

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD FEBRUARY 7, 2017

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 7, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Jeremy Criner, Fire Chief; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief, Phillip Stokes, Electric Director; Don Clark, Community Services Director, and Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director.

Opening prayer was led by Brad Burns.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the January 17, 2017 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes. Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input.

Tyler Carroll, 415 N. Broadway, came forward and thanked the city for its enthusiasm with regard to his new endeavor; complimented the implementation of the one-stop permit shop; and said how excited he was about his project. Casey Letellier, 715 W. Tahlequah, announced that he would be one of Carroll's tenants and would be putting in a brewery and taproom. Tom Shoup, 110 S. Maple, stated he thought the new brewery would be an asset.

Item A: 2017 Emergency Medical Services Contract / Benton County / \$444,224.28.

Jeremy Criner, Fire Chief, briefed the item. Comments from the board including more appropriate numbers; the effects of the upcoming census and how to recoup overages were all addressed by Chief Criner. A Motion to approve was made by Burns and seconded by Beers.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Budget Amendment / Fire Department / 2017 Capital / \$7,500. Chief Criner briefed.

Questions regarding location and safety concerns were addressed by Criner. A Motion to approve was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson.

Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Purchase Contract / Mini Excavator / Infrastructure Division / Springdale Tractor /

\$79,803.58. Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director briefed. A Motion to approve was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns.

Administrator's Report: Patterson announced the City has a new Electric Director, Phillip Stokes, and asked him to come forward. Stokes gave a brief background said he was excited about the opportunity. Patterson reported on an expenditure in the electric department of \$38,475.18 for a

meter test system and a \$44,900.00 expenditure from the Fire Department to remount an ambulance box on a new chassis. He said the City has moved to a program called Granicus to broadcast meetings and that a new modulator would need to be purchased after the lightning strike to allow for direct HD broadcasting. He stated he would like to put out a Request for Proposal to explore opportunities for usefulness to the downtown area for the Old Post Office and asked if the Board had any objection. None were made.

Open Hearing of Directors:

Mayor welcomed Stokes; asked Chief Criner to come forward to report on 2 city employees. Criner announced Branton Thompson and Zack Griggs were nominated at the State level for their accomplishments. Mayor said the City Lake groundbreaking was a success and that the Ozark Off Road Cyclist (OORC) were excited to start the project; and the new 412 sign was impressive.

Burns welcomed Stokes; stated the City Lake Master Plan was underway; said he was excited about partnerships the City is involved in; he loved the new 412 sign and asked if the electric that was run to the cross walk on Mt. Olive could be used to provide additional lighting in the area. He also said he was excited about the citizen attendance and their opinions.

Smiley welcomed Stokes; stated she had received a compliment on city staff for their work repairing a water leak in the Villa View area and asked that it be passed on by the Public Works Director. She stated she appreciated the young people investing in Siloam Springs and is excited about the City Lake Project.

Johnson welcomed Stokes; said he liked the new flag poles by the new 412 sign; commented on the Chamber Banquet and the video that was presented; announced he had attended the ground breaking at City Lake and was excited to be a part of the growth in Siloam.

Beers welcomed Stokes; thanked Criner for his creative thinking; thanked Carroll and Letellier for taking the risk; said he was excited about the City Lake Project; and stated, "Siloam's got it!"

Coleman welcomed Stokes; said he was pleased with the progress on the museum and the potential for the Old Post Office; commented on the ground breaking at City Lake; complimented Wayne Mays and the Chamber for the elevated level of the banquet and Marla Happy on her professionalism. He said she represents what all city employees should be.

Smith thanked her daughter for being so good throughout the meeting; welcomed Stokes; said it was a great ground breaking; pointed out the Chamber event put on a great educational presentation; said she was excited to see the work being done at the old library and reminded everyone the Daddy – Daughter Dance was this weekend and encouraged dads to take their daughters.

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

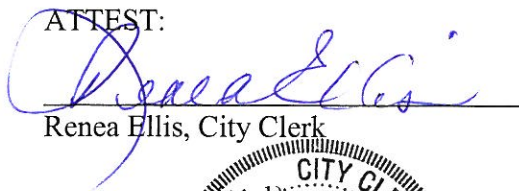
Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk

