

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

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; James Wilmeth, Police Chief; Greg Neely, Fire Chief; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; all present.

Opening prayer was led by Carol Smiley.

Mayor John Turner announced representatives from Boy Scout Troop 84 were present; they then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the March 15, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Beers and seconded by Smiley to accept the minutes. Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor announced Troop 84 donated a flag to the Library and thanked them for the same.

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

Tom Elgie, 2320 W. Harvard, stated he had called the compliance officer several times to complain about several vehicles and riding mowers in neighbor's yard to no avail.

The next item on the agenda: Approval of Purchase Request / Caterpillar CS44B Soil Compactor / Riggs Cat / Street Division / \$116,105.

Discussion: Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item. Mayor asked about rental cost. Gorszczyk answered approximately \$500 per day. Jones asked how long the life expectancy of the piece of equipment was. Gorszczyk answered 15-20 years. Jones stated he believed the costs of purchasing would be beneficial. Burns asked about storage. Gorszczyk answered it will be outside. A Motion to approve the purchase of a Caterpillar CS44B Soil Compactor in the amount of \$116,105 was made by Johnson and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes.

No Nays.

Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Approval of Purchase Request / John Deere 410L backhoe / Stribling Equipment / Water Services / \$141,150.

Discussion: Steve Gorszcyk briefed the item. Beers asked if the attachments are interchangeable. Gorszcyk answered yes. A Motion to approve the purchase of the replacement backhoe from Stribling Equipment for a total of \$141,150 was made by Smith and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda: Simon Sager Avenue / Phase II Extension / \$150,000.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, asked why Cale Properties is getting such a sweet deal and not even from the City. Patterson stated negotiations with respect to phases and costs are continuing. He went on to say he was asking for approval now to proceed with next phase as the window that the City has to do the project is closing. Johnson stated the more we can agree on, the better off we are. Coleman said he felt it's in the best interest of the City to pay in several phases if the money is coming from general fund. He stated he would like to see a specific document. Smiley said the Board was only voting on the next 500, and stated they need an agreement in place. Burns said this is the cost of progress, and expressed his appreciation of staff's efforts. He asked citizens to remember the potential in increase in sales tax with growth and development, and to look at the future. A Motion to approve a 500 foot extension of Simon Sager Avenue to the Street Division's 2016 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$150,000 from the Street Now account was made by Coleman and seconded by Burns.

Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 10-16 / Extending West Siloam Springs' Water Service Area.

Discussion: Steve Gorszcyk briefed the item. Smiley stated she has a business in West Siloam Springs that receives water, for the record. Beers asked if any wastewater is coming back. Gorszcyk answered no, but the future is unknown. Burns asked if a line burst, can West Siloam Springs absorb the cost impact. Gorszcyk stated there was a major meter at the state line which should alert the City if that happened. He stated a major break would be noticed immediately and West Siloam Springs would be alerted. Smith asked what would projected usage might be in future, and what would happen if West Siloam grew so much the City couldn't support the usage. Gorszcyk stated water master plan to study effects in the future was in slated for the near future to help determine the answer. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, asked if there is a 10-year renewal after 2018. Gorszcyk answered yes. He also pointed out West Siloam Springs doesn't want to lose the expansion area to another district. A Motion to approve Resolution 10-16 / Extending West Siloam Springs' Water Service Area was made by Coleman and seconded by Jones.

Roll Call:

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

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated the City's Electric Department received national recognition for reliability. He then reported Street Department expenditure for security fencing with the gate at 500 E. Tahlequah. He stated this is an over budgeted amount, but there's room in the budget from other purchase savings. He then briefly went over the Quarterly Financial Statement from December 31, 2015.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor stated Villanova's win was great. He then thanked Troop 84 for the donation of a flag and stated a pole for the new Library would be coming. He said the Lions Club had replaced flags on Highway 412 and thanked them for their efforts. Beers thanked the Electric Department for job well done. He then stated it is great to be in spring. Burns encouraged everyone to get out and about, and then he thanked the Scouts. He reported a light and new flag had been put up at Community Building, and the Fire Department had a controlled burned at JBU hill. He pointed out the forestry service cleared 3,000 acres during a prescribed burn. Johnson stated new bank and Furniture Factory Outlet opened, and that things are looking good. He then mentioned Neely's resignation and wished him Godspeed and good luck. Smith stated she planted trees in observance of Arbor Day. She reminded everyone that the Museum Fun Run is at 9am on Saturday, and encouraged support of the Main Event fundraiser on Friday. Jones stated last Friday, April 1st was when the electric rate took effect and the next electric bill should show the increase. He stated he would like to see the numbers on the projected increase and impact in the future, and that he was pleased with the budget. Smiley thanked Tom Elgie for addressing the issue on Harvard. She then reminded everyone of Kite Day at the Airport on Saturday from 9am-2pm. She pointed out that applications are being accepted for lifeguard positions at the FAC. She too congratulated Electric Department on their recognition and said is sad to see Neely go, and congratulated him. Coleman said that Tuesday was his 1st official day of retirement. He stated he is pleased to see staff include various happenings in town on the website. He announced he won't be seeking re-election for another term and encouraged others to get involved with City government.

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

Meeting adjourned.

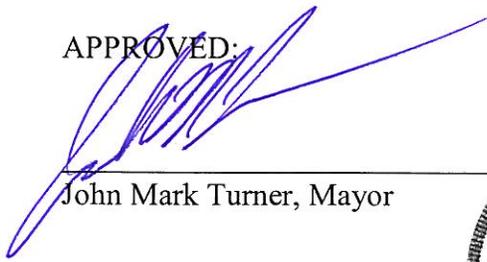
ATTEST:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk



APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

