

Searcy City Council – Regular Session
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

A public hearing had been advertised to be held at 6:00 p.m. on June 12, 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 Steve Watts, Editor of the Searcy Daily Citizen. 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, and Dale Brewer. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council member Mike Chalenburg was not present.

Item (3) on the agenda was for a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add items: 9) resolution authorizing the execution and performance of agreement with Federal Aviation Administration for the purpose of releasing 2015 unused non-primary entitlement funds, 11-1-h) budget ordinance appropriation for repairs to the Beast grinder, 11-1-i) budget ordinance appropriation for the purchase of a pickup truck for the Code Enforcement Department, 11-1-j) budget ordinance appropriation for the transfer of funds for staffing needs in the Sanitation Department and the Code Enforcement Department, 11-1-k) budget ordinance appropriation for costs associated with employee pay rate adjustments for the Sanitation Department, and 11-1-l) budget ordinance appropriation for one additional employee for the Code Enforcement Department. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Brewer to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add the items. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Cothorn.

The minutes of the regular May 8, 2018 meeting of the Council and the special May 21, 2018 meeting of the Council were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Raney and seconded by Mr. Cothorn to approve the minutes of both meetings. The following voted to approve: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, and Arnett.

Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris presented and read the Treasurer’s Report which lists the following balances as of 5-31-2018: General Fund: \$1,530,329.42; Street Fund \$1,824,204.25; Capital Equipment Fund \$66,483.69; LOPFI Fund \$192,845.34; Act 833 Fund \$66,680.20; Airport Fund \$29,786.81. The total of all of the preceding funds is \$3,710,329.71. He also reported the following balances as of 5-31-2018: Special Highway Connector Route Tax Fund \$4,079,019.67; 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund \$6,331,216.64; Information Technology Projects Fund \$29,142.43; Special Projects Fund

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\$2,539.02; 0.25% Fire Protection Services County Sales Tax Fund \$153,881.70. He also reported a total of \$2,772,593.48 year-to-date in City and County Sales Tax revenues received, which is up \$147,004.67 from the same time in 2017.

Item (6) on the agenda was the quarterly report from the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Searcy Regional Economic Development Corporation presented by Buck Layne of the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Item (7) was a resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, specifically Sanitation Department vehicles and equipment as follows:

- 2000 Ford F-150, VIN # 1FTRF17W9YNA74442
- 1998 Ford F-150, VIN # 1FTZF1767WKB26410
- 1997 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN # 2FALP71W6VX138919
- 1990 Ford Roll-Off, VIN #, 1FDYY90W4LVA19061
- 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN #, 2FALP71W5TX138827
- 1993 Ford Leaf Machine Serial # E6NN9425BC
- Westinghouse 1958 Air Compressor, Serial # 1029

Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the resolution authorizing the abandonment of fully utilized assets, specifically Sanitation Department vehicles and equipment. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Resolution 2018-24**

Item (8) was a resolution approving amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties in the City of Searcy as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling and seconded by Mr. Brewer to pass the resolution. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, and Sterling. **Resolution 2018-25**

Item (9) was a resolution approving a certain contract and authorizing the Mayor and the City Attorney to execute and perform a certain agreement, specifically an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the purpose of releasing 2015 Unused Non-Primary Entitlement Funds. Searcy Municipal Airport Manager Roger Pearson explained that this was unused Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant money from the previous grant award to the Searcy Municipal Airport to be released back to the FAA. Mr. Gibson read the resolution in full. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mrs. Arnett to approve the resolution approving a certain contract and authorizing the Mayor and the City Attorney to execute and perform a certain agreement, specifically an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration for the purpose of releasing 2015 Unused Non-Primary Entitlement Funds. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, and English.

Resolution 2018-26

Item (10) on the agenda was an ordinance amending the Searcy Zoning Code with respect to the zoning classification of a specific land area within the City of Searcy, specifically

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property located at 1007 Fuller Lane from R-3 (Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development). Mr. Gibson explained that the Zoning Code contemplates three actions by the Council with those actions being either to approve, to not approve, or to return to the Planning Commission with or without instructions. He further explained that the development partners of the Fuller Lane Planned Unit Development have requested to withdraw the application for amending the zoning classification and that his recommendation would be for the Council to return this request to the Planning Commission. He explained that if this request is not approved (denied), the applicant is not allowed to submit another re-zoning application on the same specific land area for twelve months. A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Sterling, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting "yes": Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Brewer, to return the ordinance to the Planning Commission at the request for withdrawal from the project developer. The motion carried with the following voting "yes": Cothorn, Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, and Brewer.

