5:00 p.m. [Please hold Tuesday, January 30, 2018 open if needed]

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 13, 2018

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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