MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD AUGUST 2, 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 August 2, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Jeremey Criner, Fire Chief; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief; Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; present.

Opening prayer was led by Frank Johnson.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the July 19, 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.
Tom Ledebrand, 1405 Ezekiel Court, pointed out Director Jones is leaving, and thanked him for a job well done. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, thanked Director Jones for his service.

The next item on the agenda: Futsal Court Agreement / John Brown University.
Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. Jim Krall, Vice President of Advancement at John Brown University, gave a brief overview on the agreement and future uses. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, stated this partnership is with the citizen's money, and not the City. He stated all amenities being given from the City are from citizens. Dwayne Buxton, 1409 Savannah, stated 35% of the 700 players in the futbol club are minorities. He stated a lot of adults play as well; some with their children. Steven Voss, 17694 Meadow Wood Drive, stated he is excited about the court for all citizens to use. Kevin Simpson, 502 S. Elm Street, thanked Director Coleman and Troy Kirkendall for a meeting they arranged initially with this idea. Scott Marksberry, 712 W. Alpine, stated he thinks the timing is interesting as the U.S. is developing a league to bid on next World Futsal Cup. He believes this will be a family gathering place. Beers stated he is excited for challenges as JBU Vice President and Board member. He stated he can vote without impact to his job or it being a conflict of interest. He stated the trails are highly utilized and believe this is a great collaboration between the City and JBU. Johnson stated he knew nothing about this. He asked if it's dangerous playing on concrete. Patterson stated it is a semi-soft surface like tennis courts. Smith asked if the City will maintain the easement. Patterson answered yes. Smith asked how usage will be navigated. Patterson stated different clubs will coordinate the use. Smith asked who currently maintains area. Patterson stated the City has an easement that is on the parking lot, but the rest of the property belongs to JBU. Smiley stated we currently have a soccer field the City spent a lot of money on. She asked what the difference is and if futsal can be played on the other soccer field. Patterson stated yes, but the field is not open to the public at all times. He listed several advantages of the smaller court.

Smiley expressed excitement about the partnership. Buxton stated it is generally the same players, just a slightly different sport and smaller field. He stated the goals are built in, so they couldn't be moved. Jones asked how many parking spaces are in the lot and if it were enough in the future. Beers stated there are about 40 something. Jones then stated bathroom facilities would also be another thing to consider being an issue in the future. He asked if after the $70,000 cost value, if the balance is from Walmart grant. Patterson stated they provided a $75,000 grant and JBU is raising the rest. He stated this can be worked in without putting out any City projects. Jones stated the facility is a great idea and good investment by City. Coleman stated he was in on this from the beginning; thinks it's a great idea. He stated he is concerned it is not on the Board Goals, and that over $1,000,000 worth of equipment had been purchased and has been minimally used. He stated the Board will and needs to be held to accountability. He believes this will benefit a large portion of citizens. Burns stated he agrees with Coleman. He said this promotes youth activity, but the funding hangs him up. He stated the City has spent a lot of money with previous a partnership; makes it hard to answer when citizens ask about streets, sidewalks, etc. He stated after this, partnering with JBU should slow down. Smith asked how to go about adding in that the City should be partnered with JBU for maintenance cost. Patterson told her in a motion. Smith then made the motion to approve the agreement with John Brown University for the construction of a Futsal Court with the stipulation that JBU and the City share maintenance costs for the duration of the 20-year agreement; seconded by Burns. Further discussion: Jones asked what that means exactly. Patterson stated costs of maintaining surface. He said the terms would need to be identified in agreement. Smiley asked if this includes the parking lot. Smith stated just the court. Smiley stated the parking lot needs as much maintenance as court. Beers stated management of facilities would fall under his role with JBU, and he would abstain from voting on this item. Jones asked who the owner of the court will be. Patterson stated the City will be owner. Jones asked if it will have the same hours as other parks. Burns stated he has good faith in partnering with JBU for the maintenance needs, but does see future problems with the 11pm closing time.
Roll Call:
Coleman, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones –Aye.
Johnson – Nay.
6 Ayes. 1 Nay. Motion passed.
Beers explained why he did not recuse on voting.

The next item on the agenda: Budget Amendment / 2016 Police Department Capital Budget / Rifle Armor; In-Car Camera System / $170,000.
Discussion: Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief, briefed the item. Smiley asked if there are two pieces. Wilmeth answered yes. Smiley stated our officers are very important and we need to protect them any way possible. Mayor asked if the plate in the current armor minimizes the hurt. Wilmeth stated it mitigates it. Smith asked if there will be sufficient space under uniforms. Wilmeth stated it hangs outside of uniform. Beers expressed his appreciation of bringing this all up. He stated the fact that about 50% of the squad cars do not have operable camera causes concern if documentation is needed by public or Police. A Motion to amend the 2016 Police Department Capital Budget, re-purposing 2016 capital funds of $75,000 from two suspended capital projects and remaining cost of $95,000 to be drawn from police-restricted reserves created from sales tax fund revenue, to allow the purchase of in-car cameras and individual rifle armor for officers was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman.
Roll Call:
Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Purchase Request / Street Division / 2016 Tandem Axle Dump Truck /

Shipley Motor Equipment Company / $117,935.
Discussion: Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item. Coleman stated it's amazing that the old truck had lasted 26 years. A Motion to approve the purchase of a Tandem Axle Dump Truck from Shipley Motor Equipment Company in the amount of $117,935 was made by Burns and seconded by Beers.
Mayor asked what will be done with the old truck. Gorszczyk stated it will go to the Electric Department.
Roll Call:
Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-09 / 1st Reading / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezone C-1A to C-2 / 1000 Block of Cheri Whitlock Dr.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Burns expressed concerns regarding no turn lane on south side of Hico, and possible issues with heavy traffic. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-09 on its 1st Reading, Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code Rezoning C-1A to C-2 the property located at the 1000 Block of Cheri Whitlock Dr. on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns.
Roll Call:
Burns, Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 102-21 OF THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY ZOING MAP); REZONING (FROM C1-A TO C-2) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 1000 BLOCK OF CHERI WHITLOCK DRIVE.

