

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON
COUNTY, ARKANSAS, HELD MAY 2, 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 May 2, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Smiley.

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

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief; Phil Stokes, Electric Department Director; and Ben Rhoads, City Planner.

Opening prayer was led by Bob Coleman.

Vice Mayor Carol Smiley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the April 18, 2017 minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Coleman and seconded by Burns to approve the minutes. Vice Mayor called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input. No one came forward.

Item A: Purchase Contract / Electric Department / Bucket Truck / Altec Industries / \$211,404. Phillip Stokes, Electric Director briefed the item. A motion to approve the purchase was made by Beers and seconded by Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Ordinance 17-07 / 3rd Reading / Amending Chapter 22 / Business Privilege Licenses. Phillip Patterson briefed. Coleman made a Motion to reinstate the fees to Ordinance 17-07 as presented on its second reading. Following lengthy discussion of the board, motion died for lack of a second. A Motion to place Ordinance 17-07 on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading by title only was made by Roebuck and seconded by Smith. A vote was taken on the motion to place. Motion passed 5 to 2 with Smiley and Coleman voting no.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Article II of Chapter 22 of the Siloam Springs municipal code to establish fees for city business licenses, and for other purposes;

was read on its third reading.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Burns to adopt Ordinance 17-07. A vote was taken. Motion passed 6 to 1 with Coleman voting no.

Item C: Ordinance 17-08 / 3rd Reading / Amending Code Chapter 6 / Alcoholic Beverages. Phillip Patterson briefed. Questions and comments from the Board were addressed by staff. A motion to place Ordinance 17-08 on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading by title only was made by Bums and seconded by Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Siloam Springs municipal code to add definitions, include additional types of licenses, and for other purposes;

was read on its third reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 17-08 was made by Smith and seconded by Burns. Motion passed 6 to 1, with Roebuck being the no vote.

Item D: Ordinance 17-09 / 2nd Reading / Amending Chapter 102 / Use Units. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. A motion to place Ordinance 17-09 on its 2nd and 3rd reading, suspending the rules and reading by title only, was made by Coleman and seconded by Johnson Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 102 of the Municipal Code with Respect to uses allowed within various zoning districts;

was read on its second and third reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 17-09 was made by Coleman and seconded by Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance 17-10 / 2nd Reading / Annexing 18.36 acres / 2200 Block of N. Carl St. Ben Rhoads briefed. A motion to place Ordinance 17-10 on its 2nd reading, suspending the rules and reading by title only was made by Burns and seconded by Smith. Beers suggested the motion be amended to add the 3rd reading. Bums and Smith agreed to the amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance accepting the Annexation of certain territory to the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas and assigning same to a Ward;

was read on its second and third reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 17-10 was made by Beer and seconded by Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

Item F: Ordinance 17-12 / Vacation of Electric Utility Easement / 1000 Block of Cheri Whitlock Dr. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. Beers asked what staff had learned about concerns voiced by a Tyson Sontag at the previous meeting. Patterson addressed. A motion to place Ordinance No. 17-12 on its 2nd and 3rd reading, suspending the rules and reading by title only was made by Bums and seconded by Beers. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Vacating and Abandoning an Electric Utility Easement right-of-way in the 1000 block of Cheri Whitlock Street in the City of Siloam Springs;

was read on its second and third reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 17-12 was made by Smith and seconded by Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

Item G: Administrator's Report: Patterson informed a Public Input meeting on Medical Springs Park would be held at the library on May 11th from 6-8 pm. He announced the new hours for the electric department would be from 7a to 3:45p with lunch from 12p-12:45p. He indicated this was appreciated by contractors allowing them to get an earlier start to their day. He pointed out a new bicycle rack that had been added to the north end of the city administration building and finally, he thanked city staff for their hard work during the storms.

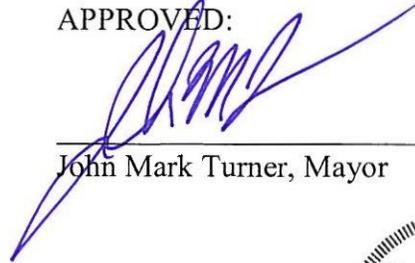
Open Hearing of Directors:

Vice Mayor Smiley thanked staff for their work over the weekend and said she appreciates how staff works as a Team; she's proud to live in Siloam and to be a part of the city's staff. She thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the Dogwood Festival and invited the vendors back next year. She pointed out that Governor Hutchinson had ordered the State flags to be flown at half-staff in the memory of Cove Creek Pearson Fire Chief Doug Deckard who was killed in the line of duty on April 30, 2017, while monitoring water lines on Arkansas Highway 25 during a severe thunderstorm, and expressed her condolences. Coleman thanked staff for their work over the weekend and thanked the electric department for their quick response to a request of his to shut off his electric for an upgrade. Bums said we spend thousands of dollars training our emergency response team and asked that people not put themselves in harm's way and mentioned the tragedy in Madison County. He made a public plea to move the Dogwood Festival to a time when the dogwoods were in bloom. Commended Del Monte on Popeye going mobile; thanked staff for their work on the business and alcohol license ordinance changes and said it was the small things that make a difference. Roebuck invited everyone to his book signing at 28 Springs Thursday. He also asked staff to reach out to the ABC Board to get their opinion on restrictions on nano breweries. He thanked city staff for their work over the weekend and to the people at the Dogwood Festival. Johnson congratulated Roebuck on his book and confirmed the signing was from 6:30 to 8:30p. He stated that the Adult Development Center's "Shredify" service been to the Del Monte country plant and that there was a lot of flooding in that area. He thanked those who expressed concern about his home during the flooding and reported no water came in his house. Smith said she was impressed with the vendors grit during the Dogwood Festival; said she was thankful to staff for their efforts to insure public safety and noted they were out before 8a scraping gravel out of the road. She said she was blessed to live in such a wonderful town. Beers said he had seen pictures from the '74 flood and was glad engineers, past and present, work hard to see that it doesn't happen again. He said JBU would be holding its graduation this weekend and that he was thankful for those that stick around and make a difference in our community. Lastly, he thanked Madam Mayor Smiley for the most efficient board meeting he had ever sat in on and said that maybe the Mayor would watch and take notes.

With no further business, Beers made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Coleman .
The Vice Mayor called for a voice vote. All Ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

ATTEST:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk

