

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JUNE 7, 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 June 7, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Greg Neely, Fire Chief; James Wilmeth, Police Chief; Don Clark, Community Services Director; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; Kevin Moore, Project Engineer; present.

Opening prayer was led by Amy Smith.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the May 17, 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, commented on the financial details pertaining to the purchase of vehicles for the Fire Department in comparison to money spent on other projects.

The next item on the agenda: Proclamation / Purple Heart City. Wayne Dierks, Senior Military Order of the Purple Heart, read the background of the Purple Heart Medal. Mayor read the Proclamation. Ed Barnett presented the plaque. Glen Jones thanked the City for the opportunity.

The next item on the agenda: Surplus Declaration List. Discussion: Renea Ellis, City Clerk, briefed the item. She announced the 1983 F600 wrecker was pulled from the list due to lack of title and a 1994 Jeep Cherokee added; both water services. A Motion to approve the Surplus Declaration List with the deletion and the addition was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda: Contract / Wastewater Treatment Plant On-Site Water Reuse Project / Branco Enterprises / \$408,800. Discussion: Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item. He stated Branco did the initial installation and is familiar with the facility. A Motion to approve the contract with Branco Enterprises for the Wastewater Treatment Plant On-Site Water Reuse Project in the amount of \$408,800 was made by Burns and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda: Purchase Request / Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower / Instrument and Supply, Inc. / \$57,240. Discussion: Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item. He explained a lower quote than what the Board previously approved had been received. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, asked why we didn't have back-up machinery or parts. Mayor asked Gorszczyk to report on downstream pollution. Gorszczyk explained it wasn't "pollution" but higher amounts of ammonia and other permitted parameters that were causing the cloudy water. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, asked how we came to where we are when we originally had 3 blowers in operation and 1 backup. Gorszczyk explained how prior process corrodes inner workings. Mayor asked the expected delivery for the new one. Gorszczyk stated it's an estimated 22 week delivery.

A Motion to approve the purchase of a Wastewater Treatment Plant blower from Instrument and Supply, Inc. at a cost of \$57,240 was made by Burns and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Amendment / Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program Administrative Services Contract / Visionary Milestones, Inc. Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. A Motion to approve contract amendment with Visionary Milestones, Inc. for administrative services related to the Gates Corporation's 2012 grant from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Contract / Mt. Olive Street Diet / ARCO Excavation / \$285,000. Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. Smiley asked if the additional \$75,000 came from general reserves. Clark answered yes. A Motion to approve the Mt. Olive Road Diet bid from ARCO Excavation in the amount of \$285,090 and amend the budget for the Mt. Olive Road Diet from \$235,000 to \$310,000 was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 21-16 / Significant Development Permit / Siloam Springs School District / 1500 N. Mt. Olive. Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. Smith asked if an additional 25,000 square foot will overwhelm the drainage. Clark answered no. A Motion to approve Resolution 21-16 / Significant Development Permit / Siloam Springs School District / 1500 N. Mt. Olive was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

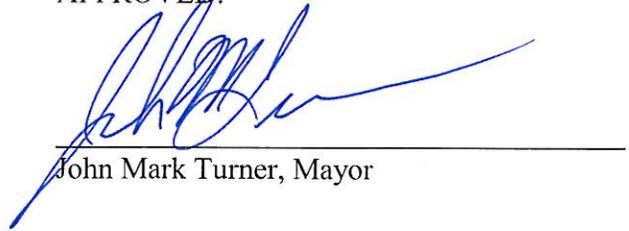
Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, reported expenditures for blower repair at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$40,654, and for 20 sets of personal protective equipment coats/trousers in the amount of \$38,982 for the Fire department. He then reminded everyone the American Municipal League summer conference is next week, June 15-17, in Little Rock.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor reminded everyone we had the Killed In Action Memorial dedication on Memorial Day, and had a tremendous turnout from the staff and the public. He expressed his gratitude for being involved. He stated he attended a Welcome Center commemorative plaque unveiling for former representative Jerry Hinshaw earlier that morning. He then stated a gentleman with the State Parks contacted him and asked if anyone would be interested in doing landscaping or gardening on the property. He stated several people from the Highway Department expressed how impressed they were with the City's maintaining of the grass in the median. Burns echoed the statement of the Mayor regarding the Memorial Day dedication; and thanked everyone for all the efforts. He stated the Purple Heart is important for the next generation to understand. He said he appreciates the City Administrator for reporting a couple things; and stated he forwarded citizens comments to him and they should receive a timely response. Johnson echoed what Burns previously stated regarding the Memorial Day dedication and Purple Heart. He then congratulated the Siloam Springs High School boys and girls soccer teams who are now Class 6A State Champions. He then read an article stating John Brown University received a donation from Hobby Lobby toward their Bachelor of Science and nursing program. He gave an overview of how the Siloam Springs Memorial Hospital was built in memory of citizens killed in World War II and received national recognition at the time it was built. Smith stated her and her family are having discussions regarding Memorial Day and is getting a deep appreciation for the sacrifices made. Smiley gave her condolences to the Robert Hartley family, who was a member of the Planning Commission several years ago. She then reminded everyone of the Tailwaggers' fundraiser, Pouring Cats and Dogs, on June 11th from 7-10 am. Coleman reminded everyone his pet project was the Library. He said he went to the Library this morning and looked in on the Summer Reading program. He stated the room in the back was completely filled and has 2 slides shown of the turnout. He went over the statistics of several items comparing them to past and the current year. He said he is looking forward to the installation of the new flag pole and a handicap book-drop. He then spoke about the Memorial Day dedication and stated patriotism is not antique. It makes a better City, State and Country. Lastly he stated he will be asking staff to take a look into an Ordinance regarding beekeeping inside City limits, and compare what other Cities do.

With no further business, Coleman 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:



Renée Ellis, City Clerk

