City of Searcy
p. 501-268-2483
401 W Arch
Searcy, AR 72143

City Council Regular Meeting

August 11, 2026 | 5:00 PM

Public Hearing:

I. **Public hearing (5:00 PM) – Approving amounts of liens to be certified to the White County Tax Collector against certain properties as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances**

II. **Public hearing (5:00 PM) - Receiving public comment on the application for a State Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Matching grant.**

III. **Public hearing (5:00 PM) - Receiving public comment for declaring 508 W Woodruff Avenue as a Nuisance Property**

Agenda:

IV. Call to Order – Mayor Mat Faulkner;

V. Roll Call;

VI. Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2026 Regular meeting;

VII. Treasurer's Report;

VIII. Item Updates, Consents & Authorizations

1. Approval to fill two positions within the Parks & Recreation Department in quarter 4, 2026 — RAMP Manager and Trails Coordinator
2. Request to waive boundary street improvement requirements for Hawks Homes. Development located at Taylor Road, Cartoon Drive, and Eastline Road.
3. New Police Department discussion considering the South Main & Recreation Way property as a potential site
4. Selection of Rogue Trails as the trail build firm for the ADPHT Trails project and authorization for the Mayor to negotiate a contract with Rogue Trails

5. Set a public hearing for September 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM for comment on an AEDC Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
6. Approval of change order for Janet Street intersection improvements — $10,266.08

IX. Resolutions

7. Danfoss Tax Back Economic Development Incentive
8. SRO Contracts for Riverview and Searcy School Districts
9. Enter into an agreement with Davidson Engineering for the design of Fern Cowen Rodgers Park
10. Authorization to apply for a State Department of Parks and Tourism Outdoor Recreation Matching Grant for trail amenities and parking
11. Liens to be certified to the WHITE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR against certain properties in the CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS, as a result of grass cutting expenses and abatement of other nuisances
12. Declaring 508 W Woodruff a Nuisance Property

X. Ordinances

13. Establishing the millage rates for 2026 to be collected in 2027
14. Budget Adjustment

City of Searcy, Arkansas

Financial Report
Jul-26

FUND BALANCES

	7/31/2025	7/31/2026	Change
General Fund (daily operations, payroll, available funds for projects)	$17,632,142.54	$7,643,255.36	($9,988,887.18)
Street Fund	$1,105,555.09	$1,297,766.81	$192,211.72
Emergency Reserves	$3,000,000.00	$6,648,908.24	$3,648,908.24
Restricted Project Reserves (see attached schedule of designated project funds)	$1,842,777.33	$4,833,476.37	$2,990,699.04
Other Funds in Aggregate	$2,022,931.99	$2,764,726.73	$741,794.74
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	**$25,603,406.95**	**$23,188,133.51**	**($2,415,273.44)**

OPERATIONS REPORT

Revenues:	Current Period	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Budget	% of Budget	July Budget Benchmark 58%
Taxes - General	$1,851,571.79	$11,578,913.70	$12,916,885.23	$20,595,977.00	62.7%	
Court Fines/Fees	$30,342.55	$256,021.96	$230,616.10	$513,499.00	44.9%	
Parks & Rec	$72,437.39	$521,701.63	$555,145.07	$1,294,643.00	42.9%	
Sanitation	$560,751.48	$3,412,224.94	$3,305,286.44	$5,973,265.00	55.3%	
Permits/Licenses	$27,229.34	$319,040.00	$279,725.97	$382,652.00	73.1%	
Interest	$33,814.11	$349,342.43	$284,774.16	$493,500.00	57.7%	
Other	$31,465.22	$553,880.43	$357,979.03	$531,138.00	67.4%	
Street	$177,799.16	$1,379,395.65	$1,285,961.84	$2,230,000.00	57.7%	
Airport	$91,434.51	$595,049.08	$777,793.62	$1,083,050.00	71.8%	
BASE REVENUE	**$2,876,845.55**	**$18,965,569.82**	**$19,994,167.46**	**$33,097,724.00**	**60.4%**	
.5% Bond Collections	$396,423.38	$2,444,500.16	$2,418,599.14	$2,418,599.14	100.0%	
Donations	$5,578.86	$35,033.80	$146,170.66	$0.00		
Grants	$319,245.79	$633,010.43	$1,375,185.92	$350,000.00		
SUPPLEMENTAL REVENUE	**$721,248.03**	**$3,112,544.39**	**$3,939,955.72**	**$2,768,599.14**	**142.3%**	
TOTAL REVENUE	**$3,598,093.58**	**$22,078,114.21**	**$23,934,123.18**	**$35,866,323.14**	**66.7%**	

