

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JULY 03, 2007

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, July 03, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Van Poucke.

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Wasson – Absent.

Opening prayer was led by Smiley.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the June 19, 2007, regular meeting had previously been given to each director. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Turner that the minutes of the June 19, 2007, 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. Roy McWhorter, 15224 Asher Ct., requested the Board revisit the name change and signs for Hwy 412 to Freedom Blvd. This was from the April 16, 2002, meeting. Thomas Birkes, 445 Rush Rd., spoke on behalf of his mother, regarding four-wheelers in the City limits. He requested something be done about the noise during the daytime hours.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-20. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Smiley to table Ordinance No. 07-20, Rezone Development Permit R-2 and A-1 to R-1 1803 North Dawn Hill Rd/Krein Development, to the August 7, 2007, meeting. Mayor Van Poucke called for a voice vote on the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-21. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Fuller to place Ordinance No. 07-21, Rezone Development Permit C-1 to P-D 223 North Wright/D.R.C. Investment Group, on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Ron Drake, with D.R.C. Investment Group, stated it was his intension to have a catering business on the first floor with an apartment on the second floor.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six 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 C-1 TO P-D)
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 223 NORTH
WRIGHT STREET.

was read for its first reading.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 42-07. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Wiles to adopt Resolution No. 42-07, Significant Development Permit 1600 Block West Quarter Rd/Holly Street Apartments/Hemm. David Williams, Community Development Director, responded to Nations' question regarding the drainage. All the drainage will go to the southwest corner of this property and even the drainage from the northeast corner. Gary Wilfong, City Engineer, stated there is some drainage to the north and east, but it is minor. Jonathan Berry, with Engineering Group, addressed the issue of grading and drainage. Bill Hemm, developer, stated the fencing will be opaque and on the north and east sides of the property.

Roll Call:

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

Nation – Nay.

Five Ayes. One Nay. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 43-07. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to adopt Resolution No. 43-07, Special Use Development Permit 201 North Maxwell/Lillich. David Williams, Community Development Director, addressed the question of off-street parking by stating there is no parking on this property at all. Cassandra Olverson, Planner, stated a resident had concerns about a residential area feeling like a commercial area with this new business.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Smiley – Abstained.

Five Ayes. No Nays. One Abstained. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was review of bids. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Turner to approve the bid for Main Street and Ravenwood Blvd. Intersection to Tomlinson Asphalt in the amount of \$27,653.00. Cameron clarified what this project entails.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron wished everyone a happy 4th of July. He reminded everyone of the fireworks show at the Airport. He reported a purchase of a Ford pickup by the Electric Dept. in the amount of \$13,196.50 from the State Bid Contract. This was a budgeted replacement vehicle. He stated this was a sad day for the City because of the death and funeral for Zane Young from the Electric Dept. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Also Paul Calloway lost his sister unexpectedly. Keep Paul and his family in your prayers.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Mayor Van Poucke asked if the Board would like the street name change for Hwy 412 to Freedom Blvd. be placed on the agenda. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to place this item on the agenda. Long stated he was against changing street names because it just causes confusion. Mayor noted other highways that also have a City street name already.

Roll Call:

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

Long – Nay.

Five Ayes. One Nay. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to request staff to bring this item as a Resolution to the Board at a later date which would add the street name of Freedom Blvd. Mayor Van Poucke called for a voice vote, motion carried with five ayes and one nay.

Mayor Van Poucke asked if there were any comments regarding the four-wheelers. Smiley stated she is a resident of Country Acres and has noticed this problem and requested something be done. Chief Garrett stated he would check into this ordinance. Bridget Birkes, 445 Rush, stated this goes on for hours at a time with the four-wheelers right next to her house. There were four of them at one time. Cameron requested to be allowed to look into this and see what can be done.

Nation reminded everyone that there is an ordinance that restricts the use of fireworks in the City. She noted that the resolution regarding the Holly Street Apts. has neighbors that are heartbroken because this has happened. Residents waited to come before the Board until the 12th hour.

Wiles praised our City employees that go above and beyond the job. He noticed that the Old Post Office is up for sale and is disappointed in that. He wanted to present this to the Board in order to allow Cameron to see about the City taking back the Old Post Office. It was the consensus of the Board to have Cameron look into this.

Smiley thanked the staff and the developer of the Holly Street Apts. for working together. They came up with a very workable plan.
Long complimented our City employees.

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