

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JANUARY 19, 2016

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, on January 19, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

Roll Call: Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith, Coleman –Present
Jones – Absent

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; David Bailey, Acting City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; James Wilmeth, Police Chief; Greg Neely, Fire Chief; Don Clark, Community Services Director; Christina Petriches, Finance Director; all present.

Opening prayer was led by Steve Beers.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Jones arrived at 6:31pm.

A copy of the January 5, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to accept the minutes. Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

The first agenda item was the Open Hearing for Citizens Present.

Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, complimented the Board on the way they conduct Board of Director meetings. He then stated Bella Vista is breaking ties with the Chamber due to the State Constitutional Prohibition against Cities appropriating funds to private corporations.

The next item on the agenda: Approve BKD, LLC Auditors.

Discussion: Christina Petriches, Finance Director, briefed the item. A Motion to approve the contract for auditing services with BKD, LLC for up to three years was made by Coleman and seconded by Jones.

Roll Call:

Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson –Aye.

7 Ayes.

No Nays.

Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Approve Change Order / Library / Sidewalk on Mt. Olive.

Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. Jones asked if T & I will put in sidewalk and if it will affect other previously discussed amenities. Clark answered it will be a subcontractor, and no, it will not interfere. Smith asked if anything will be placed in the triangular sidewalk area at the joining of Jefferson and Mt Olive. Clark answered no, and that they are discussing removing it. Jones asked if that location would be a possible relocation for

the Chataqua House monument that was removed when the old hospital was demolished. Clark answered possibly. Johnson asked if sidewalk will have to be rebuilt with street diet. Clark answered no, that they have taken that into consideration. A Motion to approve Library Sidewalk Change Order in the amount of \$42,944.00 with staff recommendations was made by Burns and seconded by Jones.

Roll Call:

Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 15-31 / 1st Reading / 2015 International Property Maintenance Code.

Discussion: Mayor stated he has been asked by staff to pull this Ordinance. Coleman asked if a vote is required. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated no, since staff is requesting this item be pulled permanently.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 15-32 / 2nd Reading / Amending Municipal Code Section 94-127 / Unlicensed and Inoperable Vehicles.

Discussion: Mayor stated he has been asked by staff to pull this Ordinance.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-01 / 2nd Reading / Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances / Alcoholic Beverages.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item, and asked if a motion was made to place this on its second reading, that it be subject to a slight language change in Section 6-4 N. He then went over the change. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-01 Amending Chapter 6 of the City's Code of Ordinances Regarding Alcoholic Beverages on its second reading, subject to a language change in Section 6-4 N, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:

Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, OF THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD DEFINITIONS, STATE SPECIFIC GROUNDS FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMITS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Was read on its second reading.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-02 / 1st Reading / Amend Article VI, Division 1 of the Municipal Code / Preference Among Municipal Bidders.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. Beers stated he is appreciative for us spending money locally and wadding in to see how it goes. Burns stated this fits in with the restructuring part of the workshop previously discussed. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-02 providing a five percent (5%) preference to local resident bidders, up to a

maximum of \$500 on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Johnson and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 1 OF THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD SECTION 2-227 REGARDING A PREFERENCE FOR MUNICIPAL BIDDERS.

Was read on its first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-03 / 1st Reading / Amending Section 74-72 of the Municipal Code to revise the Family Aquatic Center rates.

Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. Smiley stated she is glad to see these changes and that it will be less cumbersome. She then asked how this affects the net revenue. Clark stated \$29,692 in 2015 numbers, and then this year, under the new system, for residents would be \$26,192. Smiley asked is it still not breaking even. Clark answered no. Smith asked how this compares with other cities. Clark then gave a breakdown of surrounding cities. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-03 Family Aquatic Center Rates on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 74-72(a) OF THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE; REVISING RATES FOR THE FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER.

Was read on its first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 03-16 / Referendum on City Contributions of Social Security for Part Time Employees.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, gave a brief overview and then requested this item be pulled.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, reported expenditures at the Water Plant for an annual cost of Polymer (coagulant aid in treatment process) project at \$36,787; at the Wastewater Plant for annual cost of polymer projected at \$45,989; and at the Library for library materials detection system at \$32,614.58 (out of the \$4.7M, not current year budget general funds). He then gave an update on the Twin Springs Park Wall and Trees that were damaged from the previous flooding. He stated they are in the process of getting a quote and design to repair the wall, which will include other repairs besides the flood damage. He stated the large

tree near the wall where it was blown out is being removed. He then stated the forest commission specialist came out to look at several trees in the Twin Springs Park. He said that based on her recommendation, two other trees were removed due to current conditions and safety issues. He stated these will all be replaced in the Fall. He reminded everyone to complete their Statement of Financial Interest which is due by the end of the month. He stated the City is moving its Emergency Messaging system from Blackboard to Code Red for alerts. He pointed out participants will need to opt-in on weather alerts. He announced there will be numerous sign-up events held at major businesses and other various locations throughout the City.

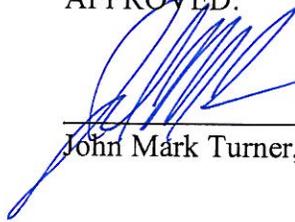
Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor stated the new Siloam Springs Medical Plaza opened this past Monday and Siloam Springs Internal Medicine and Siloam Springs Express Care will both be located within this plaza. Beers stated he attended the ribbon cutting and it is fun to see another business opening in the City. He referred to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and expressed his appreciation on how diverse the community is which helps make us stronger. Burns stated he attended the open house, and he has an appointment set. He stated a new chapter is starting in town of the Ozark Off-Road Cyclist group which will meet on Monday at the Cross Country Cyclery. He expressed his appreciation for the work being done downtown. He then stated he is looking forward to the City promoting the 3/8th cent sales tax. Smith extended a compliment from a citizen in Ward 4 to the Fire Department for assistance during flooding. Smiley expressed her excitement for the beginning work at the South Side Park and how close we are to completing the new Library. She stated there are dogs at the animal shelter that are in need of dog chews, and that donations would be appreciated. Coleman expressed his excitement to see progress on the new Library. He stated a concern is the criticism the Board receives from citizens for their involvement with private contractors. He stated the City is in legal standing with their contracts.

Coleman then made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Smiley. The Mayor called for a voice vote. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.



APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk

