

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD MAY 06, 2008

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, May 06, 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 Wiles.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the April 15, 2008, regular meeting had previously been given to each director. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Long that the minutes of the April 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. Don Cundiff, 601 West Tahlequah, addressed the Board regarding a wet county.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 08-05. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Wiles to place Ordinance No. 08-05, Prohibited Use Development Permit 517 West Tahlequah/DB Construction, on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only. David Williams, Community Development Director, addressed questions of the Board. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Wasson to amend the motion and place Ordinance No. 08-05, Prohibited Use Development Permit 517 West Tahlequah/DB Construction, on its first and second readings suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call: (Amendment)

Wasson, Fuller, Turner, Nation – Aye.

Smiley, Wiles, Long – Nay.

Four Ayes. Three Nays. Motion Failed (lack of a majority)

Roll Call:

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

Long – Nay.

Six Ayes. One Nay. Motion Carried.

Long made a point of order.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROHIBITED
USE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 517 WEST TAHLEQUAH

was read for its first reading.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 08-06. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to place Ordinance No. 08-06, Street Closing/HeadStart, on its first and final reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THAT 800 BLOCK OF
SOUTH INGLEWOOD STREET SHALL BE CLOSED

BETWEEN EAST TULSA AND EAST JEWELL THURSDAY
MAY 22, 2008, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M. FOR A BIKE
AND TRIKE EVENT FOR THE HEADSTART CHILDREN

was read for its first and final reading.

A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to adopt Ordinance No. 08-06, Street Closing/Head Start.

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. 16-08. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to approve Resolution No. 16-08, Significant Development Permit 2000 West University/JBU.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 17-08. A motion was made by Wiles and seconded by Fuller to approve Resolution No. 17-08, Negotiate Wastewater Treatment Contract/West Siloam Springs.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of destruction orders. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to approve the destruction order as presented.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of consignment to the Museum. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fuller to approve the consignment to the Museum of the stump and bronze plaque from the old Twin Springs Park fountain. The City will retain ownership and property rights.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron gave a May 2nd storm update. In the area south of Lake Francis Dr. between Mt. Olive and Carl Streets the City has hauled about 100 loads of brush. This is barely making a dent in this area. We are looking at renting additional knuckle boom trucks. We've also been on Country Club Rd. so that we can keep the contractor moving on this street project. The crews did work all weekend long. They will probably work this weekend and next to get us back to some form of normalcy. We are working with Paul Smith who owns the area where we are taking the brush. Cameron thanked him publicly for the use of his property. We will have a lot to burn. Cameron gave a report that we had lost about 2000 electric customers and at about 10:00 a.m. we were down to about 700. Electric crews worked throughout the night. We are now down to about 20 services that need to be reconnected to their homes. Our electric department won the MESO award. We hope to get some reimbursement from FEMA. The water plant was down and could not get water from the Illinois River for about 8 hours that day. We went to the two-ton system for a while. We also lost the wastewater plant for a while. We are now pretty much back to normal, but we will be picking up brush for quite some time. Cameron expressed his condolences to the family that lost their daughter. Several organizations are raising money to help this family. There is an account set up at Arvest

Bank. Cameron gave an update on the Hospital land that we are still working on the FAA approval and hope to have that some time in the next week. The soils analysis should be back tomorrow. In regards to the alcohol, anything out of line would be reported to the people that control that permit not the City. Don Cundiff spoke again regarding alcohol use in the City.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Mayor Van Poucke stated the school system was closed on Friday, May 2nd, because emergency management services of the City dedicated to the school that they would have to close down because we could not have that many buses on the streets with all the tree debris and power lines down. The City was in discussion with Congressman Boozman on Friday for recouping funds to take care of the damage from the storm. About four years ago, we had a similar incident and turned it in to FEMA and other agencies and were able to get assistance. Mayor thanked staff, and said job well done! They are trying to get the job completed. He also thanked staff on behalf of all the citizens of Siloam Springs. He gave his sympathy to the family of the young lady that was killed in the storm. You can give your donation to the bank in that account as well as other organizations that are helping. We know other areas of Arkansas received even worse damage and storms. We had a very nice dedication of our new fountain in the park, and it looks great.

Turner gave his sympathies to the girl's family that was killed in the storm. He also thanked the staff for their work caused by the storm.

Fuller stated the fire truck was in his neighborhood after the storm and thanked them for their help. He appreciated workers scooping limbs off the street. He enjoys the new fountain.

Nation echoed her thanks to staff. This was a team effort.

Wiles recognized our City staff for their care and concern.

Smiley gave her condolences also and is proud to be a part of this community. The citizens were working together to help clean up storm damage. She appreciated the report from the Community Improvement Fund and the Fire Department annual report.

Long stated he is very proud of his town, employees, administrator and Mayor.

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:

M. L. Van Poucke, Jr., Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Peggy Woody, City Clerk, MMC