MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JULY 19, 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 19, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Greg Neely, Fire Chief; Jeremey Criner, Fire Chief-Elect; Geoff Lewis, Deputy Police Chief; Don Clark, Community Services Director; Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner; Justin Bland, City Engineer; Art Farine, Electric Director; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director.

Numerous members of the fire department where present as well.

Opening prayer was led by Steve Beers. Condolences to the Lonnie Leroy family were part of his prayer.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the July 5, 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: Planning and Zoning-Board of Adjustment Commissioners.
Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed and gave the recommendation to appoint Ted Song and Jerrod Driscoll.
A Motion to appoint Ted Song was made by Johnson and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

A Motion to appoint Jerrod Driscoll was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Purchase Request / 2016 Mack Truck / Grande Truck Center /

$123,015.
Discussion: Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item. Smiley asked about the savings and payback. Gorszczyk stated it would be just on the truck. Smiley then asked if costs of fuel had been estimated. Gorszczyk answered yes; fuel, wages, etc. has all been looked at. Beers expressed his appreciation for the aggressiveness and quick payback. He then asked about liability and if we had done this in the past. Gorszczyk answered no there is not, and it has not been done in the past. A Motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 Mack Truck from Grande Truck Center in the amount of $123,015 was made by Burns and seconded by Smiley.
Roll Call:
Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones, Johnson –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Purchase Request / 2016 Walking Floor Trailer / Travis Body & Trailer / $65,065.
Discussion: Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item and explained the significance of "walking floor". Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, stated Gorszczyk seemed to be limited on knowledge and encouraged getting a driver with knowledge on the equipment. A Motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 Walking Floor Trailer from Travis Body & Trailer in the amount of $65,065 was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns.
Roll Call:
Burns, Beers, Jones, Johnson, Smiley –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Purchase Contract / 2016 Bucket Truck / Altec Industries / $143,577.
Discussion: Art Farine, Electric Director, briefed the item. Smiley asked why one company couldn't bid due to chassis size. Farine stated he thinks they felt like they wouldn't be competitive so they held off. Smiley asked if chassis is big enough. Farine stated yes, it will be a smaller truck to allow more mobility in tighter spaces. A Motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 bucket truck from Altec Industries in the amount of $143,577 was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Beers, Jones, Johnson, Smiley, Burns –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-06 / 3rd Reading / Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code / Parks and Recreation.
Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. Wayne Hartley, 1110 E. Country Lane, stated he was made aware of the issues at the Kayak Park in which he visits frequently and believes this is a valuable park to the community. He stated there are issues with the trash; a recycle bin would help. He then stated putting the rules in Spanish on a second sign would greatly help. He stated if the park closes at 5:30pm during the week, citizens would not go who work until 5:30pm; weekends would bring in heavy foot traffic. Burns pointed out the park hours are extended; and main concerns are trash, including beer bottle; smell of porta-potties, and policing the area. He stated he believes people need to start being fined, and the undesirables removed. He then asked if the City was funded to maintain the area. Clark answered no. Burns

stated this Ordinance needs enforced if passed. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated we can't guarantee it will be resolved, but can promise City will start warning citizens during transition period and then issue citations once Ordinance becomes effective in September. He stated success is part of the problem. Jones pointed out there are a lot of people on their phones in parks and hopes it stops soon. He then said he has seen people sleeping in the gazebos multiple times and that this ordinance would make that illegal. Burns stated the Ordinance will be a continued work in progress. He expressed his appreciation for all the work staff has done. Clark pointed out that this is one of the Board goals. Beers stated he appreciates Burns concerns, but wanted to remind everyone what a beautiful park it is and that the City can get through this. Smiley stated we all appreciate Burns' passion towards these issues; many cities wish they had this problem. She stated issuing tickets will help people become more aware. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-06 / Amending Chapter 74 of the Municipal Code / Parks and Recreation on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Jones, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers –Aye.
5 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 third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-06 was then made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.
Roll Call:
Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-07 / 2nd Reading / Rezone R-3 to C-2 / 992 S. Lincoln Street / Frederic & Bertha Dohle.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item, as well as the next Ordinance. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-07 / Rezone R-3 to C-2 / 992 S. Lincoln Street / Frederic & Bertha Dohle on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns.
Roll Call:
Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones, Johnson –Aye.
5 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 second and third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-07 was then made by Johnson and seconded by Smiley.
Roll Call:
Burns, Beers, Jones, Johnson, Smiley –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-08 / 2nd Reading / Rezone R-2 to G-I / 1500 N. Mt. Olive / Siloam Springs School District.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed this item in the previous discussion. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-08 / Rezone R-2 to G-I / 1500 N. Mt. Olive / Siloam Springs School District on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Johnson and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Beers, Jones, Johnson, Smiley, Burns –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