Departmental Expenses:	Current Period	YTD 2025	YTD 2026	Budget	% of Budget	
Mayor	$205,677.63	$2,537,795.99	$2,649,304.45	$3,598,271.00	73.6%	
Library	$93,340.43	$272,545.16	$312,158.37	$471,400.00	66.2%	
Cemetery	$0.00	$12,521.80	$0.00	$0.00	0.0%	
Airport - General Fund	$0.00	$396,963.22	$130,685.57	$36,876.00	354.4%	
District Court	$55,474.19	$409,657.60	$431,527.50	$838,664.00	51.5%	
Police	$473,963.51	$4,223,569.46	$4,258,535.82	$6,936,093.00	61.4%	
Fire	$327,086.91	$2,275,009.41	$2,513,004.93	$4,305,072.00	58.4%	
Parks	$251,539.69	$1,836,422.45	$2,119,611.03	$3,409,828.96	62.2%	
Sanitation	$403,359.22	$2,843,543.00	$2,831,286.47	$5,225,511.00	54.2%	
Clerk	$23,538.76	$153,317.76	$195,744.07	$329,501.00	59.4%	
City Attorney	$9,126.32	$62,918.94	$60,403.39	$136,232.00	44.3%	
Planning & Development	$47,236.92	$418,226.43	$409,466.21	$705,683.00	58.0%	
Public Works	$18,745.50	$245,687.83	$273,780.72	$416,582.00	65.7%	
IT	$30,424.69	$420,444.38	$459,989.28	$714,824.00	64.4%	
Maintenance	$95,557.55	$614,835.78	$814,181.84	$1,344,667.00	60.5%	
Street	$144,774.85	$1,751,208.56	$1,242,065.72	$3,274,763.00	37.9%	
Airport	$51,911.65	$552,091.62	$668,305.65	$1,224,819.00	54.6%	**Over/Under Budget**
TOTAL EXPENSE	**$2,231,757.82**	**$19,026,759.39**	**$19,370,051.02**	**$32,968,786.96**	58.8%	**-0.42%**
TOTAL BOND DEBT SERVICE	**$606,423.38**	**$3,914,500.16**	**$3,888,599.14**			
REVENUE OVER EXPENSE	**$759,912.38**	**($863,145.34)**	**$675,473.02**			

