

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JANUARY 2, 2018

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building on January 2, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

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

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

Opening prayer was led by Director Johnson.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the December 19, 2017, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes. Turner called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input: None

Item A: Revised Contract / CARBO Landscape Architects / Park Design. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator briefed the item. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Contract Amendment / Airport Division / Garver Engineering / Taxi Lane Extension / \$45,000. Sean Baker, Airport Manager, briefed the item. A Motion was made by Beers and seconded by Smith to approve the item as recommended. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Budget Amendment / Water Division / Financial Advisor / \$50,000. Christina Petriches, Finance Director, briefed the item. A Motion was made by Beers and seconded by Smiley to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Ordinance 17-33 / 3rd Reading / Amending Siloam Springs Municipal Code Chapter 6 / Alcoholic Beverages. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith to place Ordinance 17-33 on its 3rd reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code to Add Definitions, Include an Additional Type of License, and for Other Purposes; was read on its third reading.

A Motion to adopt Ordinance 17-33 was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance 17-35 / 2nd Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from R-4 and C-2 to G-I / 2251 S. Lincoln St. Ben Rhoads, City Planner, briefed the item, and stated there were no new comments. A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance 17-35, on its 2nd reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 102-21 of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code (City Zoning Map); Rezoning (From R-4 and C-2 to G-I) the property located at 2251 S. Lincoln Street; was read on its second reading.

Item F: Ordinance 18-01 / 1st Reading / Amending Municipal Code Section 74-205 / Alcoholic Beverages on City Property. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Beers to place Ordinance 18-01 on its 1st reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

Item G: Resolution 01-18 / Amending Section 402 and 404 of the Employee Handbook. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. Jay Williams, City Attorney, commented that the word “notice” should be added to Section 402, last paragraph, “...30 days after being provided with a notice to pay...”. A Motion to approve Resolution 01-18, with the attorney’s suggested correction, was made by Johnson and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Item H: Resolution 02-18 / Procedures and Organizational Matters of the Board of Directors. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. A Motion to approve Resolution 02-18 was made by Beers and seconded by Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

Item I: Resolution 03-18 / Accepting Transportation Alternative Program Grant / E. Main Street Trail / \$118,000. Don Clark, Community Development Director, briefed the item. A Motion to approve Resolution 03-18 was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Item J: Resolution 04-18 / Authorize the Application for a Transportation Alternative Program Grant / North Hico Street Trail. Don Clark, Community Development Director, briefed the item. A Motion to approve Resolution 04-18 was made by Beers and seconded by Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

Item K: Resolution 05-18 / Authorizing application for a Surface Transportation Block Grant Program – Attributable for Engineering Services / Tahlequah Street Improvements between Country Club Road and Lincoln Street. Don Clark, Community Development Director, briefed the item. A Motion to approve Resolution 05-18 was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Item L: Fire Department 2017 Review. Chief Criner presented.

Item M: Police Department 2017 Review. Chief Wilmeth presented.

Item N: Administrator’s Report. Patterson reported that each board member had in front of them a copy of the October Financial Report. He indicated that going forward these reports would now be provided monthly rather than quarterly. He stated on January 9th improvements on Broadway (bump-outs and realignment of parking) would start and it is a three-month project. He reminded of the election for the vacant board position taking place on Tuesday, January 9th. He informed the board members that there was also a 2018 budget update in front of them which related to a lateral change made in a department. It was talked about in the budget but didn’t get included in the actual pages the

board was provided. He reminded board members of the upcoming Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference next week in Fort Smith.

The Mayor commented on the upcoming election.

Directors Report. Smith: Stated the Chamber Banquet is scheduled for February 1st from 6:00 to 8:30 at the Simmons Great Hall and has a ticket cost of \$50.00/person; spoke about how cold it is and some are not sufficiently outfitted for this weather and Grace Episcopal Church has a pantry that is available for anyone who needs access to it and a great place to drop off clothing and non-perishable foods. She looks forward to further discussion on Ordinance 18-01 and hearing from the public; and closed expressing her pride and gratitude in staff and their accomplishments. Burns: Stated he appreciates the email on the survey as there were some good stats. He stated he thinks anybody who chooses public service for a career, it's rewarding without the rewards, but he is glad to see somebody is carrying the torch and he thinks the taxpayers' dollars, when we've reallocated money, is being spent very well, so we thank the voters for doing that and he encourages them once again to get out and we get this seat filled shortly. Johnson: He is glad to be here and enjoys being here. He has been to every meeting since being elected and believes when he was on Planning and Zoning, he also attended every meeting, and to put that into perspective, he taught school for 40 years and can count on one hand the number of days he missed because of being ill. He humbly stated those things because he is proud of it. He thanked PD and FD for giving their statistics and mentioned Holland Hayden sends out an email every week and some of those statistics are included. Commented on the DWI counts and was wondering how this is going to change with the beer and the marijuana situation. He doesn't think it is going to go down, but with marijuana they can still arrest you for DWI or DUI, so he understands, so we'll see how that all shakes out. He thanked staff in every area for what they do; they spend countless hours figuring this stuff out and it is amazing what they come up with. He also appreciates getting email from Phillip on what he's done. He talked about losses occurring due to space heaters so asked that everyone be careful when using them, and wished everyone a good week. Smiley: Wished everyone a Happy New Year; thanked Chief Criner and Chief Wilmeth for their updates and congratulated all those from both departments who received awards. She is always so proud of the staff of the City of Siloam Springs. It's a pleasure to work for the city. She said looks forward to new projects coming out; looks forward to starting on the medical park and continuing projects that we have already started, streets and sidewalks; sidewalks are very important to her. She talked about the weather and that there are also pets that are kept outside and if you can't bring them in, at least provide them with a warm place to stay. Beers: Super proud of our first responders. There are internal thanks, but when other people outside of the area begin to say how great you are, that is spectacular. He thanked the Electric Department as we all have heat because of the infrastructure that is maintained. He commented about the grants and knocking it out of the park with getting funding for our City. He mentioned that we need to hear from our constituents on this issue of alcohol use in our parks and streets and looks forward to hearing from everybody as well, as it is such an important issue for our City.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Beers and seconded by Smiley. A voice vote was called. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Renea Ellis, City Clerk



APPROVED:


John Mark Turner, Mayor

