MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JUNE 21, 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 21, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Greg Neely, Fire Chief; James Wilmeth, Police Chief; Christina Petriches, Finance Director; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; Geoff Lewis, Major/Deputy Chief; Randal Clark, Building Official; Don Clark, Community Services Director; present.

Opening prayer was led by Scott Jones.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the June 7, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Coleman and seconded by Johnson to accept the minutes. Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

The first agenda item was the Open Hearing for Citizens Present.
None came forward.

The next item on the agenda: Proclamation / Bobby Norwood.
Mayor read and presented the Proclamation for his achievements, including a West Pointe appointment by Congressman Steve Womack. Jeff Thacker on behalf of Congressman Womack's office congratulated Norwood.

The next item on the agenda: Monty Balk / Meritorious Service Award.
Police Chief Wilmeth read the Citation of Meritorious Service Award for Monty, and pinned him with the 1st medal of such ever awarded to this department, a plaque, and the flag flown at the Police Department. Captain Balk then said he was proud to have served the City from the time Chief Toler hired him until now. He said Chief Allen from Rogers had been a mentor to him and that the department had a great group. He then thanked Chief, Geoff Lewis, and fellow officers, and stated he'd miss them all.

The next item on the agenda: Detention Pond Dedication / Ashley Park Subdivision.
Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. A Motion to approve Acceptance of Detention Pond dedication in the Ashley Park Subdivision was made by Coleman and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:
Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Burns –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Vehicle Purchases / Police Department / Superior Auto Group / $105,519.42.
Discussion: Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief, briefed the item. Coleman asked what the difference is in Tahoe and Explorer. Wilmeth stated Explorer is smaller and allows smaller footprint; easier for shorter officer to see over the top for safety reasons. Beers commended him on looking at all options. Smith asked about cycling out higher mileage vehicles. Wilmeth stated yes, and then briefed the Board on the plan for future vehicle purchases. A Motion to approve Purchase of three (3) patrol vehicles on state contract bid from Superior Automotive Group was made by Burns and seconded by Coleman.
Roll Call:
Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Burns, Beers –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Amend Surplus Declaration List.
Discussion: Mayor briefed the item. A Motion to approve the addition of a 1983 Ford to the Surplus Declaration List was made by Smith and seconded by Johnson.
Roll Call:
Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Burns, Beers, Smith –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-05 / Waive Competitive Bidding for Property Insurance / Mike Moss Agency / $84,308.64 / Declaring an Emergency.
Discussion: Christina Petriches, Finance Director, briefed the item. Jay Williams, City Attorney, informed the Board that Moss bid out quotes, and because the Ordinance is not general or permanent nature, 3 readings are not required. He stated the emergency clause is due to the July 1st deadline. Smith asked if the public has been informed of the difference between the Arkansas Municipal League and Moss insurance coverage. Petriches stated going through Moss, they will replace things at cost; Arkansas Municipal League would be replaced at a depreciated value and maybe 50% of cost. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated the price difference between the two is about $1,200. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-05 / Waive Competitive Bidding for Property Insurance / Mike Moss Agency / $84,308.64 / Declaring an Emergency for reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Coleman and seconded by Johnson.
Roll Call:
Coleman, Johnson, Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MIKE MOSS AGENCY FOR THE PROVISION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE FOR THE CITY, WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Was read by Patterson.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-05 was then made by Coleman and seconded by Johnson.
Roll Call:
Johnson, Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

