

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD MARCH 20, 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 March 20, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

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

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

Opening prayer was led by Bob Coleman.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the March 6, 2018, 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: No one came forward.

The Mayor announced he wanted to give ample time for discussion on all items and once he was satisfied everyone had a chance to speak, he would call for a voice vote.

Item A: Parking Lot Lease Agreement / First United Methodist Church. Phillip Patterson briefed the item. After brief questions from the Board, a motion was made by Smith and seconded by Burns to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Solid Waste Service Contract Extension / Public Works Department / Sanitation Division / Waste Management of Arkansas. Steve Gorszczyk briefed the item. Following brief discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Smith and seconded by Johnson to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Flatbed Dump Truck Purchase / Public Works Department / Street Division / MHC Kenworth-Volvo Springdale / \$86,127.24. Dennis Kindy, Street Department Superintendent, briefed the item. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Carroll to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Ordinance 18-04 / 3rd Reading / Amending Municipal Code / Section 18-86 Electrical Inspection Fees. Phil Stokes briefed the item. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Burns, to place Ordinance 18-04 on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 18-86 of the Siloam Springs Municipal code by revising electrical permit and inspection fees, and for other purposes; was read on its third reading.

A motion was then made by Johnson and seconded by Carroll to adopt Ordinance 18-04. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance 18-05 / 2nd Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from I-1 to C-1A / 609 N. Gunter St. Don Clark briefed the item. A Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Smith, to place Ordinance 18-05 on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading by 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 I-1 to C-1A) the property located at 609 N. Gunter Street; was read on its first reading.

A motion was then made by Carroll and seconded by Johnson to adopt Ordinance 18-05. Motion passed unanimously.

Item F: Ordinance 18-06 / 1st Reading / Amending Municipal Code / Chapter 98, Article II – Electrical. Phil Stokes briefed the item. Patterson expanded on the item and asked Petriches to further explain shut off processes. Petriches addressed the Board. A motion was then made by Johnson and seconded by Smith to place Ordinance 18-06 on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Article II of Chapter 98 of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code for the Purposes of Updating the Electrical Regulations and Deleting Obsolete Provisions; was read on its first reading.

Item E: Administrator's Report. Patterson reported city sales tax receipts were up 7.9% for the month and 4.3% for the year; county receipts were up 17% for the month and 48% for the year.

The Mayor reminded the Board of the invitation from the AML to attend a photo opportunity at the Capitol to promote cities' involvement in fighting the opioid crisis. He stated Major Geoff Lewis would be attending on behalf of the city.

Directors Report. Burns said he would not be available to go to the Capitol and thanked the PD for attending; that he hoped this would result in much needed funding to help those affected; the Main Street Event would be held April 6th and urged people to attend; that he was excited about the connectivity and has observed families using the sidewalk section in front of his house; thanked Criner for looking out for the health and safety of public servants; was glad to see the rodeo grounds


project was still out there and school discussions were still alive. Johnson said he appreciated the tour of FS #2 and was escorted across the street by the Police Chief; walking is growing in popularity and he was excited about the new sidewalks around town. Smith announced the Siloam Springs Museum would be hosting a Victorian Tea Party on March 24th and that attendees were urged to wear period clothing from the 1880's; she pointed out that mowing along stream sides was causing erosion and said don't mow in the riparian zone. Carroll welcomed the first day of Spring; said he appreciated the tour of FS #2 and thanked Criner; was looking forward to the end-result on Broadway; and that the city was coming alive. Smiley said she appreciated the tour; thanked the Cherokee Casino for the donations to the animal shelter and Tailwaggers; that she had driven across the overpass on Cheri Whitlock drive; and she was looking forward to the Victorian Tea Party. Coleman said he appreciates the city servants and employees; has noticed all the landscaping work being done; and thanked Criner for the session.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Coleman and seconded by Johnson.


The Mayor wished he wife a happy birthday.

A voice vote was called on the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:


Renea Ellis, City Clerk

APPROVED:


John Mark Turner, Mayor

