

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2010

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, February 16, 2010.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen.

Roll Call:

Smiley, Fuller, Turner, Nation, Wiles, Long – Present.

Wasson – Absent.

Mayor David Allen, City Administrator David Cameron, City Clerk Peggy Woody, City Attorney Jay Williams, Police Captain Geoff Lewis – Present.

Opening prayer was led by Smiley.

Mayor Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the February 02, 2010, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Smiley that the minutes of the February 02, 2010, meeting be approved. Mayor Allen called for a voice vote on the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The next agenda item was the open hearing for citizens present. John Guffy, 3030 North Mt. Olive, stated he is outside the City limits, and requested the Board's consideration annexing his property.

The next agenda item was approval of contract. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Long to approve the 2010 Service Contract with the Siloam Springs Lions Club in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00. Cameron stated that because of the Hwy 412 widening there are a number of poles taken down as part of this project. This year, as the flags are replaced, we will make payment for them instead of a bulk amount. We do not anticipate spending \$8,000 because of the amount of construction along Hwy 412 from State Line Rd to Washington St.

Roll Call:

Smiley, Fuller, Turner, Nation, Wiles, Long – Aye.

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of surplus property. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to approve the declaration of surplus property as presented.

Roll Call:

Fuller, Turner, Nation, Wiles, Long, Smiley – Aye.

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of revised 2010 personnel schedules. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Smiley to approve the revised 2010 personnel schedules as presented.

Roll Call:

Turner, Nation, Wiles, Long, Smiley, Fuller – Aye.

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron stated the 2009-2010 Annual Report (State of the City) has been released. Cameron thanked Sandy Luetjen for overseeing this project. You can get one at the Chamber, Main Street, Tourist Center, Herald-Leader, City Hall, and other locations. Cameron encouraged every citizen to get a copy of the 2009 Annual Report. It is important to note that in 2009 the City ran into significant financial challenges, health care cost for the City rose substantially over the budget. We had to make cuts around \$2 million to balance the budget. We will make certain that we balance our budget.

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There were many things we did in 2009 that were very productive, City Lake, Tahlequah Street, Carl Street, Sager Creek Phase I and sold the Hospital. In looking at the Communication Director, this is a position that we need the most. We are the closest government to the people, and we need to explain what is going on. We have a City Twitter account and there will be a link on the City's website for the public access. This will help us communicate better to staff and the community in different ways. The Census 2010 has designated April 1st as National Census Day. The link to the site is posted on the front page of the City's website. Residents should be receiving a letter in the mail, and we will be contacting businesses, churches and schools to communicate the census information with the Chamber. The meeting regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant was very cordial between the two states. Cameron assured the community and this Board that his actions were to make certain that our voice is heard and what we've done is not overlooked. We do not want to have to come back and ask for another \$10 or \$15 million over a new rule when he believes that is something which should not be overlooked.

The next agenda item was Open Hearing for Directors:

Mayor Allen thanked David Cameron for representing the City at the meeting with other government agencies. Allen thanked Sandy Luetjen for a great annual report. Allen congratulated Jody Wages on being appointed to the UL Electrical Council. Allen encouraged everyone to participate in the 2010 Census which helps the City. This is all private information. Allen questioned why the Museum Director was involved with putting City owned buildings on the National Historic Register when he felt it should be up to the City Board. We should be able to use these properties in the best interest of the citizens.

Turner stated the annual report is very nice and helpful. He thanked Mayor Allen for recognizing Jody Wages. Turner noted Grady and Sandra Nichols retirement from the school system. They will be missed.

Smiley stated this is a really great community. She loves living here.

There being no other business to come before this Board, a motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation that this meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was called for on the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

APPROVED:

David E. Allen, Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Peggy Woody, City Clerk, MMC