A Motion to declare this an emergency on Ordinance 16-05 was made by Coleman and seconded by Smith.
Roll Call:
Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-06 / Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code / Parks and Recreation / 1st Reading.
Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. Karl Mounger, 708 Katie Lane, asked if there was a closing time for the Kayak Park. He stated he does not like the idea of it being closed to fishermen. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah Street, stated he heard this morning from another family that there were underage people drinking down there, with no officers present. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated it needs to be controlled to ensure no illegal activities are taking place after hours. He encouraged anyone that sees anything illegal occurring to reach out to the Police Department. Clark stated staff would like to strike "in the City". Beers asked if there are adequate grills at parks. Clark answered yes, but there were none at the Kayak Park, or City Lake due to the fact they were located in the County and would have a slower response time if required. Burns trash receptacles were over-flowing and he was still of the mind that if you bring it in; take it out and the receptacles be removed. Burns stated he was at the Kayak Park this past weekend, he saw canoes being put in on City side by outside vendor. He stated he had the impression alcoholic beverages are in the coolers going along with the canoes, and that alcohol could be a problem. Burns asked details about the hours of operation. Clark stated the parks are generally closed from 11pm-5:30am; generally an hour after sundown and an hour before sunrise. Jones asked if this would apply to the Dogwood Trail, so late/early runners would be in trouble. Clark stated they had the Parks system in mind, not the Trails. Jones stated the language says any City owned recreational area. He then stated he agrees with the alcohol concerns, but is concerned that if someone walks to the store, and walks back, they would be in trouble if passing through one of the parks. He also stated, fishermen are early risers, and shouldn't be penalized, and asked about the presence of dogs. Clark stated no dogs are allowed only where posted. Coleman referred to language in Section 74-209 'Dogs', and asked to add 'her' to the first sentence. Beers asked how to address smoking limits at public facilities. Clark stated he will look into it. Burns stated he would like to see a 'No Smoking' sign placed at the California steps. Smith stated smoking is taking place outside and we don't want to be too rigid.
A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-06 / Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code / Parks and Recreation on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smith and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Burns –Aye.

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74 OF THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE; ESTABLISHING PROTECTIONS FOR PARK PROPERTY AND PATRONS.

Was read on its first reading by Patterson.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 20-16 / Condemnation of 505 E. Benton.
Discussion: Randal Clark, Building Official, briefed the item. Burns stated there are several abandoned buildings in the area, and this location would be a great addition to square off City property. A Motion to approve Resolution 20-16 / Condemnation of 505 E. Benton was made by Johnson and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Burns, Beers –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, gave an update on the Arkansas Department of Aeronautics grant application for identifier lights at the Airport. He stated the department does not have sufficient funds for the grant, so staff is going to divide them in to two different grants for submission. He then congratulated the Electric Department for winning another award for their reliability. He also congratulated Chief Neely for being appointed President of the Siloam Springs Rotary.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor stated he hopes everyone made it out to the Rodeo this past week. He then gave his thoughts and prayers to Eva Barnett's family. Beers apologized for missing the last Board meeting. He stated he continues to be amazed with the growth of the City. He then went over a couple different articles highlighting the City. He congratulated Bobby Norwood and Monty Balk on their awards. Burns asked for a status on the Mount Olive Road Diet. Don Clark, Community Services Director, stated it is set to start on June 27th. He stated one lane will always be open, but detour is strongly encouraged. Burns stated there were lots of activities this past weekend, and lots more coming up. He encouraged everyone to get out and spend money locally. He then went over a speaker they had last week at the Arkansas Municipal League meeting. He stated we have some great public servants. He stated the speaker spoke of the opioid epidemic, and wants the public to be aware of the drug drop-off program. He stated he enjoyed kayaking City Lake and thanked City staff for their hard work. Smith thanked staff for addressing concerns that were brought forth by a citizen regarding the Aquatic Center. Jones stated the sales tax numbers are up, and encouraged everyone to attend the *Taste of Northwest Arkansas* at the AMP in Rogers which is being represented by 28 Springs and Fratelli's Wood-fire Pizzeria. He then encouraged everyone to watch the U.S. men's national team play Argentina. He stated only 3 more meetings until his resignation became effective. Coleman gave his condolences to Janie Lowe and the Barnett family. He stated he thought it was a great sign of respect for Barnett's Dairyette to be closed in honor of the family. He then stated he attended the

Arkansas Municipal League meeting and came away with several little jewels he thinks the City can use.

A Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Consideration of Employment (Fire Chief) was made by Jones and seconded by Coleman.
Roll Call:
Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Burns, Beers, Smith –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.
Meeting was reconvened. A Motion to confirm appointment of Jeremy Criner as Fire Chief was made by Burns and seconded by Coleman.
Roll Call:
Coleman, Johnson, Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones –Aye.
6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

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

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

John Mark Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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