

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD FEBRUARY 21, 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 21, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Turner.

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

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

Opening prayer was led by Frank Johnson.

Mayor John Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the February 7, 2017 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns to approve the minutes. Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input.

No one came forward.

Item A: Construction Change Order / Public Works / Streets Division / Winter Weather Building / Southern Building Services, Inc. / \$26,223. Steve Gorszcyk briefed the item and explained where the money would come from to pay for the changes. Matt Pearson, Architect, explained the need for the change and took responsibility for the need. Following comments from the board, to which Gorszcyk responded, a motion to approve was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Simmons Food Company Grant / Police Dog / \$10,500.00. Chief Wilmeth briefed. A motion to approve was made by Beers and seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Simmons Food Company Grant / Utility Trail Vehicle & EMS Mountain Bikes / \$33,500. Chief Criner briefed. After brief comments from the board, addressed by Criner, and appreciation from several board members expressed to Simmons Foods on both grants, a motion to approve was made by Burns and seconded by Smiley. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: 2017-2018 Board Goals. Phillip Patterson briefed the item. After comments from the board including the priority of certain goals, a motion to approve with amendments to priorities was made by Roebuck and seconded by Burns. Coleman suggested moving Parking Lot goals #1, #3 & #4 to the formal goal list, deleting Parking Lot goal #2 based on it actually being a part of our ongoing economic development efforts. Roebuck and Burns accepted the proposed revisions to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Resolution 06-17 / Adopt Sidewalk and Trail Connectivity Master Plan. Rhoads briefed. Bland gave more specifics and pointed out typos that would need to be corrected. Questions from the board included prioritization of high traffic areas and sidewalk life expectancy. Bland responded. Several directors expressed their gratitude to staff for the work that went into the plan. A motion to approve was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers. Roebuck asked what a yes vote committed the city to. Patterson addressed. Question was called. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Patterson announced the City had received authorization from KCS to do the waterline bore on this project and flagging services are scheduled for Thursday the 23rd through Wednesday March 1st. He reported city sales tax is up 12% and county sale tax is up 16%. He also stated that on a per capita comparison, the city is in the 48 percentile; in 2015 the 50 percentile; and in 2016 the 59 percentile.

Open Hearing of Directors:

Mayor welcomed Hannah Ratzlaff, Planning intern.

Burns expressed condolences to the Marion Snider family and gave an overview of a long list of accolades Mr. Snider was involved with during his 97 years. He expressed his appreciation to Simmons and other industries and foundations that partner with the city. He asked about the status of angled parking on Broadway. Patterson addressed.

Smiley informed there would be a legislative update on Saturday from 11 – 12 at Arvest Bank downtown. She thanked Patterson for the per capita comparison and Simmons Foods. She said she had tried to adopt a dog from the shelter, but the dog wouldn't warm up to her the way she hoped and later found out the dog had been lost for 4 years and was reclaimed by its family.

Johnson said he was glad to be here and hadn't missed a meeting since taking office. He said there was an issue on E. Main but it had been resolved.

Roebuck stated one of his constituents had asked why smoking in playground areas was allowed in city parks. He said a segregated area should be provided. He also stated he was impressed with the work done by staff.

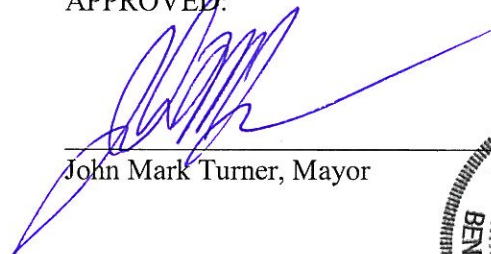
Beers said he would like to see a calendar with deadlines for completing goals. He thanked Simmons for partnering with the city and staff for the Sidewalk Plan. He mentioned the Windgate Foundation and that it is funded by the Hutcheson family. He expressed his appreciation and condolences to the family for the loss of William (Bill) Loyd Hutcheson, Jr.

Coleman said it had been his best year for constituent contact and that he appreciates the opportunity to meet and have them voice concerns. He encouraged citizens to contact their board members.

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