CITY OF SEARCY **CASH FLOW PROJECTION**

General & Street Funds **July-26**

		July 2026 Actual	August 2026 Forecast	September 2026 Outlook
BEGINNING CASH POSITION				
General Fund		$7,029,380.78	$7,643,255.36	$7,932,806.02
Street Fund		$1,264,743.49	$1,297,766.81	$1,297,766.81
Beginning Cash Balance		**$8,294,124.27**	**$8,941,022.17**	**$9,230,572.83**
CASH INFLOWS				
Operating Revenues				
	Taxes - General	$1,641,571.79	$1,674,403.23	$1,724,635.32
	Court Fines/Fees	$30,342.55	$28,825.42	$31,707.96
	Parks & Rec	$72,437.39	$79,681.13	$87,649.24
	Sanitation	$560,751.48	$588,789.05	$605,611.60
	Permits/Licenses	$27,229.34	$28,590.81	$29,407.69
	Interest	$21,531.17	$21,531.17	$19,378.05
	Other	$31,465.22	$31,465.22	$31,465.22
	Street	$174,458.08	$191,903.89	$211,094.28
Non-Operating Inflows				
	Grants Received	$319,245.79	$125,000.00	$125,000.00
	Transfers In/Rec. Adjustments		$0.00	$0.00
	Debt Proceeds			
	Donations	$5,578.86	$2,789.43	$1,394.72
Total Cash Inflows		**$2,884,611.67**	**$2,772,979.35**	**$2,867,344.08**
CASH OUTFLOWS				
Operating Expenditures				
	General Fund	$1,912,267.86	$1,816,654.47	$1,816,654.47
	Street Fund	$144,774.85	$130,297.37	$126,388.44
Non-Operating Outflows				
	Project Commitments Transferred		$0.00	$0.00
	Capital, Construction, & Land	$11,659.80	$250,000.00	$200,000.00
	Debt Service	$33,015.67	$34,000.00	$34,000.00
	Transfers Out	$12,400.00	$12,400.00	$12,400.00
	Grant Disbursements	$123,595.59	$240,076.86	$240,076.86
Total Cash Outflows		$2,237,713.77	$2,483,428.69	$2,429,519.77
Net Change in Cash		$646,897.90	$289,550.66	$437,824.31
Ending Cash Balance		$8,941,022.17	$9,230,572.83	$9,668,397.14

FUTURE COMMITMENTS				
Short-Term (0–3 Months)				
	Accounts Payable	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
	Debt Payments Due	0.00		
	New Capital Projects*	0.00		
Adjusted Available Cash		$8,876,022.17	$9,165,572.83	$9,603,397.14
Mid-Term (3–12 Months)				
	Grant Disbursements	$ 1,680,538		
Total Future Commitments		10,556,560.17		

KEY METRICS			Actual	Goal
	Days Cash on Hand (Reserves Only)		98.31	90
	Sales Tax Trend (Year over Year)		99.7%	100%+
	All Cash on Hand Cushion (Months)		7.6	
	Largest Upcoming Obligation	estimate	10,000,000.00	PD Project

* This amount includes amounts approved by budget ordinance

Restricted Project Reserves

Active Project Commitments	Council Designated Amts		Notes
Carmichael Center/Yancey Park dog park, courts	$	92,760	14 5-080-02-16
Janet Drive engineering, North of Beebe-Capps	$	26,750	14 5-900-54-03
FULLER LANE 5-900-54-08	$	1,238,197	Budget Amount
Paving for parking and dumpster	$	25,000	Fire
Smyrna Church /White Co Hist Dist request	$	125,000	14 5-010-02-05
Maintenance Building	$	300,000	
Anticipated overage to complete #MySearcy projects	$	3,000,000	
Signal for Janet & Beebe-Capps	$	850,666	02 5-900-54-19
Street Striping Project	$	80,000	02 5-900-54-04
Street Fund 2 SUBTOTAL	$	80,000	
Project Reserves Fund 14 SUBTOTAL	$	4,807,707	
RESTRICTED PROJECT FUNDS	**$**	**4,887,707**	

On Deck Priorities		**2026**		**2027**		**2028**
Cloverdale Drainage	$	4,000,000				
New Police Department HQ	$	10,000,000				
Bowerman Property						
Carmichael Center conversion into a Senior Center						
Davis Drive Engineering			$	400,000		
Davis Drive Construction			$	6,000,000		
Curbing June Drive						
On Deck Total	**$**	**14,000,000**	**$**	**6,400,000**	**$**	**-**

Grant Projections - Net of Total Project Cost Estimates		**2026**		**2027**		**2028**
Legion Hut ($80,000 award)	$	109,062				
ARDOT - Arch Sidepath ($500,000 award)	$	543,126				
ARDOT - RTP-M Boat ramp ($330,000 award)	$	550,000				
Safety Action Plan ($400,000 award)	$	28,100	$	50,000		
ARDOT - Davis Drive ($500,000 award)	$	433,250	$	433,250		
Sanitation Recycling ($58,000 award)	$	17,000				
Grant Projects Committed	**$**	**1,680,538**	**$**	**483,250**	**$**	**-**