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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 second and third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-08 was then made by Smiley and seconded by Burns.
Roll Call:
Jones, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 25-16 / Significant Development Permit / Commercial Realty NWA, LLC / 2998 Hwy. 412 E.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Smiley clarified there are no additional drives on the highway. Rhoads answered yes, that is correct. Beers asked what the protection is for segregation to homes behind the building. Rhoads stated there is a privacy fence currently that will be repaired and updated by applicant. Mayor asked Rhoads to clarify on the lighting. Rhoads stated lighting will not shine on any homes; only the property. Burns asked if this lighting will be standard with other projects. Rhoads stated they are requesting this on all projects. He said an engineer had told him the lighting industry is changing to this type of lighting. A Motion to approve Resolution 25-16, authorizing a significant development permit for 2998 Hwy 412 E., with staff recommendations, was made by Johnson and seconded by Burns.
Roll Call:
Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 26-16 / Significant Development Permit / Cotton Patch Café / 3451 Hwy. 412 E.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Johnson asked if we are doing anything to prevent traffic congestion at the common drive on the west side. Rhoads stated there isn't anything we can do; Cotton Patch is a 'sit-down' restaurant which should reduce continuous traffic flow. Burns stated traffic is a good problem to have. A Motion to approve Resolution 26-16 authorizing a significant development permit for 3451 Hwy. 412 E. was made by Burns and seconded by Beers.
Smiley stated she is excited to see this come to the City; will fit in nicely. Maria Johnson, Facility Director at Cotton Patch, stated this is the first Cotton Patch in Arkansas. She stated they hope to open after December.
Roll Call:
Smiley, Burns, Beers, Jones, Johnson –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 27-16 / State Aid City Street Program Participation / Mt. Olive Street Overlay.
Discussion: Justin Bland, City Engineer, briefed the item. Beers expressed thanks to the City for forward thinking. Burns asked who is doing the work now. Bland stated it is ARCO Construction. Burns pointed out that they are working weekends and evening hours. He then asked if we are on track with the paving schedule. Bland stated he believes so; hopefully completed before school begins. Bland stated the detour will be expanded to Washington Street while work on Maxwell is occurring and that a traffic mirror was hung at the corner of E. Main and S. Maxwell to help with bridge traffic. A Motion to approve Resolution 27-16 expressing the willingness of the City of Siloam Springs to utilize State Aid Street Program monies for the Mt. Olive St. overlay project was made by Beers and seconded by Burns.
Roll Call:
Burns, Beers, Jones, Johnson, Smiley –Aye.
5 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

2nd Quarter 2016 Update / Board Goals 2015-2016: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, went over changes to the Board Goals. He stated if anyone has questions, please email him.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, went over the Main Street contract progress report. He then reported that the fuel farm has saved $28,500 year to date; total savings since inception in 2014 is almost $110,000. He then introduced the new Fire Chief, Jeremey Criner, and gave a brief bio on his background. He then asked Chief Neely to come up as well as Criner's family. He stated he is pleased to present a well-credentialed Fire Chief. He then presented his badge to Mrs. Criner to pin. Criner thanked the search committee, Administrator Patterson, Chief Neely, and Siloam Springs Fire Department. He said he looks forward to serving. Patterson congratulated Criner. Patterson then thanked Chief Neely for his leadership and gave his bio. He thanked Neely and the SSFD for their service and then presented Chief Neely with a plaque to show the City's appreciation.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor stated he and Holland Hayden, Communications Manager, had the opportunity to attend an event in Springdale. He stated it was an opportunity to allow citizens to come out and find out what is being done to keep our area safe. He spoke about first meeting Chief Neely and how blessed we have been to have him on our staff. Beers thanked the Fire Department, Chief-Elect Criner and his family. He thanked Neely for everything he has done and said, simply put, well done faithful public servant. Burns wished Neely best wishes; and told Criner to do his duty. He then reminded everyone that there are several employees in the City that are deployed or are being deployed so be sure to pray for their safe return. Johnson stated Trump was nominated by the Republican party. He then expressed thanks to Chief Neely, Siloam Fire Department and Siloam Police Department. He then stated there are citizens concerned about their streets and sidewalks and hoped the issues could be addressed. Jones thanked Chief Neely for his great job. He then stated the City sales tax revenue is up. He asked the Board to continue being business friendly. Smiley expressed her appreciation for Chief Neely and everything he has done for the City. She welcomed Criner and his family. She expressed her excitement for everything happening in the City. She then said how she appreciates the Fire and Police Departments.

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Smiley then made a motion to adjourn.

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Smiley's motion was then seconded by Johnson. The Mayor called for a voice vote. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

CITY CLERK SEAL SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

APPROVED:

John Mark Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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