

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JANUARY 5, 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 5, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; James Wilmeth, Police Chief; Greg Neely, Fire Chief; Justin Bland, City Engineer; Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner; all present.

Opening prayer was led by Bob Coleman.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the December 15, 2015, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers to accept the minutes. Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

The first agenda item was the Open Hearing for Citizens Present.
No one came forward.

The next item on the agenda: Police Department / Life Saver Awards.
Chief Wilmeth announced 2 awards to two individuals as a result of life saving measures taken by each. Awards were given to Officer Tiffany L. Adams and Sergeant James Bradley.

The next item on the agenda: Approve Consent in Lieu of a Meeting of the Sole Shareholder of the Illinois Water Development Company, Inc.
Discussion: Jay Williams, City Attorney, briefed the item. A Motion to authorize the signing of the Consent in Lieu of Annual Meeting of the Sole Shareholder of the Illinois Water Development Company, Inc. was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 15-33 / 3rd Reading / Amending Code Section 66-95 / Changing maximum permitted grass height from six inches to nine inches.

Discussion: James Harris, Code Enforcement Manager, briefed the item. A Motion to place Ordinance 15-33 / Amending Code Section 66-95 / Changing maximum permitted grass height from six inches to nine inches on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

Burns – Nay.

6 Ayes. 1 Nay. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 66-95 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CHANGE THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED HEIGHT FOR WEEDS AND GRASS FROM SIX TO NINE INCHES.

Was read on its third reading.

A Motion to adopt Ordinance 15-33 / Amending Code Section 66-95 / Changing maximum permitted grass height from six inches to nine inches was made by Smiley and seconded by Jones.

Roll Call:

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

Burns – Nay.

6 Ayes. 1 Nay. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-01 / 1st Reading / Amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances / Alcoholic Beverages.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. Johnson expressed his appreciation of the work all the staff is doing. Burns stated he believes the City is growing in the right direction. Patterson stated Section 6-4H3 may need to be amended for clarity. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-01 amending Chapter 6 of the City's code of ordinances regarding alcoholic beverages on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

Jones, Smiley, Coleman, Beers, Burns, Johnson, Smith –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 first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 01-16 / Procedures and Organizational Matters of the Board of Directors.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, asked for clarification as to the public comments section. Patterson clarified. Jones asked for clarification for item H on page 7. Jay Williams, City Attorney, stated he did not know off the top of his head, but can look it up. Patterson explained the changes to current state law. Williams gave Jones the statute number. A Motion to approve Resolution 01-16 / Procedures and Organizational Matters of the Board of Directors was made by Burns and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 02-16 / Significant Development / 1200 Block of West Valley Drive.

Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Beers explained why he would be voting on this matter without a conflict of interest due to his employment with John Brown University. A Motion to

approve Resolution 02-16 / Significant Development / 1200 Block of West Valley Drive was made by Burns and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

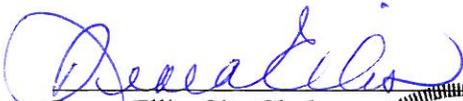
Administrator’s Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, gave an update on 2015-2016 Board of Director’s Goals as of the end of the 4th Quarter 2015. He then stated the asphalt job in Basin 5 on University Street was estimated to be \$29,000, but approximately \$37,000 was spent creating an overage of \$8,186.85. He then pointed out a new format for code amending ordinances. Patterson reported that the superintendent at the Water Treatment Plant is retiring at the end of January. He stated they are proposing to promote the current foreman to the superintendent position. He stated they have been interviewing candidates to fill the foreman position, one of which is the son of the current superintendent that is retiring.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor welcomed everyone to 2016. He then stated the City underwent a lot of heavy rainfall lately and would like to see a report on damages at the Kayak Park. He gave condolences to Lorraine Moss and Louie Thomas families. Beers gave his condolences to the Moss and Thomas families as well. He then thanked Officer Adams and Sergeant Bradley for their hard work. He stated he’d work hard on City Code without overreaching. Beers went on to give examples of economic development in the City to look forward to in 2016. Burns stated that the two citizens that passed had a direct impact on him as a child and as an adult. He expressed his appreciation of the direction we’re going and the processing Board’s information. He then stated he is excited for 2016. He expressed his appreciation for recognizing the two police officers, and also wanted to recognize several off duty firefighters that responded to the White’s residence. He then brought up a spring across from the old Library that is now dry after the Basin 5 project. He asked if there is a known cause for this. Johnson stated he has been here one year and is proud to be here, and hopes he contributes to the City. He thanked the citizens that voted for him and hopes to get needs met. He stated he did read the International Property Maintenance Code and felt anything he had to say would be repetitive. Jones stated sales tax numbers are up 16% for the month of November. Smiley congratulated Sergeant Bradley and Officer Adams. She then thanked the City Administrator for the updates he provided. She gave her sympathies to the Moss and Thomas families. She then stated she is looking forward to working for and representing the citizens in 2016. Coleman stated he is overwhelmed with all the wonderful things the City accomplished in 2015 and looks forward to implementing most, if not all, goals in 2016. He stated he is continually in great appreciation for our Police and Fire Departments. He stated the Chiefs lead their staff to be as good as they are. He stated he is upset regarding the International Property Maintenance Code, but he does believe the City needs to take action.

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

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