Was read on its first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-10 / 1st Reading / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / rezone C-2 and R-2 to G-I / 100 Hwy. 412 W.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Beers expressed his appreciation for the due diligence for proper re-zoning. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-10 on its 1st Reading, Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code rezoning from C-2 and R-2 to G-I property located at 100 Hwy. 412 W., suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Beers, Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns –Aye.
7 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 C-2 AND R-2 TO G-I) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 HIGHWAY 412 WEST.

Was read on its first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-11 / 1st Reading / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / rezone R-2 to G-I / 1611 Cheri Whitlock Dr.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. Coleman asked if there is urgent need to dig hole, and if can be done in 3 readings. Rhoads stated the timeline is unknown. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-11 on its 1st Reading Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code rezoning from R-2 to G-I the property located at 1611 Cheri Whitlock Drive, suspending the rule and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.
Roll Call:
Smith, Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers –Aye.
7 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 1611 CHERI WHITLOCK DRIVE.

Was read on its first reading.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 28-16 / Significant Development Permit / New Life Church of Siloam Springs / 1611 Cheri Whitlock Dr.
Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, announced staff recommended tabling this item until August 16, 2016. Mayor stated tabling instead of removing would prevent the church from the need to start over. A Motion to table Resolution 28-16 / Significant Development Permit / New Life Church of Siloam Springs / 1611 Cheri Whitlock Dr. until the meeting on August 16, 2016 was made by Coleman and seconded by Jones.
Roll Call:
Jones, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith –Aye.
7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated the flag pole at the Library will be installed this week. He then stated most of the demolition for the Mount Olive road diet has been completed, and hope to be pouring concrete this week. He stated end date has been pushed to the end of the month. He stated that demolition is complete for the remodel of the old Police Department, and is now under construction; hoping for completion by the middle of October. He stated tonight is National Night Out, and encouraged everyone to visit one of the block parties. He then stated the Public Works Department will be hosting the District Meeting of the Arkansas Water Works and Water Environment Association at our new Library on August 10. He stated they are expecting about 50 people in attendance. He then spoke about Director Jones' service over the last 3.5 years. He said Jones was always ready to give the sales tax report and that he was the un-proclaimed "Town Crier" for the City. He said it had been a pleasure working with Jones and presented him with a picture of Jones photo-shopped in elaborate attire, holding a bell, as a Town Crier in from of a Town Hall sign. Patterson announced there will be farewell cake and punch following the meeting.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor stated block parties are tonight. He stated his nephew is in town from Texas playing Pokémon; his nephew stated the City is a goldmine. He stated they have received 4 applications to fill Position 5 and that he will bring the recommendation to the Board on August 16. He encouraged Jones to stay in touch. Beers stated he voted for the futsal court; he would've abstained if the motions were separate. He then stated Jones has many titles and positions; politician,

businessman, lawyer, professor, family man, etc. He stated the Board and himself will miss him. Burns referenced the article, *Planning to Succeed*, in the City and Town magazine. He said he would like to see the City look at bike lanes in our streets. He stated Jones brings great dynamic to the Board. He wished Jones safe travels; and stated as a missionary kid, it brings a lot of insight to family. Johnson stated he voted no on the futsal court because items were combined. He stated he attended the reception for Chief Neely's retirement; it was very touching and that Neely had received a commendation from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He pointed out that Cobb-Vantress is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, and read excerpts from the article from the Herald-Leader newspaper. He said there was another article regarding Siloam Flowers making deliveries to the Police and Fire Department last week as part of 'Make Someone Smile Week' and that it had participated in this for the past 5 years. He stated he has enjoyed knowing Jones and his family; will miss him and good luck. Smith stated she will miss coming in to his restaurant and the inability to talk to him about City business. She stated he and his family will be sorely missed. Smiley thanked all participants of National Night Out. She stated she is hesitant to make any slanderous comments towards Jones because he's an attorney. She stated they could always rely on Jones to give updates on the sales tax. She wished him and his family the best and God bless. Coleman echoed Smiley's sentiments. He expressed appreciation for his service on the Board and always asking questions. He stated they didn't always agree, but it was always for the betterment of the City. Jones stated he thinks it's hot in here due to the puffery from everyone. He stated he's not much of a crier, but may be by the end of tonight. He stated he was 42 years old and has lived half of his life in Siloam Springs; this is home. He said he is looking forward to coming back. He thanked everyone for their support and allowing him to serve on the Board. He stated it has been great being able to participate in political government after having studied and taught it. He said he is not a poker player; tells are definitely one of his biggest giveaways. He thanked everyone and encouraged the Board to ask questions, especially for the citizen's interest.

With no further business, Jones then made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Coleman. The Mayor called for a voice vote. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

CORPORATE SEAL
SILOAM SPRINGS
BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

APPROVED:

John Mark Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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