

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**January 25, 2019 12:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Randal Beatty gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Dale English. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Mary Ann Arnett, Chris Howell, Dale English, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson.

Item (3) on the agenda was for the review and discussion of the proposal for the calendar year 2019 budget for operations for the City of Searcy. A copy of the proposed budget for operations as well as a listing of additional requests from various departments had been provided to the Council. Mr. Cothorn inquired as to if the \$5,000.00 additional request to the Parks and Recreation department Grounds Maintenance for Spring Park and the \$11,600.00 additional request to the Black House department Building Maintenance/Repair for repairs at the Black House had been included in the General Fund budget proposal. Mayor Osborne noted that these requests were not included in the proposal. He further noted that the Master Gardeners, who do a lot of the plant upkeep at Spring Park, has indicated that the park is in need of some work. Also noted was that the Black House has places that the exterior wood siding is rotting and needs replacement as well as fencing that is in need of repair. Mr. Cothorn said that it would be his recommendation that these expenses be included in the budget proposal. Mr. Raney agreed that these are needed expenses as well as other items that are also on the additional request listing. He noted that he would like to see other items in this listing be addressed during the course of the year. Mr. Gibson was asked what the proper procedure would be to include the Spring Park Grounds Maintenance and the Black House Building Maintenance/Repairs expenditures in the 2019 budget proposal. He noted that at this time there is nothing under consideration. He said when we get to the ordinance to adopt the 2019 budget for operations, these items can be amended in.

Item (4) on the agenda was an ordinance to adopt the budget for operations for the City of Searcy for the calendar year 2019. 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”: Arnett, Howell, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn and seconded by Mr. Raney to amend the ordinance to add in the items to the budget proposal as follows:

- Parks and Recreation department – Grounds Maintenance (#01 5-080-02-06) – additional \$5,000.00
- Black House department – Building Maintenance/Repairs (#01 5-083-02-01) - additional \$11,600.00

Motion carried with the following voting “yes”: Howell, English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Arnett. A motion was then made by Mr. Raney, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the ordinance as amended. The ordinance passed with the

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following voting “yes”: English, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, and Howell. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Brewer, seconded by Mrs. Arnett, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Arnett, Howell, and English. **Ordinance 2019-03**

Mr. Gibson stated that the statutory obligation to adopt a budget for operations for the calendar year 2019 has been met.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: February 12, 2019

/s/ Kyle Osborne  
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
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