

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

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

Roll Call: Beers, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns –Present  
Smith –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; Don Clark, Community Services Director; Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner; Kevin Moore, Project Engineer; present.

Opening prayer was led by Carol Smiley.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the June 21, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Smiley 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: Amending / 2016 Personal Schedule / Police Department.  
Discussion: James Wilmeth, Police Chief, briefed the item. Johnson stated he looked up the job duties of Lieutenant and Captain and realized how intricate they really are. He asked when eligible, does the City pay for FBI training. Wilmeth stated it is by invitation only, and the City does commit to paying the individuals salary while gone. Burns expressed his appreciation for all the work and the expansion in recruitment. A Motion to approve Amending the 2016 Personal Schedule for the Police Department by Reclassifying Two (2) Detective Sergeants Positions to a Lieutenant and Detective Position was made by Burns and seconded by Coleman.

Roll Call:

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

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-06 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading / Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code / Parks and Recreation. Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item and pointed out specific changes. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, stated it is better to fish later in the evening during this hot weather. Jones thanked Clark for the changes. He asked about Cundiff's concerns. Clark stated he would address this with the Police Department. Johnson asked if under that circumstance if it would be advisable to get permission from the Parks Manager. Clark stated it wouldn't be prudent. Mayor thanked Clark for the way this Ordinance has been handled. Smiley thanked Clark for this Ordinance and addressing directors' concerns. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-06 / Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code / Parks and Recreation on its

second reading subject to changes proposed by the staff, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.

Discussion on the motion: Burns expressed concern with two areas that are not connected with the City. He stated a situation has been created at the Kayak Park with no enforcement. He stated patrons are accessing property of private parties from City side, leaving trash, grilling, etc. with no respect for the property on its intended use. Smiley agreed with Burns; needs enforcement of the rules. Mayor agreed, as well. Jones stated the City is fighting a battle that's long been in effect and is unbeatable. He stated the river was used long before the Kayak Park was created and will continue to be used by the same people. He then quoted Aristotle and pointed out we just need to pick up the trash. Beers stated it's a great problem to have and hopefully the Ordinance will help with issues, but points out the privilege of having parks. Burns said fines should help with keeping undesirables out and they will find another place to go. He stated if the Board will back staff, it will help with enforcement and complaints. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, pointed out that extending the closing time to 11pm will help accommodate fishermen and is intended to eliminate unwanted problems. He stated he will ask staff to look at the section addressing trash, receptacles and/or lack thereof.

Roll Call:

Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones –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 second reading.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-07 / 1<sup>st</sup> Reading / Rezone R-3 to C-2 / 992 S. Lincoln Street / Frederic & Bertha Dohle. Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Johnson said he welcomed new businesses and asked about future development. Rhoads explained the suggested land use along Lincoln Street. Burns said he believed this is the last two residential properties on this side of the street. Smiley asked if parking wasn't an issue, and if there was only one place to enter and exit. Rhoads answered no and yes. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-07 / Rezone R-3 to C-2 / 992 S. Lincoln Street on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes.            No Nays.            Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 102-21 OF THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY ZONING MAP); REZONING (FROM R-3 TO C-2) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 992 S. LINCOLN STREET.**

Was read on its first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-08 / 1<sup>st</sup> Reading / Rezone R-2 to G-I / 1500 N. Mt. Olive / Siloam Springs School District. Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Beers

asked about the Family Aquatic Center being rezoned. Rhoads stated they are working on rezoning all City-owned property. Beers expressed his appreciation for the City doing what they are asking other property owners to do. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-08 / Rezone R-2 to G-I / 1500 N. Mt. Olive / Siloam Springs School District on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Beers and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes.            No Nays.            Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 102-21 OF THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY ZONING MAP); REZONING (FROM R-2 TO G-I) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1500 N. MT. OLIVE STREET.**

Was read on its first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 22-16 / Arkansas Economic Development Commission / Fire Protection Grant / \$27,169. Discussion: Greg Neely, Fire Chief, briefed the item. Smiley asked to describe the attachments on rig. Neely explained. Smiley expressed her appreciation for staff finding this grant; that grants are always good for the City. Burns asked if there is foam on it. Neely answered yes. Burns stated most larger cities have this and he is all for getting this. A Motion to approve Resolution 22-16 to pursue a fire protection grant from the Arkansas Economic Development Commission in the amount of \$27,169 with a 10% match was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes.            No Nays.            Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 23-16 / Fixed Asset Policy. Discussion: Christina Petriches, Finance Director, briefed the item. Beers asked if the GFOA is a Federal or State association. Petriches stated it is a Federal association, but would be more National than Federal. A Motion to approve Resolution 23-16 / Fixed Asset Policy was made by Beers and seconded by Burns.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes.            No Nays.            Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 24-16 / Significant Development Permit / Menem I, LLC / 2100 Block of Ravenwood Plaza. Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Burns and Beers expressed their excitement about the addition. Beers asked about lighting the parking lots. Rhoads stated there is no code; maybe look into changes in future code. A Motion to approve Resolution 24-16, authorizing a significant development permit for 2100 Block of Ravenwood Plaza, subject to conditions, was made by Beers and seconded by Burns.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes.            No Nays.            Motion passed.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson said he hoped everyone had a happy and safe Fourth of July. He reported an expenditure for the Electric Department inventory in the amount of \$37,746 for

a PSE-11 manual pad mount switchgear. He then stated the net proceeds from the city auction on June 29<sup>th</sup> was \$38,248.40 and pointed out proceeds from 2015 were about \$22,000.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor pointed out director Jones only has two more meetings until he departs for Russia. He then asked the Board to allow him to instruct staff to post notification to fill the unexpired term of Board of Director position 5, and form committee for appointing. He mentioned Moose's passing and service to the City. He stated he attended the send-off for Monty Balk. He expressed his thanks and wished him well. Beers extended condolences to the Van Poucke family. He stated a bear was caught in Ward 1 and released in the Wedington area. He announced the mountain bike trail is open behind John Brown University. He congratulated JW Smith on being elected Commander of the American Legion Department of Arkansas and his wife who was elected President of the State American Legion Auxiliary. Burns stated the relationship with Moose changed when going from employee to Board member. He stated he was always very encouraging and will be missed greatly. Johnson stated he has worked at the Adult Development Center for about four years and before that, he was on the Board there with Moose Van Poucke. He stated he attended the Republican Women's meeting on June 27 and listened to the City Administrator go over the City's plans. He then stated he does visit the Kayak Park and enjoys it. Jones stated he enjoyed the City fireworks and thanked Parks and Recreation for the show; it's something he will miss. Smiley stated she considered Moose a great friend, as did a lot of people in Siloam; to her he was Mr. Siloam as well as her mentor; how he did so much for the City, was very humble and will be greatly missed. She extended her condolences to the Van Poucke family. She thanked the Parks department for the fireworks display; she expressed appreciation for our freedom and those who served. Coleman gave his condolences to the Van Poucke family; he will be greatly missed. He stated he would like to see flagpole at the library, flashing light at crosswalk, and the handicap book-drop in place.

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

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

  
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Renea Ellis, City Clerk

  
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John Mark Turner, Mayor

