

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS, HELD FEBRUARY 16, 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 February 16, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; James Wilmeth, Police Chief; Greg Neely, Fire Chief; Don Clark, Community Services Director; present.

Opening prayer was led by Frank Johnson.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the February 2, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Jones 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, said a city is known by how it treats its citizens and how it handles various matters. He went on to say the U.S. flag at the Community Building is a disgrace. He also stated he has explained to several people what the political signs that read “Vote Ext.” means.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-02 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading / Amend Article VI, Division 1 of the Municipal Code / Preference Among Municipal Bidders.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item which allows up to \$500 on 5% preference to local bidders. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-02 / Amend Article VI, Division 1 of the Municipal Code / Preference Among Municipal Bidders on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

A Motion to adopt Ordinance 16-02 / Amending Article VI, Division 1 of the Municipal Code / Preference Among Municipal Bidders was made by Smith and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-03 / 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. He stated this is to simplify and make rates more consistent. Johnson asked if there will still be a 10% discount on passes purchased in April. Clark answered no. Smiley thanked staff for their work on this item. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-03 / Amending Section 74-72 of the Municipal Code to revise the Family Aquatic Center rates on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Johnson and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

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

A Motion to adopt Ordinance 16-03 Amending Section 74-72 of the Municipal Code to revise the Family Aquatic Center rates was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 05-16 / Authorize Sale of Real Property to La-Z-Boy Chair Company.

Discussion: Jay Williams, City Attorney, briefed the item and went over the circumstances allowing bond rates for municipalities (Act 9 Bonds). Smith thanked Williams for the explanation. Beers asked how long La-Z-Boy had been here and expressed his appreciation the forward thinkers in the past for allowing this to happen. Burns stated he worked there for a time for Wally Swiderski. He stated he is glad to see La-Z-Boy still here providing employment opportunities and making fine furniture. A Motion to approve Resolution 05-16 / Authorizing the Sale of Real Property to La-Z-Boy Chair Company was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:

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

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, thanked Chief Neely for his work in getting the Mid-South Fire Conference in Siloam during July 28 and 29 at John Brown University's Simmons Great Hall. He expressed what a great opportunity this will be for the City to showcase its amenities and local businesses.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor reminded everyone to purchase tickets to the Chamber of Commerce banquet on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He also encouraged everyone to vote responsibility on the request to extend the 3/8% sales tax. Beers spoke of savings to citizens with recycling, and that we'll be saving \$50,000-\$60,000 per year. He stated the 'Tree City Award' and 'Volunteer City Award' from the Arkansas Municipal League should both be easy for the City to earn and asked staff to look into those. Burns stated he changed the flags for many years at the Community Building. He suggested simply calling the Fire department and that they would likely change out the flag. He then thanked Main Street for their presentation. He stated Bob Highfill asked about recycling many times, and was glad to see it. Johnson stated he voted, and encouraged everyone else to vote. Smith thanked the Library staff for assistance ordering a new book, *Walkable City*; Parks and Recreation for a great Daddy Daughter Dance; the City for working with Travis Chaney at John Brown University and the Illinois River Partnership to identify locations along the river for tree planting. She stated volunteers will be needed to help with tree planting. She then thanked Main Street for their wonderful presentation. She reminded everyone of the Main Street fundraising event at 28 Springs on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Smiley thanked Chief Neely for assistance with the Mid-South Fire Conference arrangements. She stated she also voted, and encouraged everyone to do the same. She expressed thanks to Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce. She stated she signed up for CodeRed and encouraged everyone to sign up for alerts. She stated the museum is having a fundraiser next week at 28 Springs with a 1920's theme. Coleman stated he is extremely pleased with Meredith Bergstrom and Main Street staff for their presentation and hard work. He said he is pleased to see Jefferson Street reopened and how pleased and excited he is for the opening of the new Library.

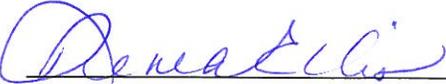
Coleman then made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Smiley. The Mayor called for a voice vote. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
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John Mark Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Renea Ellis, City Clerk

