

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD MARCH 20, 2007

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building, March 20, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Van Poucke.

Attendance Roll Call:

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

Opening prayer was led by Smiley.

Mayor Van Poucke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the minutes of the March 06, 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 March 06, 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. There being none, Mayor Van Poucke continued with the agenda.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-06. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Turner to place Ordinance No. 07-06, Rezone Development Permit R-2 to P-D 1595 East Kenwood/Beeler, on its second reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Nation asked about the Future Land Use Map, and Ben Rhoads, Long-Range Planner, stated the current map is from the 1996 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The one we are working on now is not official. The Land Use Plan is a guide. Cameron stated the City is not going to cost share in the improvements to the drainage. The preliminary plat would show the drainage improvements at that time.

Roll Call:

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

Wiles, Long – Nay.

Five Ayes. Two Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 102-21 OF
THE SILOAM SPRINGS MUNICIPAL CODE (CITY
ZONING MAP); REZONING (FROM R-2 TO P-D)
THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS THE 1500 BLOCK
OF EAST KENWOOD STREET.

was read for its second reading.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-08. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Nation to place Ordinance No. 07-08, Amend Municipal Code to Repeal Animal Advisory Board, on its second reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Cameron stated that this ordinance and the next one will allow the City to form committees as needed to meet the needs of that department.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE IV OF
CHPT. 10 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE (ANIMAL
SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION).

was read for its second reading.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-09. A motion was made by Turner and seconded by Fuller to place Ordinance No. 07-09, Amend Municipal Code to Repeal Airport Advisory Board, on its second reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE II
OF CHPT. 14 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE
(AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD).

was read for its second reading.

The next agenda item was Ordinance No. 07-10. A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance No. 07-10, Dogwood Festival Street Closing, on its first and final reading suspending the rules and reading title only.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

An ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THAT UNIVERSITY
STREET, FROM MT. OLIVE STREET TO MAPLE
STREET (AND INCLUDING THE LOW-WATER BRIDGE),
SHALL BE CLOSED DURING THE HOURS OF THE
DOGWOOD FESTIVAL 2007.

was read for its first and final reading.

A motion was made by Nation and seconded by Fuller to adopt Ordinance No. 07-10, Dogwood Festival Street Closing.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 24-07. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Nation to adopt Resolution No. 24-07, Sole Source Purchase of Vehicles/Police Department, to Texoma Ford for three squad cars in the amount of \$75,456.00. Chief Garrett addressed the Board.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was Resolution No. 22-07. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Nation to adopt Resolution No. 22-07, Significant Development Permit 900 Block East Lake Francis Dr/Lake Francis Village Apartments/Kershner Properties.

Roll Call:

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

Fuller – Nay.

Six Ayes. One Nay. 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 South Country Club Reconstruction to Wilson Brothers Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,531,712.50.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was approval of contract. A motion was made by Fuller and seconded by Long to approve a contract for remodel of Fire Station 3 to Crafton, Tull & Associates not to exceed \$25,000.00. These funds will come from reserves.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

The next agenda item was the Administrator's Report:

Cameron reminded residents that Spring Cleanup is the week of April 2nd. This is a good time for our community to clean up before the Dogwood Festival. We encourage everyone to get their items out for City pickup. Cameron gave an update regarding dealing with the Hospital. We are proceeding. This will take a more aggressive approach from calls by Shattuck Hammond. Cameron requested the Board consider an amendment to the Resolution by adding a member of the Board of Directors to the task force evaluating and coming back with their recommendations. This Board member would assist the City Administrator in this process. Nation stated she would be willing to do this. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Turner to amend Resolution No. 31-06 to add a Board of Director member to be part of this committee.

Roll Call:

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

No Nay.

Seven Ayes. No Nays. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Smiley to appoint Judy Nation. Mayor Van Poucke called for a voice vote on the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Cameron announced there will be a Comprehensive Plan open house on April 9th at the Community Building from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.. This will be the results of the visioning sessions, the draft future land use maps and more. The community's input is needed. He stated he appreciates Ben Rhoads, Long-Range Planner, on his participation on this and also the community's participation.

The next agenda item was the Open Hearing for Directors:

Mayor Van Poucke invited everyone to a ground-breaking ceremony for a new facility for the Senior Activity Center on Tulsa Street at Heritage Court. This will start at 11:00 a.m. on March 24th. This will be a great asset for the community. He has been in communications with the Dept. of Public Health over the past few weeks, and Mr. Loyd Bailey, Director of this area. Siloam Springs lost our Public Health Clinic recently, and there is a committee trying to find a new facility for this clinic. We are looking at locations and are open to any suggestions from the public. This is a very needed service. We hope to bring you some good information soon.

Turner thanked the Mayor for all he does, and also thanked Judy Nation for volunteering for this Hospital committee.

Wasson asked if the old drug store at the old Medical Center building could be used for the Health Clinic or if it was too small. Mayor Van Poucke stated the Hospital Foundation has their offices located there now.

Fuller stated the people at the Senior Activity Center are very excited about the new facility.

Nation also thanked the Mayor for all he does and how important he is to them.

Wiles commended Ben Rhoads, David Williams, and Cassandra Olverson on the work they've done on this long-range planning. He encouraged people to come out on April 9th.

Mayor Van Poucke called for an Executive Session for personnel matters.

Mayor Van Poucke called the meeting back to order. There was no action taken in the Executive Session.

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