

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JANUARY 16, 2007

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, January 16, 2007.

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 Turner.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the January 02, 2007, regular meeting had previously been given to each director. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation that the minutes of the January 02, 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. Keith Kretzer, 1208 Deerfield Meadow, spoke representing the Parks Advisory Board with a fundraising update on the Twin Springs Fountain. Kretzer requested the Board of Directors fund the balance of the money needed for the project, and to approve them to be allowed to start this restoration. Mayor Van Poucke stated they were allowed to present this information at this time to the Board. Kretzer stated various grants that have been applied for, but have not been awarded as yet. Kretzer stated the amount of pledges and donations that have been received to date is \$26,095.40. The total cost of the restoration is \$58,200.00. Mayor Van Poucke stated the City has to follow the bid process. David Cameron stated the time frame to expect in order to get this out for bids. Dawn Denton, 22798 Lake Forrest Ct, also addressed the Board with additional information on this project. John Turner stated for the record that he is in support of helping this committee on this project.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-02. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance No. 07-02, Rezone Development Permit R-2 to P-D 1900 Block Hwy 412 East/Second Baptist Church, on its second reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 102-21 OF THE
SILOAM SPRNGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY ZONING MAP);
REZONING (FROM R-2 TO P-D) THE PROPERTY
DESCRIBED AS THE 1900 BLOCK OF HWY 412 EAST

was read for its second reading.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 03-07. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Wiles to adopt Resolution No. 03-07, Significant Development Permit 670 Heritage Court/Manna Center/Arkansas State Bank.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 06-07. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to adopt Resolution No. 06-07, Amendment 78 Financing/Street Bond Underwriters/Bank of America. Paul Calloway, Assistant City Administrator/Treasurer, gave an explanation of this

resolution and his recommendation for the Bank of America. Calloway stated Bank of America represents the best value for the City. Long thanked Calloway for all the hard work on this. Mayor Van Poucke welcomed the two Bank of America representatives that were present. Other Board members also thanked Calloway. Calloway gave a summary of this resolution and what it will provide for the public's information.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven 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 bid for a bucket truck for the Electric Department to Dealers Truck Equipment Co. in the amount of \$108,587.00. Art Farine, Electric Department Director, stated this does not include tax.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was review of bids. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Wiles to approve the bid for a sanitation truck for the Public Works Department to Rivercity Hydraulics in the amount of \$107,313.00.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract for deed/Manna Center/Arkansas State Bank. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to approve the contract for deed for the Manna Center/Arkansas State Bank.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron stated they are tentatively scheduling a meeting on February 8th at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall with the Hospital Board and Board of Directors with the brokers for the Hospital who will present the market analysis and what we can anticipate. The January 23rd workshop has been cancelled, and this information will be brought to you on annexation in February. Cameron reported on the ice storm and thanked everyone who helped with everything including the Police Dept, Public Works, and Electric Dept. We are blessed to have our own Electric Dept and the tree trimming crews. They logged 555 hours of overtime this storm. We also have sent a three man crew to Pryor, OK today to assist them at their request. We will be reimbursed by FEMA because Oklahoma has been declared a disaster state. Starting today, the crews from Public Works will be picking up limbs none stop during the next two weeks. Place your limbs at the curb, but please be aware of where the electric lines are, and do not put limbs near the lines.

The next agenda item was Open Hearing for Directors:

Mayor Van Poucke stated he noticed all the damage to trees at the Oakhill Cemetery. There are limbs down everywhere in town. The City will be working to get these taken care of quickly. He thanked the Electric Dept. for all their hard work. We were lucky, as others just north of us are going to be without power for some time.

Turner stated his concerns about the time Planning Commission meets at 4:00 p.m. He would like to see about changing this meeting time so more residents could attend.

Wasson thanked the Electric crews. Nation also thanked the Electric and all they do.

Cameron also noted price gouging. If you have a situation like that, you can go to the State Arkansas gov. website and file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office.

Wiles also thanked the Electric crews. They were very professional and courteous.

Smiley stated she appreciates all they did during the bad elements. She reminded pet owners to provide their pets with shelter and fresh water.

Long appreciated everyone's attitude during the storm, and they all were very helpful. He is proud of having people with such character.

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:

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

M. L. Van Poucke, Jr., Mayor

Peggy Woody, City Clerk, MMC