

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD OCTOBER 18, 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 October 18, 2016.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Judy Toler, Acting City Clerk; Jeremy Criner, Fire Chief; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief; Don Clark, Community Services Director; Christina Petriches, Finance Director; Ben Rhoads, City Planner; present.

Opening prayer was led by Brad Burns.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the October 4, 2016 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith 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: Bid Acceptance / Airport Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) Lights Relocation / Broadway Electric / \$120,000.

Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item. Johnson commented on the importance of the PAPI lights. Smith asked why there was only one bidder. Clark said he thinks it may be due to the FAA Guidelines. A Motion to accept the PAPI Relocation bid from Broadway Electric for \$120,000 was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: 2nd Reading / Ordinance 16-14 / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezone R-2 to G-I / 1405 W. Jefferson St.

Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-14 / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezone R-2 to G-I / 1405 W. Jefferson St. on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman.

Roll Call:

Cavness, 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 1405 WEST JEFFERSON STREET**

Was read on its second and third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-14 was then made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: 2nd Reading / Ordinance 16-15 / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezone R-4 to C-2 / 3300 Block of Hwy. 412 E.

Discussion: Ben Rhoads, Senior Planner, briefed the item. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-15 / Amend Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezone R-4 to C-2 / 3300 Block of Hwy. 412 E. on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Johnson and seconded by Smiley.

Roll Call:

Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Smith, Cavness, 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-4 TO C-2) THE
PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 3300 BLOCK OF U.S. HWY. 412 EAST**

Was read on its second and third reading.

A Motion to Adopt Ordinance 16-15 was then made by Johnson and seconded by Cavness.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Ordinance 16-16 / Waive Competitive Bidding for Defense Program / Arkansas Municipal League / Approximately \$52,636.50.

Discussion: Christina Petriches, Finance Director, briefed the item. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, said they found out this does not need to have an emergency clause, and explained reasoning. Smiley asked how much the cost increase was. Petriches said it was about \$5,000, and is based on claims. Mayor explained this item only requires one reading. Smith pointed out that there is no other entity that provides this service, so they are the sole provider. A Motion to Place Ordinance 16-16 / Waive Competitive Bidding for Defense Program / Arkansas

Municipal League / Approximately \$52,636.50, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Burns and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

An Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ARKANSAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (AML) FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR MUNICIPAL LEGAL DEFENSE PROGRAM, WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Was read on its only reading.

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

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Resolution 35-16 / Accepting Land Donation / Lot 3 & the E½ of Lot 2, Block 5, Beauchamp's Addition / Roy D. and Rebecca F. James.

Discussion: Don Clark, Community Service Directors, briefed the item. Smith expressed her appreciation of the donation. She asked what the cost will be to maintain. Clark said it won't cost anything additional, other than man hours, since the City already mows that section of trail.

Burns asked if there has been any communication with the property owner of the lot next to this. Clark said staff still needs to meet to discuss. A Motion to approve Resolution 35-16, authorizing the acceptance of property donation from Roy and Rebecca James was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith.

Roll Call:

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

6 Ayes. No Nays. Motion passed.

The next item on the agenda: Staff Reports / Community Services / New City Entrance Sign Design.

Discussion: Don Clark, Community Services Director, showed a presentation on the new design. Karl Mounger, 110A Ravenwood, asked if the backlighting will be behind the sign. Clark said the sign will be backlit in a way so it does not detour traffic. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, said there was a similar design at the parks, and it did not last very long. Smiley thanked staff for their hard work. Clark said this was version number four that they went with. He said the lights in the fountains will be similar to the ones already there. Burns expressed his appreciation for comments from the public and to staff for their hard work. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, said once this sign is up, the sign at the airport will be taken down. Patterson asked Clark to elaborate on reasons why a variance is needed for the new sign. Clark said it's because of the size of it. Patterson said staff is looking to update the sign code. Clark confirmed this to be true. Smith asked where this falls in the budget. Clark said there was \$98,000 budgeted

