

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD AUGUST 16, 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 16, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Jeremey Criner, Fire Chief; Geoff Lewis, Deputy Chief of Police; Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; Don Clark, Community Services Director; Christina Petriches, Finance Director; Justin Bland, City Engineer; present.

Opening prayer was led by Amy Smith.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the August 2, 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. Smith asked that her remarks in the Directors Report be amended. Smiley and Johnson agreed to the changes. 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: Board of Directors Vacancy / Position 5 At-Large.
Discussion: Mayor briefed and announced the Committee recommends Jerry Cavness be appointed to fulfill the vacancy of Position 5 At-Large seat. A Motion to appoint Jerry Cavness to fill the vacancy of Position 5 At-Large was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Contract / Garver Engineer / Precision Approach Path Indicators / \$21,500.

Discussion: Sean Baker, Airport Manager, briefed the item. A Motion to approve the Contract with Garver Engineering for Replacement of Precision Approach Path Indicators for \$21,500 was made by Johnson and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Purchase Contract / Fire Apparatus / Sunbelt Fire, Inc. / \$1,689,053.

Discussion: Jeremey Criner, Fire Chief, briefed the item including the addition of equipment that hadn't originally been requested. Greg Neely, 2302 W. University, stated he was in support of the additional equipment. Beers asked for clarification on the different funding formats for the Fire Department. Christina Petriches, Finance Director, provided an overview. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated when looking at buying a truck and putting depreciation money back to replace large purchases, it is more difficult than borrowing. Burns stated there were several who were disgruntled when the current trucks were purchased. He expressed his appreciation that what was wanted originally is being purchased and expressed his opinion that they were what fire trucks should be like. A Motion to approve the purchase of three (3) Fire Apparatus from Sunbelt Fire, Inc. in the amount of \$1,689,053 and Grant City Administrator authority to obtain financing was made by Burns and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Memorandum of Understanding / Siloam Springs School District / School Resource Officers / Police Department / \$154,104.38.

Discussion: Geoff Lewis, Deputy Chief of Police, briefed the item. Smith asked what the cost to City is. Lewis stated it is a 50% cost share. A Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Siloam Springs School District and the City of Siloam Springs for School Resource Officers; Compensation by the Siloam Springs School District in the amount of \$154,104.38 for the 2016-2017 school year was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Benton County Recycling Grant / Recycling Building Addition / \$84,588.75.

Discussion: Steve Gorszcyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item. Mayor asked if this is a turn-key job. Gorszcyk answered yes. Beers expressed thanks to the staff for the legwork to get this funding. A Motion to approve the construction of an addition to the recycling building at the sanitation division by Quality Metal, Inc. totaling \$84,558.75 with funding by the Benton County Recycling Grant was made by Beers and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-09 / 2nd 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 this item, as well as Ordinance 16-10 and Ordinance 16-11. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-09 / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezone C-1A to C-2 / 1000 Block of Cheri Whitlock Dr. on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Burns stated this will have a large impact on Cheri Whitlock. He stated there has been no public comment except those from two people. He then stated people need to call with concerns when signs go up, especially when their backyard is changing to commercial. He stated he hates to see the City lose that green space and hopes this helps with the convenience. Smiley said she understands Burns concern and pointed out the City wants to move towards being a walkable community. She said she hopes neighbors are aware of what's happening but they need to take responsibility if there are concerns. Rhoads explained in further detail the C2 zoning. Burns asked if other properties become available, would zoning stay with C2. Rhoads stated C2 is most conducive; it is important to have commercial zoning along this corridor to help reduce congestion on Highway 412. Beers stated numerous notifications were made; and asked if it is correct that minimal citizen comment was received. Rhoads answered yes. Mayor stated the public has option to appear and voice opinions.

Roll Call:

Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Smith, Beers, 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 C1-A TO C-2) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 1000 BLOCK OF CHERI WHITLOCK DRIVE.

Was read on its second and third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-09 was then made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-10 / 2nd 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 this item in the previous discussion. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-10 / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / rezone C-2 and R-2 to G-I / 100 Hwy. 412 W. on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Beers and seconded by Burns.

Roll Call:

Burns, Smith, Beers, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley –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 C-2 AND R-2 TO G-I) THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 HIGHWAY 412 WEST.

Was read on its second and third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-10 was then made by Johnson and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-11 / 2nd 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, previously briefed this item. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-11 / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / rezone R-2 to G-I / 1611 Cheri Whitlock Dr. on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Burns asked about any impact to the overpass project. Justin Bland, City Engineer, responded. Burns mentioned the drainage issue in the neighborhood behind this area and wanted to ensure it won't be impacted. Bland stated he believed the changes would benefit Gabriel Park.

Roll Call:

Beers, Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Smith –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 1611 CHERI WHITLOCK DRIVE.**

Was read on its second and third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-11 was then made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.

Beers expressed excitement for the growth of the church community.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

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, briefed the item. A Motion to approve Resolution 28-16 / Significant Development Permit / New Life Church of Siloam Springs / 1611 Cheri Whitlock Dr. with staff recommendations was made by Coleman and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson reported sales tax for July is up by 13% for the month, and 8% for the year. He stated the county sales tax for July is up 9% for the month, and 1.5% for the year. He then went over details that were discussed in the earlier workshop for the Medical Springs Park; and asked if there were any objections. A Motion to proceed with

recommendations made in the workshop and to proceed with finance option 2 was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman. Beers stated only changing the name of the amphitheater would be necessary.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor stated the Police Department was on Highway 412 for a blue-light vigil in support of Sebastian County Deputy Corporal Bill Cooper. He thanked the Police Department for their help. He then stated we had the last 2nd Saturday last weekend, and it was well attended. He said it is good to see the U.S. doing well in the Olympics. Beers thanked the first responders for what they do, and putting everything on the line. He stated he attended the Back to School Chamber breakfast and that it was a fun event. He thanked those who submitted letters of consideration to fill the Board vacancy. Burns echoed Beers statement and said it is all about diversity. He pointed out concerns have been addressed very quickly regarding the Street Diet. He thanked the citizens for their patience. Johnson said he had a couple at a block party last year who spoke about their occupation as resource officers; SRO's help kids get interested in and acquainted with officers. He stated he hasn't heard of or seen any graffiti lately and was glad it hasn't become a problem. Smith expressed her thanks to the Police Department for the recent kindness to her family and encouraged everyone to lock their car doors to prevent theft. Smiley encouraged everyone to be on the lookout for the kids going back to school. She expressed appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments. Coleman stated he was happy to see the flag and flagpole at the Library. He stated he was saddened to see Police Chief Wilmeth's letter on the website. He encouraged everyone to pray daily for the Police and Fire Departments.

Coleman then 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:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk