

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS, HELD FEBRUARY 05, 2008

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, February 05, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Van Poucke.

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Opening prayer was led by Smiley.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the January 15, 2008, regular meeting had previously been given to each director. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Smiley that the minutes of the January 15, 2008, meeting be approved. Mayor Van Poucke 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 Van Poucke continued with the agenda.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 08-01. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Wasson to place Ordinance No. 08-01, Rezone Development Permit R-2 to C-2 2450 South Lincoln/The Arkansas District of the Pentecostal Church of God, on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 102-21 OF  
THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY  
ZONING MAP); REZONING (FROM R-2 TO C-2)  
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 2450 SOUTH LINCOLN STREET.

was read for its first reading.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 02-08. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Fuller to approve Resolution No. 02-08, Final Plat Development Permit 3890 Hwy 412 East/LCK, LLC/Eastern Hills. David Williams, Community Development Director, stated this project lacks some clean up work and fine grading. The developer is to bring in a bond this week, but this is required before any building permits are issued. Long requested something be done about the sale barn being next to this development, and residents knowing about this before they buy. David Williams stated this is going to be multi-family, and could attach a disclosure notice on the final plat. Kevin Stewart, owner, stated this would be fair to have a disclosure notice recorded on the final plat. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Wiles to include a disclosure noting the presence of the sale barn next to this subdivision, and to amend the final plat to include the disclosure.

Roll Call: (Amendment)

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 03-08. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Wiles to approve Resolution No. 03-08, Sole Source Used Vehicle/Police Department. Police Chief Joe Garrett addressed Fuller's question of why they were requesting to buy a used vehicle and eight new vehicles by stating this vehicle would be used for the NWA Sex Offenders Task Force. Two of our officers work with this group, and this vehicle would be used in their duties with this Task Force. The City would pay for this vehicle up front, and then invoice the County to be reimbursed from a grant through this Task Force. This would not cost the City's rate payers anything.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 04-08. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to approve Resolution No. 04-08, Sole Source New Vehicles/Police Department. This is for eight 2008 Ford Crown Victorias for a cost of \$208,216.00. Chief Garrett stated that four of these vehicles are to replace CID vehicles with the other four as patrol vehicles. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to amend Resolution No. 04-08 for seven (7) vehicles and authorize up to \$35,000 to replace the City Administrator's vehicle.

Roll Call: (Amendment)

Wiles, Long – Aye.

Nation, Wasson, Smiley, Fuller, Turner – Nay.

Two Ayes. Five Nays. Motion Failed.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was review of bids. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Fuller to approve the bid for Verbena Road Improvements to DECCO Contractors in the amount of \$55,970.75.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was review of bids. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Long to approve the bid for South Dogwood Street Construction Project to Ground Zero Construction Company in the amount of \$519,768.10.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract for Garver Engineers/Airport. A motion was made by Wasson and seconded by Fuller to approve the aviation engineering services contract with Garver Engineers in the amount of \$66,650. Paul Calloway, City Treasurer, addressed the Board stating this apron expansion project is expected to cost \$522,667 with the cost to the City about \$1,000.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of a contract with SWEPCO. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to approve the City Lake Water Use and Improvements Agreement with Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO). David Cameron thanked Joe Woolbright for his help representing the downstream property owners, Dan Lee, with SWEPCO, Trevor Bowman, Water/Wastewater Director, Steve Stitt, City Attorney, and the Mayor for their help with this agreement.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron again thanked everyone involved with the SWEPCO contract agreement. Cameron stated good news from the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for the first 6 months of 2008 will be .00375 cents. This compares with .00788 cents the first 6 months of 2007. For the customer this will be about a charge of \$3.75 versus \$7.88 from last year. The electric service extension fee has an individual with a \$50,000 fee. Cameron is asking that they allow him to pay half up front which would be an amendment to the ordinance. The \$25,000 balance would be paid upon completion. Cameron wanted to be sure that the Board is aware of what is happening. Cameron brought up Koala Park and that it is coming down. The City has been asked for consideration of \$50,000 to assist with this project with the school district. \$50,000 was set aside in the budget for this project. A motion was made by Wasson and seconded by Fuller to place Koala Park on the agenda.

Roll Call:

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

Turner – Nay.

Six Ayes. One Nay. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Wiles for Koala Park discussion. Mayor Van Poucke called for a voice vote on the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Wasson to approve a contract with the Siloam Springs Public Schools for \$50,000.00 for the installation of Koala Park.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Cameron wished his wife a happy 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Turner noted we had lost Helen Allum who was the City Clerk for 30 years.

Wasson said he is proud to be a part of the new SWEPCO contract, and thanked everyone for what they did on this contract.

Fuller had two City employees picking up leaves in his area, and they worked hard. They did a good job, and he appreciates them.

Nation asked that the people who were in attendance tonight from SWEPCO be introduced. Dan Lee, Tommy DeWeese, and Peter Main were introduced by Mr. Cameron. Joe Woolbright was also introduced and thanked by the Mayor.

Wiles stated the effort shown by people in this community to show pride has no bounds. Our employees are dedicated no matter what their job, and Wiles thanked them.

Smiley stated she is very grateful to everyone that worked on the SWEPCO contract. She chose to live in this community, and appreciates it.

Long stated he would like to go on record that our administrator is not just a tough negotiator with SWEPCO, he's a tough negotiator. Cameron represents this City like he was born here, and he loves it. He is proud that Cameron is here, and that he is leading the City.

Mayor Van Poucke called the meeting into recess for an Executive Session for personnel matters.

Mayor Van Poucke called the meeting back to order. No action was taken in the Executive Session.

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

APPROVED:

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M. L. Van Poucke, Jr., Mayor

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ATTEST:

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Peggy Woody, City Clerk, MMC