

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JANUARY 17, 2012

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, January 17, 2012.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen.

Roll Call:

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

Fuller – Absent.

City Administrator David Cameron, City Clerk Peggy Woody, City Attorney Jay Williams, Police Chief Joe Garrett – Present.

Opening prayer was led by Turner.

Mayor Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the January 03, 2012, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Smiley that the minutes of the January 03, 2012, 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. There being none, Mayor Allen continued with the agenda.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 12-01. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Wiles to place Ordinance No. 12-01, Calling Special Election on Question of Broadband Platform Services, on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Don Cundiff, 601 W. Tahlequah, stated this should be put to a vote of the people, and asked when this will be on the ballot. Mayor Allen stated it will be on the May 12th General Election Primary. Len Pitcock, Cox Communications, stated that Cox Communications understands completely the position of the City. Jay Williams, City Attorney, advised the Board that the week before last this was sent to the County to review to be sure that it met all their requirements for an election. They have not responded yet. Jay stated he will follow up on this before the next Board meeting. Jeff Jones, CenturyLink, echoed what Len Pitcock had stated. They are here to help in any way they can with information.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, ON THE QUESTION OF
AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO OFFER BROADBAND PLATFORM
SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND ELECTRICAL SERVICE
TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS.

was read for its first reading.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 03-12. A motion was made by Krafft and seconded by Turner to adopt Resolution No. 03-12, Authorize Application for Historic Preservation Grant.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Wiles to approve the 2012 Service Contract with Benton County Health Department. Cameron stated the amount did not increase and what was brought before them is the same as last year. Loy Bailey, Administrator of the Benton County Health Department, requested an increase from last year and leveled billing. The motion by Long and second by Wiles was amended to not exceed \$4,600.00 per year instead of \$300.00 per month.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract. A motion was made by Krafft and seconded by Long to approve the 2012 Service Contract with the Siloam Springs Boys and Girls Club in the amount of \$25,000.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to approve the 2012 Service Contract with the Siloam Springs Museum. A motion was made by Long to table but died for lack of a second. Cameron stated we can extend the contract. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to extend the contract to the end of June 2012.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Krafft to approve the 2012 Service Contract with the Siloam Springs Lions Club not to exceed \$8,000. Cameron stated last year the Lions Club did not utilize the full allocation. Krafft stated the flags need to be kept in good repair, and requested the flags purchased be made in America.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Wiles to approve the contract with Siloam Springs Adult Development Center (ADC) to process #1 and #2 plastics at a cost of \$42.50 per bale for one year. Brad DeZurik, Director for ADC, addressed the Board.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of agreement with Gentry EMS. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to approve the Reciprocal Agreement/Gentry EMS. Cameron stated we have worked on EMS outside the City limits for a number of years. Kevin Johnston, Mayor of Gentry, addressed the Board thanking them.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of appointments to Boards and Commission. Mayor Allen stated this was tabled.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron recalled when they worked with the Adult Development Center to keep the doors open. Brad DeZuirk has done a fantastic job. All the work the non-profits have done with their programs have helped the City, and the money is well spent and invested into our kids. They do an outstanding job. Cameron appreciates all the non-profits that we can help and the work that goes on. The best is yet to come for the Adult Development Center with the work Brad and Randy Atkinson are doing. Congratulations to the Main Street. Last week at the Municipal League, Pour Jon's Coffee was awarded the Best New Downtown Business for the State. Jon is a freshman at JBU. Shelley Simmons received the Main Street Hero award. Main Street is doing a tremendous job having our community recognized. February 10th and 11th is the Daddy/Daughter dance. On Friday night, the 10th, the 4th graders and younger will attend and on Feb. 11th, the 5th graders and older will attend. This will be posted on our web site. This has always been a very large and well attended event. Cameron stated he appreciates the work that has gone into putting on these events.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Mayor Allen stated that in case you haven't stopped by the Skate park, it is coming along. Cameron stated the park is done. Mayor Allen congratulated Meredith with the Main Street. Shelley Simmons shoes are hard to fill. Congratulations to Pour Jon's for their award. Mayor Allen asked for prayers for Director Fuller's health to improve, and let him know that you are thinking about him.

Turner stated he was pleased to see that the Shopper News is no longer being thrown into people's driveways.

Krafft gave a special thanks to the Firemen and Police for the job they did during the fire we had recently. Great job!! JBU has students that travelled to Switzerland and Germany during the summer and took pictures. Their gallery opening is tonight, and these photos will be on display at John Brown on week days 8:00 to 4:00 and on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00. Go and support these kids.

Mayor Allen thanked Mayor Johnston and Chief Cripps for being here tonight. Mayor Allen also thanked each Board member for their vote to move this ordinance along to allow the public to vote on the Broadband issue. He feels they have the right to say yes or no for what could be a lucrative business opportunity. He was impressed to hear the companies explain their ability to advise us versus attempting to predecide it for our public. Mayor Allen noticed that on the Lions Club contract it says Club shall purchase U.W. flags instead of U.S. flags. That needs to be corrected. When this started with us helping non-profits, it was a requirement to provide financial statements, and for some reason we don't have them here. Mayor Allen thanked Sandy for the new annual report coming out today.

Wiles wanted James Fuller to know we are thinking of him and hopes he gets better quickly. We have someone with the City who works tirelessly and does a lot behind the scenes, and would like to wish Peggy Woody a Happy Birthday tomorrow.

Smiley wished Peggy a Happy Birthday tomorrow! Smiley stated she appreciates the Fire Department and Police Department for the way they handled the fire last week at Ron Drake's building. She also appreciates all the non-profits that are here tonight because they add to the quality of life in Siloam Springs. Everyone makes her proud of this community.

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.

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Peggy Woody, City Clerk, MMC

David E. Allen, Mayor