

**Searcy City Council – Special Session**  
**November 5, 2020 5:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

Mayor Kyle Osborne called to order a Special Session of the Searcy City Council. Council member Dale Brewer gave the Invocation, with the Pledge of Allegiance following, led by Council member Chris Howell. City Clerk/Treasurer Jerry Morris called the roll with the following Council members answering “present”: Logan Cothorn, Chris Howell, Rodger Cargile, Don Raney, Dale Brewer and Mike Chalenburg. Also present was City Attorney Buck Gibson. Council member Mary Ann Arnett was not present.

Item (3) was for discussion regarding the availability for purchase of the Searcy Athletic Club building for use as a new location for the Searcy Public Library. Mayor Osborne noted that in attendance were Tom Black, Mark Lane, Barry Hoffman, and Bear Davidson to answer any questions. Tom Black stated that a portion of the building (primarily the foundation of the building) is in the base flood elevation area and would require some waterproofing/flood proofing to meet both federal and local requirements. Mr. Davidson stated that an estimate of the cost of the water/flood proofing needed to meet the city ordinance requirement would be in the range of \$175,000. Mr. Lane stated that the city’s ordinance for structures located in a flood prone area is more stringent regarding water/flood proofing requirements than the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) requirements. Mr. Hoffman stated that the proposed purchase cost of \$1,700,000 is a very good price and that the building is very amenable to renovations in order to function as a library. Mayor Osborne stated that he would have more information available for the November 10, 2020 Council meeting.

Item (4) on the agenda was an ordinance providing for the renewal and the extension of the levy of a one percent (1.00%) sales and use tax within the City of Searcy beginning on July 1, 2022; declaring an emergency; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto. 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”: Howell, Cargile, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, and Cothorn. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Howell, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Cargile, Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, and Howell. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Chalenburg, seconded by Mr. Cothorn, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Raney, Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, and Cargile. **Ordinance 2020-38**

Item (5) on the agenda was an ordinance calling and fixing the date for the conduct of a special election upon the question of the adoption of a renewal and extension of a one percent (1.00%) sales and use tax within the City of Searcy, Arkansas, to begin on July 1, 2022; prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes. 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

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following voting “yes”: Brewer, Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, and Raney. Mr. Gibson read the ordinance by title only. A motion was then made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the ordinance. The ordinance passed with the following voting “yes”: Chalenburg, Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, Raney, and Brewer. Mr. Gibson then read the emergency clause of the ordinance. Motion was made by Mr. Cothorn, seconded by Mr. Raney, to adopt the emergency clause, with the following voting “yes”: Cothorn, Howell, Cargile, Raney, Brewer, and Chalenburg.  
**Ordinance 2020-39**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Minutes Approved: December 8, 2020

/s/ Kyle Osborne  
MAYOR OF SEARCY

ATTEST:

/s/ Jerry Morris  
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