for this project last year, money put in from Public Works, and they also received \$5,000 from a GI Beautification Grant. He said there is about \$110,000 budgeted, and estimated costs are right around \$106,000.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, stated the Sidewalk and Trails Master Plan will be taken to the public on October 25th at the Library from 5-6:30pm. He reported that after the public meeting, the Master Plan will be taken to the Board for their formal approval. He stated the contractors are starting to grind down for the overlay on Mount Olive. He stated the contract started on October 12th, and they have 20 days to finish. He then stated they are not proposing any street closures, and hope to have it completed by November 1st. He reported from October 26th through the following Wednesday or Thursday that staff will be temporarily striping angled parking on Broadway between Alpine and Central on the east side of the street. He stated they are going to see how tight of a squeeze it will be to determine if it will work. He said there has been discussion from both staff and the public about how difficult the striping is on Dogwood and Main Street. He said on Basin 5, the sewer is now tied in and connected. He said that Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for the week of October 24th and to ensure all citizens put the material out this weekend; no sooner than Saturday and no later than 7am on Monday. He then listed out the different acceptable and unacceptable items. He said the unacceptable items can be taken to the Benton County drop-off center at 1108 East Ashley on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8am-3:30pm. He stated the City's sales tax is up 15% for the month; year to date is up 9%; and the County is up 8% for the month compared to last year. He stated there is the third quarter update for the Board Goals attached to his report; the goals are slowly being checked off the list.

Open Hearing of Directors: Mayor stated on October 29th, JBU will have their annual teepee basketball home game. He stated it was nice to beat Ole Miss one more time, and spoke to people that attend the game saying that was the loudest they've ever heard it. Smiley stated both the Homegrown Festival and Pickin' on 59 were a great success. She stated there was quite a crowd at both considering they were on the same day. She said Tailwaggers is having their bake auction on November 4th at the Community Building starting at 7pm and that Tailwaggers is also asking for donations of long-lasting chews for the dogs. She pointed out job openings posted on the city's website. She then congratulated the Museum on their Octoberfest Pub Crawl. Cavness stated the Genesis House had their annual event down at the City Park; One Night without a Home. He stated a little over 100 people came down for the program, and had people stay the night in boxes and whatnot. He said there has been confusion on the purpose of this event; it is a community event with not only homeless people. He stated he hopes to bring more awareness to the community. Mayor stated the general election is on November 8th and that he has several voter guides to hand out. Johnson expressed his appreciation to the City workers and staff for their hard work. Burns expressed his appreciation for the budget process, and for staff's hard work. He stated the Homegrown Festival was huge, and that the layout in the street was excellent. He said utilizing the City creek with kayaks is huge and looks forward to it expanding. He mentioned there was a big crowd at Pickin' on 59 as well. He said he also attended Octoberfest at the Museum and that was the most people the Museum has seen. He stated he doesn't think the three facilities that participated; Creekside Taproom, 28 Springs, and the Inn at the Springs; realized the volume of people that came out. He stated there is always something to do here in the corridor. He encouraged people to attend the Sidewalk and Trails Master Plan

meeting at the Library. Coleman stated he attended an HR Certification and Training Seminar in Little Rock hosted by the Arkansas Municipal League. He said about half way through the morning when he was feeling down about all the new laws and requirements, he felt there needed to be more people in HR to accommodate these needs. He stated after meeting with Adrienne Barr and Phillip Patterson that we already have most of this under control. He said the budget that Christina Petriches presented already has those features worked in. He said he is very thankful that they are on top of these things.

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

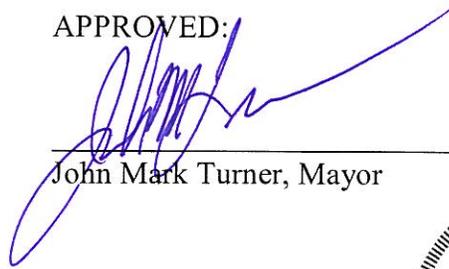
Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk

APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

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