

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JULY 01, 2008

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, July 01, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Van Poucke.

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Turner – Absent.

Mayor M. L. Van Poucke, Jr., City Administrator David Cameron, City Clerk Peggy Woody, City Attorney Jay Williams, Police Chief Joe Garrett – Present.

Opening prayer was led by Wasson.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the June 17, 2008, regular meeting had previously been given to each director. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Fuller that the minutes of the June 17, 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. 08-08. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Wasson to table Ordinance No. 08-08, Prohibited Use Development Permit 205 East Jefferson/Hospital to the next meeting on July 15, 2008.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 08-09. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to place Ordinance No. 08-09, Annexation, on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Ben Rhoads, Long-Range Planner, stated the revisions were to the legal description to better fit the accuracy for the area. There was a line moved slightly south to avoid conflicts with Gentry water service area. There will be a public hearing on annexation on July 17th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the City Boardroom.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY
OF SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, AND OTHER AFFECTED PERSONS,
THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS
CERTAIN CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

was read for its first reading.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 23-08. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to approve Resolution No. 23-08, Significant Development Permit 3400 Block Hwy 412 East/Youmans/Tractor Supply. Ben Rhoads, Long-Range Planner, addressed the question of changing the number of parking spaces. Tractor Supply did not need the number of parking spaces and was granted a reduction per Municipal Code.

Roll Call:

Fuller, Nation, Wiles, Long, Wasson, Smiley – Aye.
No Nay.
Six 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 bids for Progress Avenue Sewer Materials Purchase/Water/Wastewater Department, to Water Products in the amount of \$73,714.63, Benton County Stone in the amount of \$25,933.83, and Mid Continent Concrete of Arkansas in the amount of \$7,210.35 for a total cost of \$106,858.81. Cameron stated we have already been paid \$37,000 of this from the owner of this property. So the total \$106,858.81 is not totally borne by the City. There is a reimbursement in there as well. This project includes extension of water lines in the Hwy 412 East area as authorized by Resolution No. 21-08.

Roll Call:
Nation, Wiles, Long, Wasson, Smiley, Fuller – Aye.
No Nay.
Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of appropriation of funds/Cemetery paving. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Smiley to approve the Oak Hill Cemetery paving to Hutchens Construction of Springdale in the amount of \$72,215.00, not to exceed \$90,000. Mayor Van Poucke thanked the Oak Hill Cemetery Association for contributing towards this project in the amount of \$45,000. Cameron stated this is not a budgeted item, and will come out of the general fund. This covers the next agenda item which was to approve the appropriation of funds for Cemetery paving.

Roll Call:
Wiles, Long, Wasson, Smiley, Fuller, Nation – Aye.
No Nay.
Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of the sale of right-of-way for Hwy 412 widening project. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to accept the sum of \$55,000 for the acquisition of City property for highway purposes on Hwy 412 in Siloam Springs, and that as Mayor, M. L. Van Poucke, Jr. is authorized to convey property to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Dept. in Job #090241 in Benton County. This amount does not include removal or relocation of signs on the property that do not belong to the City. This is on the south side of Hwy 412 on the Franklin Electric property.

Roll Call:
Long, Wasson, Smiley, Fuller, Nation, Wiles – Aye.
No Nay.
Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron stated that last Friday the City elected to close the low water bridge on Sager Creek due to some structural issues. Due to liability, we want to have an engineer inspect it. The base has washed out. The new Dogwood Street extension is very nice, and the fencing is complete. Cameron thanked the school and property owners. Time Striping is getting us quotes for all the intersections in the school and other areas. They are due for some striping. This is usually done right before school starts. Gates soccer has allowed us to use their property, and Gates is wanting to limit cars going out onto their property. The City partnered on paving a parking area last year. We are going to work with the Soccer Association and Gates to limit vehicles parking on the grass. We are going to be discussing the Baseball Association and the Little League baseball. During budget season, we discussed that they are going to be hosting a baseball tournament in 2009. We discussed providing them funding not to exceed \$50,000 to help with improvements on the fields. That will be presented at the next Board meeting. They are going to be starting this process very soon because it is a very large project that they are getting ready to undertake with different donors to work and make improvements to that field. We are having a coyote problem at the Airport, and this is a matter of public interest because the Game and Fish has issued a permit to the City to handle the issue both night and day. So if residents see people at the Airport or in the area or hear a shoot of some sort,

they are allowed to handle the animals. We do have an ordinance that does not allow a firearm to be shot off in the City limits, so I'm reporting to the Board of what the issue is.

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We have coyotes laying on the runway, and that could create a serious issue for our aircraft coming in to the Airport. I know that when the Governor was in town, their pilot mentioned that this is not just a Siloam Springs issue, it is going on all over the State. They are having to issue these permits. They are having a large problem with the population. July 4th activities with the fireworks will begin around 9:00 or later, if weather permits. If it does rain on the 4th, then it will be moved to Saturday evening.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Mayor stated the Governor was in town for the first time since he has been governor to recognize all the work efforts and changing management style that has been going on at La-Z-Boy. The Governor spoke to a large group. It was quite an occasion with their executives that were here and the Governor.

Wasson thanked Oak Hill Cemetery Association for helping us get our Cemetery paved. We have one of the prettiest cemeteries in the country, and this will improve the way it looks. He thanked the fogging staff.

Fuller stated he was happy to see the Hospital item removed from the agenda. He has trouble voting on something that has the City spending more money on the current Hospital and then selling it.

Long stated he agreed with Fuller on the Hospital. Long asked for an update on the process for looking for a buyer for the Hospital. Mayor Van Poucke stated that is the direction of the Board to the Administrator that he and the committee would continue looking for a purchase and then build our hospital. Nation agreed with them on not spending more money on the Hospital.

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