

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 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 September 20, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

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

Opening prayer was led by Bob Coleman.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the September 6, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to accept the minutes. Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

The first agenda item was the Open Hearing for Citizens Present.

Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, stated he has noticed sidewalks being taken out around town and would like to see sidewalks on Tahlequah Street.

The next item on the agenda: Public Hearing / Sager Creek Vegetable / Arkansas Economic Development Commission Grant Closeout.

Discussion: Cassie Elliot, Grant Administrator at Visionary Milestones, briefed the item and gave an overview of the grant's purpose and number of employees hired. She stated the grant has been audited.

The next item on the agenda: Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority Director.

Discussion: Mayor briefed the item, and placed Shelley Simmons for appointment. A Motion to accept the appointment of Shelley Simmons to the Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority as Director was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes.

No Nays.

Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Purchase Contract / Combination Sewer Cleaning Truck / Water Services Division / Truck Component Services / \$324,995.

Discussion: Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director, briefed the item. Johnson pointed out that this is a result of a growing City and feels this is needed. Smith asked how frequent sewage pipe

cleaning should occur. Gorszczyk said, ideally, it would be done daily. Smith asked if this truck will improve the frequency and save us money. Gorszczyk said it will prolong pipe life, and will help prevent manhole overflows. Coleman asked if they plan to purchase the extended warranty next year. Gorszczyk said they would take a look at the dependability before purchasing the warranty. A Motion to approve the purchase of a combination sewer cleaning truck for the Water Services Division from Truck Component Services for \$324,995 was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Budget Amendment / Fire Department / 2016 Capital.

Discussion: Fire Chief Jeremey Criner, briefed the item. Smith asked what kind of carpet is being purchased. Criner said it is a commercial grade tiles with a lifetime warranty. Beers expressed appreciation of addressing these items. He then asked how these items were prioritized. Criner stated he began a needs assessment of all facilities and equipment; discovering this as a top priority since it is not ADA compliant. Beers applaud the choice of carpet due to the ease of replacing tiles. A Motion to approve a budget amendment to the Fire Department's 2016 Capital Outlay, reallocating \$25,000 from two capital projects into one capital project for building upgrades was made by Burns and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Amendment #1 / Economic Development Agreement / Krish Hospitality, Inc. / Holiday Inn Express.

Discussion: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item and asked for a six month extension. Coleman pointed out that the agreement refers to the 31st of September, but there are only 30 days in September. A Motion to approve the amendment to the Economic Development Agreement with Krish Hospitality, Inc. was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: 2nd Reading / Ordinance 16-12 / Amend Section 74 of the City Municipal Code / Establish Rental Rates for Sager Creek Soccer Complex.

Discussion: Troy Kirkendall, Parks and Recreation Manager, briefed the item. Beers asked if 2nd and 3rd reading tonight would be beneficial. Kirkendall said there is no rush. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-12 / Amend Chapter 74 of the City Municipal Code / Establish Rental Rates for Sager Creek Soccer Complex on its second reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING RENTAL RATES FOR THE SAGER CREEK SOCCER
COMPLEX LOCATED AT 608 SUE ANGLIN DRIVE.**

Was read on its second reading.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 32-16 / Adopting the Finalized Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Discussion: Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief, briefed the item. Johnson referred to a sentence in the Plan, and asked how it was figured out. Wilmeth said its part of why the plan is over 200 pages long; and then explained the reference being questioned. Johnson referred to the most recent earthquake that occurred, and asked how they determine which buildings will be damaged. Wilmeth stated they will look at what the highest priority risks and then mitigate. Johnson thanked Wilmeth for the work he does. A Motion to approve Resolution 32-16, adopting the finalized Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan was made by Burns and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

7 Ayes.

No Nays.

Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Staff Reports / Summer Reading Program.

Dolores Deuel, Library Manager, briefed the item; and then thanked the Board, Community and Friends of the Library Foundation for their support.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, reported an expenditure for the Fire Department in the amount of \$36,312 for a 2016 Chevy Tahoe from Bale Chevrolet. He then stated the City has been recognized by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) as a StormReady Community; recognition is for three years, and since 1999 has been recognized six times. He thanked staff for their hard work. He gave an update on the sales tax; the month of August is still at 13%, and for the year we are up 8%. He stated the county sales tax is up 7% for August over last year.

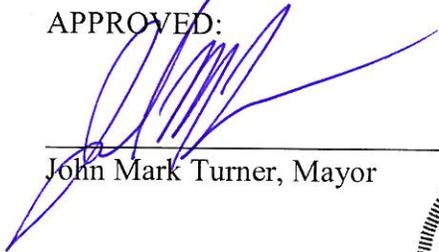
Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor reminded everyone that this weekend is Bike Blues and BBQ. He said the Chamber has signs out for the bikers to check out downtown. He then congratulated Ken Ramey for being recognized as Outstanding Superintendent of the Year in the State of Arkansas. Beers expressed his appreciation for what's happening at the Library and said it's exciting to hear that the students are reading. He then said how exciting it was that this grant has created 45 jobs in two years. He reminded everyone that the Sager Creek Mountain Bike Trail is now open at JBU and that the *Ricochet Run* is this weekend. Burns stated he is excited to hear about the Library and reminded everyone that it is a multiuse facility. He said the City is in one of the largest growth-spurts he has ever seen, which will cause problems both good and bad. He encouraged citizens to reach out to their Board member with any issues; they will listen. He said downtown was crowded last weekend, with staff members present. He said there is a lot more bike traffic, and encouraged everyone to be courteous. Smith said she is thankful that the old Library sign was removed. She said they participated in the summer program at the Library and is excited to see everything progressing. She said she noticed students touching Doug the deer, and encouraged everyone not to pet him due to concerns with safety. Cavness said the American

Legion 29 is going to have their 2016 Silent Auction, as well as their Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this Saturday morning from 7am-11am at the Community Building. He encouraged everyone to attend and support the veterans. He then said Purple Heart City signage has been purchased to be posted at the entrances to the City for recognition. Smiley expressed her excitement about the Library's progress. She said they are having Meet the Author tomorrow night with Marilyn Nelson from 5pm-6pm. She reminded everyone Thursday is Girls Night Out downtown starting at 4:30pm. She then said the Chamber is sponsoring the Outstanding Civic Leadership event honoring Shelley Simmons on September 29. She said Pickin' on 59 is also coming up, as well as a lot of other events. Coleman said he had recently attended a conference hosted by the Arkansas Municipal League. He said he had lunch with eight people at the conference, and each person remarked on how wonderful the City's parks and library are. He thanked the managers and staff in Parks and Recreation and the Library.

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