Emergency Reserves

7/31/2026

Fund	Institution	Term	Maturity Date	Rate	Current Balance
14	Southern Bank 4053090	18 month	12/3/2027	4.00%	$511,395.16
01	First Community Bank 296014	9 month	9/19/2026	3.75%	$510,992.57
01	First Community Bank 296088	9 month	9/19/2026	3.75%	$510,992.57
01	First Security Bank 217462	19 month	10/4/2026	4.50%	$511,261.76
01	Merchants & Plantars Bank 401831	11 month	11/23/2026	3.80%	$510,992.58
01	First Community Bank 296089	12 month	12/19/2026	3.75%	$510,992.57
01	First Security Bank 219276	19 month	1/15/2027	4.55%	$513,364.28
14	First Community Bank 301372	12 month	3/28/2027	3.90%	$513,491.72
14	First Security Bank 217457	19 month	4/2/2027	4.40%	$511,009.23
01	First Community Bank 296095	18 month	6/19/2027	3.65%	$510,696.77
01	First Community Bank 296099	18 month	6/19/2027	3.65%	$510,696.77
14	First Community Bank 295918	18 month	7/5/2027	4.20%	$512,325.49
01	First Community Bank 296568	24 month	12/19/2027	3.65%	$510,696.77
	Count	13			**$6,648,908.24**

SALES TAX REVENUES

COUNTY TAXES (CITY PORTION)

MONTH	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	INC/(DCR) OF CURRENT YEAR COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR
JANUARY	$376,110.23	$367,717.49	$340,946.20	$412,779.23	$368,351.80	($44,427.43)
FEBRUARY	$385,868.28	$421,840.81	$442,702.15	$483,692.40	$537,659.95	$53,967.55
MARCH	$316,595.31	$364,470.48	$429,270.75	$433,045.44	$310,629.45	($122,415.99)
APRIL	$326,181.92	$361,530.20	$335,911.15	$367,600.30	$445,756.10	$78,155.80
MAY	$388,396.49	$393,480.65	$421,763.47	$370,503.17	$433,727.30	$63,224.13
JUNE	$358,763.93	$482,078.17	$385,966.99	$419,600.47	$433,505.58	$13,905.11
JULY	$306,023.32	$401,241.29	$393,185.20	$424,727.11		
AUGUST	$382,105.27	$392,874.07	$486,947.23	$427,971.16		
SEPTEMBER	$417,216.41	$397,118.45	$399,522.96	$428,487.49		
OCTOBER	$388,705.75	$413,147.13	$424,191.39	$382,393.56		
NOVEMBER	$368,064.63	$440,812.05	$410,642.21	$494,601.57		
DECEMBER	$376,349.13	$390,386.69	$404,052.92	$430,216.17		
	$4,390,380.67	**$4,826,697.48**	**$4,875,102.62**	**$5,075,618.07**	**$2,529,630.18**	($2,545,987.89)

CITY TAXES (0.50%)

MONTH	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	INC/(DCR) OF CURRENT YEAR COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR	REBATES
JANUARY	$375,216.15	$360,650.35	$257,386.40	$410,967.95	$314,363.23	($96,604.72)	$552,169.30
FEBRUARY	$385,937.68	$408,384.28	$436,800.36	$482,071.00	$557,840.11	$75,769.11	$70,417.42
MARCH	$298,233.35	$358,597.43	$461,381.35	$451,542.36	$342,476.69	($109,065.67)	$570,238.45
APRIL	$306,563.78	$346,946.31	$294,334.57	$349,346.78	$410,040.68	$60,693.90	$55,735.56
MAY	$397,573.18	$384,618.32	$404,525.76	$344,041.89	$397,455.05	$53,413.16	$44,854.89
JUNE	$344,811.86	$539,278.79	$373,349.59	$406,530.18	$396,423.38	($10,106.80)	$26,921.53
JULY	$366,146.65	$410,487.13	$388,129.11	$420,305.48			
AUGUST	$362,501.08	$386,737.17	$538,221.56	$413,996.82			
SEPTEMBER	$367,377.45	$378,622.47	$382,524.67	$408,379.78			
OCTOBER	$376,065.20	$397,183.42	$418,330.28	$314,020.08			
NOVEMBER	$362,598.24	$457,918.22	$405,517.24	$518,274.36			
DECEMBER	$361,731.51	$379,649.27	$395,846.05	$413,161.69			
	$4,304,756.13	**$4,809,073.16**	**$4,756,346.94**	**$4,932,638.37**	**$2,418,599.14**	**($25,901.02)**	**$1,320,337.15**
Total City & County	**$8,695,136.80**	**$9,635,770.64**	**$9,631,449.56**	**$10,008,256.44**	**$4,948,229.32**	**($2,571,888.91)**	

CITY TAXES (1.00%)

MONTH	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	INC/(DCR) OF CURRENT YEAR COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR
JANUARY		$721,300.70	$514,772.79	$821,935.90	$628,726.47	($193,209.43)
FEBRUARY		$816,768.56	$873,600.71	$964,142.00	$1,115,680.21	$151,538.21
MARCH		$717,194.85	$922,762.69	$903,084.73	$684,953.38	($218,131.35)
APRIL		$693,892.61	$588,669.13	$698,693.56	$830,081.36	$131,387.80
MAY		$769,236.63	$809,051.53	$688,083.77	$794,910.10	$106,826.33
JUNE		$1,078,557.58	$746,699.17	$813,060.36	$792,846.76	($20,213.60)
JULY		$820,974.26	$776,258.22	$840,610.97		
AUGUST		$773,474.35	$1,076,443.11	$827,993.64		
SEPTEMBER	$734,754.90	$757,244.93	$765,049.34	$816,759.56		
OCTOBER	$752,130.40	$794,366.84	$836,660.56	$628,040.17		
NOVEMBER	$725,196.49	$915,836.45	$811,034.48	$1,036,548.72		
DECEMBER	$723,463.02	$759,298.53	$791,692.10	$826,323.39		
Total City Tax (1.00%)	**$2,935,544.81**	**$9,618,146.29**	**$9,512,693.83**	**$9,865,276.77**	**$4,847,198.28**	**($41,802.04)**
Total City Tax (1.50%)	**$7,240,300.94**	**$14,427,219.45**	**$14,269,040.77**	**$14,797,915.14**	**$7,265,797.42**	**($67,703.06)**

CITY OF SEARCY
OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE
BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2026

PAYROLL FUND (03)		
Payroll Fund Balance	$7,148.24	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$0.02	
LOPFI FUND (05)		
LOPFI Fund Balance	$471,214.98	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$263,873.44	
DRUG ENFORCEMENT FUND (07)		
Drug Enforcement Fund Balance	$68,455.48	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	($6,829.48)	
REVOLVING LOAN FUND (08)		
Revolving Loan Fund Balance	$159,169.88	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$2,949.69	
UNIFORM COURT & FILING FEE FUND (09)		
Uniform Court & Filing Fund Balance	$57,027.29	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$52,249.40	
ACT 833 FUND (11)		
Act 833 Fund Balance	$156,440.64	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	($8,274.44)	
AIRPORT FUND (12)		
Airport Fund Balance	$174,718.60	
Airport CD Balance	$303,808.34	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$109,487.97	
RESTRICTED PROJECT RESERVES (14)		
Eight Year Plan Fund Balance	$4,833,476.37	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$3,540,182.30	
0.25% FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TAX FUND (18)		
0.25% Fire Protection Services Tax Fund Balance	$469,247.70	
0.25% Fire Protection Services Tax CD Balance	$255,348.38	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$162,051.77	
COURT AUTOMATION FUND (19)		
Court Automation Fund Balance	$291,733.37	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$32,630.94	
HALF STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND (24)		
Half Street Improvement Fund Balance	$11,097.73	
Year to Date Revenues/Expenses	$25.75	
OTHER CDS/PETTY CASH - 14 ACCOUNT LINES		
Other Small Balances	$339,316.10	
TOTAL OF ALL OTHER FUNDS		**$2,764,726.73**

