

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,  
ARKANSAS, HELD MAY 20, 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 20, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Van Poucke.

Attendance Roll Call:

Smiley, Fuller, Turner, Wiles, Long Present.

Wasson, Nation Absent.

Opening prayer was led by Smiley.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the May 06, 2008, regular meeting had previously been given to each director. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Turner that the minutes of the May 06, 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. Mayor Van Poucke stated today is voting day for the primary elections. There being no other comments, Mayor Van Poucke continued with the agenda.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 08-05. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance No. 08-05, Prohibited Use Development Permit 517 West Tahlequah/DB Construction, on its second and final reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

Smiley, Fuller, Turner, Wiles, Long Aye.

No Nay.

Five Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

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

was read for its second and final reading.

A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Fuller to adopt Ordinance No. 08-05, Prohibited Use Development Permit 517 West Tahlequah/DB Construction.

Roll Call:

Fuller, Turner, Wiles, Long, Smiley Aye.

No Nay.

Five Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 08-07. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance No. 08-07, Retirement Benefits for Mayor and City Clerk, on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Long stated that we are not changing anything, this is already a State law. Turner asked if the mayor and city clerk are the only positions covered by this law. Peggy Woody, City Clerk, stated the treasurer, court clerk and the judge are now on the State retirement. You have to serve at least 20 years before being eligible for this retirement benefit. Mayor stated this is a budgeted item that comes from the City's general fund. Turner stated he was concerned about the additional monies going into the budget.

Roll Call:

Wiles, Long, Smiley, Fuller Aye.

Turner Nay.

Four Ayes. One Nay. Motion Failed (to suspend the rules)

A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Wiles to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 08-07, Retirement Benefits for Mayor and City Clerk.

Roll Call:

Wiles, Long, Smiley, Fuller, Turner Aye.

No Nay.

Five Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Ordinance No. 08-07 was read in full.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 18-08. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Long to approve Resolution No. 18-08, Contract/Noel White/Trailers/Solid Waste Department.

Roll Call:

Long, Smiley, Fuller, Turner, Wiles Aye.

No Nay.

Five Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of tent revival. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Fuller to approve a tent revival for New Life Pentecostal Church at 825 South Mt. Olive.

Roll Call:

Smiley, Fuller, Turner, Wiles, Long Aye.

No Nay.

Five Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

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

Roll Call:

Fuller, Turner, Wiles, Long, Smiley Aye.

No Nay.

Five Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron stated the Aquatic Center will be opening Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a new rate sheet that will be sent out, and will be sent out with the next utility bill. We are getting close to having the next Newsletter done, and it will be going out shortly. Cameron commended the Oakhill Cemetery Association for their contribution of \$45,000 to assist the City in paving the Cemetery. This project will be bid out with some other projects in order to get a better price. This will make our cemetery even nicer. The lawsuit was settled with Benton County for our reimbursement on sales tax. We will come out with about \$770,000 that has to be used for streets. We will be asking the Board for consideration on this. Cameron commended our legal counsel with Harrington's. This was an issue that had gone against us and they wrote a rebuttal and got this before the court, and then it was found in our favor. I have provided for the Board a marketing packet which markets our community. We have been working on this packet for about 2 years, and I want to commend Sandy Luetjen for doing a great job. Cameron encouraged the Board to take a tour of the downtown area and all the improvements being made.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Turner stated he was saddened to hear about the death of Rick Jenison, and Rick's family is in his prayers.

There being no other business to come before this Board, a motion was made by Long and seconded by Fuller 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