

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
HELD MAY 1, 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 May 1, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

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

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Geoff Lewis, Deputy Police Chief; Jeremey Criner, Fire Chief; Ben Rhoads, Sr. City Planner; Don Clark, Community Development Director; and Brent Ford, EMS Director.

Opening prayer was led by Frank Johnson.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the April 17, 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: Wayne Mays, 506 S. Elm, Chamber of Commerce affiliate, thanked everyone who helped with the Dogwood Festival and pointed out staff provided exceptional service. Stanton Gilliam, 214 W. Eliff asked if staff could do something about providing better sidewalks from the Library to the railroad tracks for easier access to Walmart.

Item A: Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority. The Mayor briefed the item. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers to approve the appointment of Jim Krall to fill the unexpired term of Shelley Simmons ending on December 31, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Arkansas Department of Health Trauma Grant / Fire Department / Medical and Rescue Equipment / \$10,500.86. Brent Ford briefed the item. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Coleman to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Dog Park Grant and Construction Bid / Simmons Foods / Flintco Construction / \$163,223. Don Clark briefed the item. A motion to approve the item was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Library Park Project Cost / \$3,255,893. Don Clark briefed the item. Sam Hollis of Milestone Construction expanded on the project. Following questions and thanks to the Walton Foundation Design Excellence Program from the Board, a motion to approve the item was made by Beers and seconded by Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance 18-08 / 2nd Reading / Amending Municipal Code Section 98-181 / East Side Rural Water District Rates. Phillip Patterson briefed the item. Samuel Marney, 18700 Mallory Crossing, addressed the Board pointing out potential flaws in staff's proposed rate increase calculations. Following discussion and a request from the Board to have staff look over the calculations again before the third reading, a motion was made by Burns and seconded by Carroll to place Ordinance 18-08 on its second reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 181 of chapter 98 of the Siloam Springs City Code by Amending Water Rates and Charges for the East-side Rural Water District and Repealing Obsolete and Inconsistent Provisions; was read on its second reading.

Item F: Ordinance 18-09 / 1st Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from R-2 to R-3 / 855 S. Wright St. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns to place Ordinance 18-09, subject to staff conditions, on its first 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-2 to R-3) the property located at 855 S. Wright Street; was read on its first reading.

Item G: Ordinance 18-10 / 1st Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from R-3 to R-4 / 519 S. Hico St. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns to place Ordinance 18-10 on its first 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-3 to R-4) the property located at 519 S. Hico Street; was read on its first reading.

Item H: Ordinance 18-11 / Boys & Girls Club Sporting Programs / Sole Source / \$85,000. Don Clark briefed the item. Chris Shimer, 2312 W. Tulsa gave an in-depth overview of the program and the services provided as well as additional services he was hopeful would be provided in the future. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to place Ordinance 18-11 on its first and only reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Authorizing the purchase of youth sports program services from the Siloam Springs Chapter of the Boys and Girls Club Without Competitive Bidding, was read on its first and only reading.

A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to adopt Ordinance 18-11. Motion passed unanimously.

Item I: Patterson pointed out that each Director had received a copy of the February 2018 financials; announced Firefighter/Paramedic Kyle Huffman had received the V.F.W.'s Gold Badge Award,

given to one person a year, and congratulated Huffman on his accomplishment; reported an expenditure in the electric department for inventory in the amount of \$46,920; said a Board Goals Workshop would be held on May 23rd at the library beginning at 6:00 pm; went over filing and voting information for the Board of Directors upcoming vacancies in Positions 1-4; congratulated the Chamber on the Dogwood Festival; said fog sealing would be, weather permitting, May 13 and 14; stated matting had been removed from the pool at the FAC when painted last year and there was a need to purchase an aquatic mat to replace it. He said it would be brought for approval at the next Board meeting, but unless he received opposition, he would be purchasing the mat immediately to negate the need to empty and refill the pool after that date. He thanked those involved in the Dog Park and Library Park projects including Simmons and the Walton Family Foundation.

The Mayor echoed Patterson's comments and said how great the Dogwood Festival was this year.

Directors Reports: Beers thanked the veteran's and Simmons; congratulated the Chamber, Firefighter Huffman, and Patterson on his appointment as President to the Arkansas City Managers Association; and announced he would not be seeking re-election. Burns encouraged the Chamber to take the lead on a dogwood tree replacement program and asked that the Master Street Plan be placed on an upcoming agenda to revisit sidewalk issues. Johnson said he would be seeking re-election and that he enjoyed the Dogwood Festival. Carroll thanked the City of Siloam Springs leadership; said the Dogwood Festival was awesome; encouraged everyone to get out and vote on May 22; and applauded the Boys & Girls Club for being the pivot between the City and schools. Smiley congratulated Huffman; pointed out the museum was closed for remodeling. Katie Rennard, 702 E. Delaware, came forward and stated the museum building was closed and temporary exhibits were located at Generations Bank and La-Z-Boy. Smiley went on to say she was thankful for partnerships; they were a tribute to the community; and there was no better place to live than Siloam Springs. Coleman echoed previous comments; said he had a booth at the Dogwood Festival and was amazed when it was over at the short amount time it took to clean up and the fact that Gary Wheat and people from the First Assembly of God were out helping. He also asked that in the future, when the city would be providing material and/or labor on a project, that an approximate amount of the cost to the city be included in the ordinances.

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

The Mayor said the Chamber had hosted the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and how he had enjoyed the reception.

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

ATTEST:


Renca Ellis, City Clerk

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APPROVED:


John Mark Turner, Mayor

