

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**May 21, 2018 12:00 p.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 Searcy Municipal Airport Commission Chairman Matt House. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members 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.

Item (3) on the agenda was for the authorization for additional part-time lifeguard employees at the Searcy Swim Center. Parks and Recreation Director Mike Parsons and Swim Center manager Chad Price explained that attendance at the Swim Center, since its opening, has exceeded expectations thus creating the need for additional part-time lifeguard personnel. This need will be amplified with the upcoming opening for the summer of the outdoor portion of the Swim Center. They further explained that currently the Swim Center has approximately 3700 members, exceeding expectations, and resulting in the need for five (5) additional part-time lifeguards. This need was first recognized in February, but with careful scheduling there will be no need for any additional appropriations to cover the cost for the five additional part-time lifeguard personnel. Mr. Raney asked if it was necessary for this to be brought before the Council if no additional appropriations were needed. Mayor Morris explained that since the original number of authorized part-time lifeguard positions was stated as nineteen (19), it was deemed appropriate to have Council approval for the five additional personnel. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Sterling to authorize the five additional part-time lifeguard personnel. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn.

Item (4) was a resolution for the authorization to apply for a grant from the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics on behalf of the Searcy Airport Commission. The application was for a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 or less for the replacement/improvement of the self-service aviation fuel pod and the runway lighting activation radio system. Searcy Municipal Airport Manager Roger Pearson explained that currently the runway lighting stays on all of the time at night and that the new lighting activation system would be a cost saving improvement. The current equipment is not capable of being activated as needed by aircraft traffic. The self-service aircraft fueling equipment is nearing its useful life expectancy and will soon no longer be supported, thereby creating the need for its replacement. He further explained that this application is for a 90/10 matching grant and that the availability period for the application for this grant will expire on June 1, 2018. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the resolution. The resolution passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. **Resolution 2018-23**

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A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: June 12, 2018

/s/ David Morris  
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
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