Change Order No. 2

JANET DRIVE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

August 10, 2026

TO: Capital Paving & Construction, LLC
130 Scott Station Rd, Jefferson City, MO 65109
c/o Josh Brown, Assistant Project Manager
1668 Letona Road, Searcy, AR 72143
via email: joshb@capitalmidsouth.com

The purpose of this change order is to delete the 24" RCP extensions & flared end sections (FES) because the existing pipes were found to be 30" RCP and installed to closely to install the FES. The required 30" RCP has been added as well as a headwall to replace the FES.

Item No.	Description	Quantity & Unit		Unit Price	Amount
Delete:					
16.	24" RCP Culvert	6	lf	$ 997.04	$5,982.24
17.	24" FES for RCP	2	ea	$3,079.72	$6,159.44

Item No.	Description	Quantity & Unit		Unit Price	Amount
Add:					
63.	30" RCP Culvert	16	lf	$ 594.22	$ 9,507.52
64.	Headwall for Dbl 30" RCP	100%	ls	$12,900.24	$12,900.24
	Total Add/Delete:				**$10,266.08**

The total amount of **$10,266.08** is added to the contract amount of **$850,666.07**. The revised contract amount is **<u>$860,932.15</u>**. All other portions of the Plans, Specifications, & Contract Documents remain unchanged.

Recommended By: ______________________________
Capital Paving & Construction, LLC Date

Reviewed By: Adam Whitlow 8/10/2026
Adam Whitlow, P.E., P.S., CFM Date

Approved By: ______________________________
City of Searcy Date

ORDINANCE NO. <u>2026-31</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2026-01, THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SEARCY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN EXPENDITURES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEARCY, ARKANSAS, TO-WIT:

<u>Section 1</u>. The budget for the City of Searcy, Arkansas, is amended in the following manner:

a. Increase General Fund budget for SS4A Action Plan Grant expense (#01 5-010-56-10) by $73,300.00 for project costs from Kimley Horn;
b. Increase General Fund budget for Holiday of Lights donation expense (#01 5-080-05-18) by $1,500.00 for a donation received from OCJ Construction;
c. Increase Street Fund budget for Signal Beebe-Capps & Janet (#02 5-900-54-19) by $10,266.08 for a change order.

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

a. $31,438.11 from the General Fund to Stephenson Oil Company for fuel for all departments;
b. $17,681.92 from the Street Fund to Pickering Firm, Inc. for engineering services for the Janet Street Signal (#02 5-900-54-19);
c. $73,300.00 from General Fund to Kimley Horn for project costs for the SS4A Action Plan Grant (#01 5-010-56-10);
d. $43,303.59 from Restricted Project Reserves to Redstone Construction Group for Fuller Lane Phase II improvements (#14 5-900-54-08);
e. $1,500.00 from the General Fund for Holiday of Lights donations received (#01 5-080-05-18).
f. $10,266.08 from the Street Fund to Capital Paving & Construction for a change order to Signal Beebe-Capps & Janet (#02 5-900-54-19).

<u>Section 3</u>. To the extent not otherwise required by law, the requirement of competitive bidding with respect to the expenditures described in Section 2 hereof is hereby waived.

<u>Emergency Clause</u>. The need to maintain the fiscal affairs of the City of Searcy in accordance with the requirement of law being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, an emergency is hereby declared and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of August, 2026.

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Mayor of Searcy

ATTEST:

City Clerk