

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD AUGUST 21, 2007

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, August 21, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Van Poucke.

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Turner – Absent.

Opening prayer was led by Wasson.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the August 07, 2007, regular meeting had previously been given to each director. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Smiley that the minutes of the August 07, 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. Ron Evans, 19289 Shinn Springs Rd., American Legion Commander, requested a sign on the Community Building for the American Legion. David Cameron, City Administrator, stated the request was for the City to pay for the electrical to hook up the wiring and lighting. This would be a permanent sign on the Community Building. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to place the sign request by the American Legion on the agenda. 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 Nation to allow the American Legion sign to be placed on the Community Building above their doorway. Cameron stated staff will bring back to the Board options for an information sign to be placed out front of the Community Building.

Roll Call:

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

No Nays.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

Harold Bitner, 2011 West Tulsa, stated he had a sanitation problem he had been working on for 3 years. There is a problem with the sewage.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-22. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance No. 07-22, Rezone Development Permit C-1A to C-2 960 South Mt. Olive/Roberts & Syler, on its second reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

No Nays.

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-1A TO C-2)
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 960 SOUTH MT. OLIVE STREET.

was read for its second reading.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-23. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to place Ordinance No. 07-23, Prohibited Use Development Permit 325 East Twin Springs/First United Methodist Church, on its second and final reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROHIBITED
USE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 325 EAST TWIN SPRINGS STREET.

was read for its second and final reading.

A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Fuller to adopt Ordinance No. 07-23, Prohibited Use Development Permit 325 East Twin Springs/First United Methodist Church.

Roll Call:

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

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-24. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Fuller to place Ordinance No. 07-24, Create 'East-Side Rural Water District', on its second reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE 'EAST-SIDE RURAL
WATER DISTRICT;' PROVIDING BOUNDARIES;
PROVIDING RATES AND EXEMPTIONS; CREATING
DIVISION 5, SECTION 98-180 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE;
FINDING AN EMERGENCY.

was read for its second reading.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-25. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to place Ordinance No. 07-25, Amend Municipal Code for Business License Fees, on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Mayor Van Poucke noted an amendment to (A.) (5) to add the wording for "Chamber-approved". Mayor Van Poucke stated they will be requesting this Ordinance be read for its second and third readings at the next meeting because the yearly due date is September 15th.

Roll Call:

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

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REVISING BUSINESS LICENSE FEES;
AMENDING SECTION 22-39 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE;
FINDING AN EMERGENCY.

was read for its first reading.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 46-07. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to adopt Resolution No. 46-07, Authorize Design of Street Sign for Freedom Boulevard. David Williams, Community Development Director, addressed the question whether businesses on

Hwy 412 would have to legally change their addresses if the name is changed to Freedom Boulevard by stating that is correct. If the name is changed to Freedom Blvd., businesses would have to change their addresses. The street numbers would not change. This would include approximately 200 businesses that are on Hwy 412 now. Smiley was concerned about the expense to the businesses, and would like some input from them about this change. Mayor Van Poucke addressed questions that Hwy 412 plans had changed, and it was going north of town. The State Highway Department told staff it was still going to go over the current Hwy 412 and be six lanes. Long stated he was completely against this. Wiles stated for the record that he preferred we wait on the road construction. Cameron stated that the City Engineer had just brought to his attention that the City already has a street named Freedom in Patriot Park.

Roll Call:

No Aye.

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

No Ayes. Six Nays. Motion Failed.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 47-07. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Wiles to adopt Resolution No. 47-07, ADEQ Contract of Obligation/Solid Waste. Randy Atkinson, Solid Waste/Street Director, explained this resolution. This would only be in the event the City closed down our Transfer Station that ADEQ could collect \$4,600.00 from the City. This is required in order to received our yearly permit to operate our Transfer Station.

Roll Call:

Wasson, Smiley, Fuller, Nation, Wiles, Long – 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 Wasson to approve the bid for a digital voice recorder system for the Police Department to Voice Products, Inc. in the amount of \$37,353.32.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of engineering services. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to approve the agreement with Civil Engineering for South Dogwood Extension in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. This project is from West Tulsa to West Jefferson.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Six Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of purchase of property for 101 West Ashley. Wiles stated he proposed this to the Board, but not because he feels we need a parking lot. That was just one possible use. What he is proposing is the purchase of this property for whatever future use. David Williams, Community Development Director, stated the house is not on the National Historic Register. A motion was made by Wasson and seconded by Fuller to table the purchase of the property at 101 West Ashley.

Roll Call: (Table)

Wiles, Long, Wasson, Smiley – Aye.

Nation, Fuller – Nay.

Four Ayes. Two Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron stated he was glad to be back and thanked everyone. He appreciates everyone's hard work. Main Street is now open. There will be a work session on August 28th which we will discuss State turnback funds and non-profit funding options. The September 28th work session will include explanation by TischlerBise regarding their study on Impact Fees in Siloam Springs. This is only explaining their study. The new Airport sign is in the design phase. The cost should not exceed

\$16,000. This should be complete about September 15th. Next on street construction is the work on Country Club which is one of the worse due to such narrow quarters which makes it hard for traffic to maneuver through. Cameron requested residents be patient with the contractor due to the very tight quarters he is having to work in. We are continuing to work on a site for the Benton County Health Unit in Siloam Springs. He welcomed all the school students returning. We appreciate the help from the Police Dept and the DEM, and request everyone's patience.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Wasson thanked all the employees who have to work outside in this heat. He appreciates what they do.

Fuller stated Sager Creek looks really bad. The walls are starting to crumble and the water is dirty.

Nation asked Chief Garrett about the status of the police cars. He stated they are making sure all officers have vehicles with working air conditioners even though 4 vehicles are down at this time. Nation said she wants to make sure we are taking care of our police officers with vehicles that the heat and air works.

Smiley addressed the issue on Tulsa Street and the drainage. She is sure our staff will look into this if there is sewage there.

Long said the City has had to go back in to fix drainage problems caused from the past. Long requested an executive session.

Mayor Van Poucke called the meeting into recess for an Executive Session for personnel matters. Mayor Van Poucke called the meeting back to order. Mayor Van Poucke stated no action was taken.

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