Item (11) 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 \$1,750.00 to General Fund 'POLICE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$1,750.00 to the Police Department 'DONATIONS EXPENDED' expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for donation to the Police Department (\$1,500.00 from Venture Equipment and \$250.00 from Centennial Bank);
- b. Appropriate \$650.00 to General Fund 'POLICE DONATIONS' revenue account (#01 4-000-90-03) and appropriate \$650.00 to the Police Department 'DONATIONS EXPENDED' expenditure account (#01 5-060-05-06) for donation from Walmart to the Police Department for bicycle equipment;
- c. Appropriate \$8,000.00 from Street Fund unappropriated reserves to 'HEAVY EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE' expenditure account (#02 5-900-03-07);
- d. Appropriate \$18,015.00 from General Fund unappropriated reserves to the Police Department 'BUILDING GROUNDS MAINTENANCE' expenditure account (#01 5-060-02-06) for phase 2 of the Police Department buildings and grounds needs; a) east entranceway concrete

replacement at the Police Department building [\$1,200.00], b) Armory building shop door replacement [\$1,985.00], c) awning replacement on the Police Department building [\$2,180.00], (d) exterior painting on the Police Department building [\$3,500.00], and e) fencing around area on south side of Armory building [\$9,150.00];

- e. Appropriate \$71,351.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'COUNTRY CLUB ROAD IMPROVEMENT' expenditure account (#14 5-900-54-01) for appraisal services and right-of-way acquisitions for the Country Club Road improvement project;
- f. Appropriate \$40,000.00 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'CECIL TEDDER DRIVE DRAINAGE' expenditure account (#14 5-130-05-04) for the Cecil Tedder Drive drainage improvement project;
- g. Appropriate \$512.79 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;
- h. Appropriate \$32,000.00 from Capital Equipment Fund unappropriated reserves to 'REPAIRS TO BEAST GRINDER' expenditure account (#04 5-890-53-16) for repairs to the Compost Center grinder conveyor system;
- i. Appropriate \$16,917.00 from Capital Equipment Fund unappropriated reserves to '1/2 TON REGULAR CAB DODGE PICKUP' expenditure account (#04 5-920-53-04) for the purchase of pickup truck for the Code Enforcement Department;
- j. Appropriate \$100,017.90 from 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund unappropriated reserves to 'TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND – STAFFING NEEDS' expenditure account (#14 5-190-05-05) and appropriate \$100,017.90 to the General Fund 'TRANSFER FROM 2014 EIGHT YEAR PLAN FUND – STAFFING' revenue account for staffing needs for the Sanitation Department (pay rate adjustments) and the Code Enforcement Department

(1 additional employee);

- k. Appropriate the following sums for the Sanitation Department for employee pay rate adjustments:

- #01 5-090-01-01 SALARIES - \$63,661.06
- #01 5-090-01-02 SS/MEDICARE MATCH - \$4,870.07
- #01 5-090-01-04 WORKERS COMPENSATION – \$1,827.07
- #01 5-090-01-05 APERS RETIREMENT - \$9,752.87

TOTAL - \$80,111.07

- l. Appropriate the following sums for the Code Enforcement Department for 1 additional employee:

- #01 5-120-01-01 SALARIES - \$14,688.00
- #01 5-120-01-02 SS/MEDICARE MATCH - \$1,123.63
- #01 5-120-01-03 HEALTH BENEFIT - \$1,845.00
- #01 5-120-01-05 APERS RETIREMENT - \$2,250.20

TOTAL – \$19,906.83

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

- a. \$108,217.06 to Regions Bank for payment on the loan for the construction of the Searcy Swim Center (#14 5-085-05-01);
- b. \$26,448.00 to Searcy Water Utilities for sidewalk improvements on the north side of the Code Enforcement building (#01 5-120-54-01), to the extent not otherwise required by law, the requirement of competitive bidding has been hereby waived;
- c. \$18, 562.00 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural services for the study/assessment on the Rialto Theater (#14 5-086-56-01);
- d. Transfer \$100,000.00 from the City of Searcy 2014 Eight Year Plan Fund to the City of Searcy LOPFI Fund for payment of LOPFI Retirement obligation (#14 5-190-05-04);
- e. \$512.79 to Hoffmann Architectural Inc. for architectural/design services for the new softball pressbox/concession/restroom facility (#14 5-085-54-03);

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A motion was made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to suspend the rules and allow reading of the ordinance by title only. Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Arnett, Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. English, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Howard, Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, and Arnett. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Sterling, seconded by Mr. Howard, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Sterling, English, Raney, Brewer, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howard. **Ordinance 2018-19**

The Mayor announced:

- City offices will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday on July 4, 2018

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: July 10, 2018

/s/ David Morris
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris
CITY CLERK

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