

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD FEBRUARY 6, 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 February 6, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

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

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief; Jeremy Criner, Fire Chief; Ben Rhoads, City Planner, Justin Bland, City Engineer, and Steve Gorszcyk, Public Works Director.

Opening prayer was led by Reid Carroll.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Stephen Thomas administered the Oath of Office to Reid Carroll. After swearing in, Director Carroll took his seat on the Board.

A copy of the January 16, 2018, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to approve the minutes. Turner called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input: Kelsey Howard, 312 S. College, reminded everyone of Siloam Springs being one of the top 10 finalists in the Small Business Revolution - Main Street Season 3 and encouraged everyone to vote at www.smallbusinessrevolution.org when Siloam made it to the top 5.

Item A: Crosswalk Plan. Justin Bland briefed the item. Following Board discussion, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Beers to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Public Works Department / Sanitation Division / Curbside Recycling Truck / Houston Freightliner / \$134,952. Don Tennison, Solid Waste Superintendent, briefed items B and C simultaneously. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Beers to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Public Works Department / Sanitation Division / Rear-Load Trash Truck / J & R Equipment, LLC / \$224,097.64. Don Tennison had previously briefed the item. A Motion was made by Beers and seconded by Smith to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Airport Ground Lease / Simmons Prepared Foods. Patterson briefed the item. After brief comment from the Board, Patterson pointed out that unlike the previous tenant who had difficulty finishing the hangar it was building, Simmons had agreed to a surety bond to protect the city if the same situation came up again. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Coleman to approve the lease. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance 17-35 / 3rd Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from R-4 and C-2 to G-I / 2251 S. Lincoln St. Phillip Patterson announced that staff was asking to table

this item until the February 20, 2018 Board meeting. A Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Smith to table the item until February 20th. Motion passed unanimously.

Item F: Ordinance 18-01 / 3rd Reading / Amending Municipal Code Section 74-205 / Alcoholic Beverages on City Property. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. Casey Letellier, 610 E. Delaware, spoke in favor of the item and stated it could be a great experience. Keith Rutledge, 13634 Saint Andrews Drive, said he looked forward to the benefits this would bring and that he believed it should include city parks. Tom Cannady, 610 S. Mt. Olive, owner of Ziggywurst, 214 N. Wright, said that he would like to see this pass so the option of closing the street for events could take place as his business was land-locked for him to be able to host larger events. Following comments from the Board, a Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman, to place Ordinance 18-01 on its 3rd reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code; Allowing Board of Directors to lift certain Prohibitions against the Dispensing and Consumption of Alcohol on City Property by Resolution; was read on its third reading.

A Motion to adopt Ordinance 18-01 was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith. Motion failed 5-2 with Burns and Smith voting for.

Item G: Ordinance 18-02 / 2nd reading / Extension of Existing Levy of 0.625 Percent Sales and Use Tax (5/8th). Phillip Patterson briefed the item. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Smith to place Ordinance 18-02 on its second reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Calling a Special Election in the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas on the question of issuing bonds under Amendment No. 62 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas for the purpose of financing the cost of water improvements; levying a five-eighths of one percent (0.625%) sales and use tax for the purpose of retiring such bonds; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; was read on its second reading.

Item H: Ordinance 18-03 / 1st Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from R-2 to G-I / 2300 block of E. Tahlequah St. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to place Ordinance 18-03 on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Burns pointed out staff might want to look at including a crosswalk in this area. Motion passed unanimously.

Item I: Resolution 06-18 / Preliminary Plat Development Permit / Lawlis Ranch Addition / 23000 block of Lawlis Rd. Rhoads briefed the item. Bland expanded on issues with past drainage concerns. A Motion was made by Beers and seconded by Burns to approve Resolution 06-18. Motion passed unanimously.

Item J: Resolution 07-18 / Significant Development Permit / City of Siloam Springs / Library Park. Rhoads briefed the item. A Motion was made by Beers and seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 07-18. Motion passed unanimously.

Item K: Resolution 08-18 / Authorizing Sale of City Owned Property / 10.36 acres located east and southeast of Cheri Whitlock Drive and Progress Avenue intersection. Patterson briefed Items K and L simultaneously. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns to approve Resolution 08-18. Coleman pointed out an error in the figures in paragraph 4 of the Resolution. Patterson pointed out an error in the staff report. Motion passed unanimously with the noted corrections to be made.

Item L: Res 09-18 / Authorizing Development Agreement / 10.36 acres located east and southeast of Cheri Whitlock Drive and Progress Avenue intersection. Patterson had previously briefed. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns to approve Resolution 09-18. Motion passed unanimously.


Administrator's Report. Patterson reported City sales tax was up for the month by 4.8% and 8.1% for the year; County sales tax was up 11% for the month and 10% for the year. He then gave an update on the rodeo grounds. Patterson then reported Workers Compensation claims in 2016 were 45 for a total of \$56,385.51 billed with AML's reserve of \$84,454.65 and in 2017 the total number of claims were 26 for a total of \$10,756.84 billed with AML's reserve of \$17,407.71. A copy of the November 2017 financial statement had previously been given to each member of the Board.

The Mayor commented on the success of the Chamber banquet; congratulated Hank Harrison and Shirley Dilbeck; and welcomed Reid Carroll.

Directors Report. Beers welcomed Reid Carroll; congratulated Shirley and Hank for their service to the community; pointed out that the 50-year anniversary of the Tet offensive was being recognized tonight at JBU and that we have people here in town, including Jerry Toler, who were in those events. He thanked the veterans for their sacrifice. He said he looked forward to the HULU revolution coming to town; and thanked Don Tennison for taking into consideration the safety of staff in the purchase of the new truck. Burns welcomed Reid Carroll; vote every day at www.smallbusinessrevolution.org and get on their Facebook page to comment. He said he was amazed at how many people were born in the Herrington building. He supported Birravino's at a "tap takeover" with a group that came over from Fayetteville; stated he was watching channel 10 and saw that there was a televised professional league of futsal players and was excited to see our new futsal league take hold. Johnson said he was proud of the Administrator, Mayor and city staff; I don't know how they keep up with everything. He commented on the new trash truck and said he thought the trash pickup for the last 2 years had worked out well and lastly apologized to Wayne Mayes for missing the Chamber banquet. Smith welcomed Reid Carroll; she said she appreciated the conversation and consideration of the alcohol ordinance; and echoed the comments of the other directors. Carroll thanked everyone who helped put him in the position and said he considered it an honor. He said he loved Siloam Springs and how we work together and appreciates the unity of the community. Smiley apologized for missing the chamber banquet; congratulated Hank and Shirley; hoped everyone would be safe on the streets tonight with the potential for ice; appreciated the pointers given by Capt. Spicer of the PD for keeping personal property safe; she appreciates the board and the way they interacted tonight. Coleman welcomed Reid Carroll; thanked everyone who responded to the board on the alcohol ordinance; complimented Wayne Mayes on the Chamber banquet; said the food and the program were both wonderful. He reminded everyone that the worker's comp numbers, he hoped, were reflective of the fact that the city had moved to the automated trash pickup. He asked everyone to keep Lauren Clark, Don Clark's daughter, in prayer as she would undergo surgery Thursday in Little Rock.


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

ATTEST:


Renea Ellis, City Clerk
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APPROVED:


John Mark Turner, Mayor

