

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS,  
HELD JANUARY 2, 2019

The Board of Directors, of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the Siloam Springs' Administration Building on January 2, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

Roll Call: Smiley, Burns, Carroll, Coleman - Present.

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Jeremy Criner, Fire Chief; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief; Justin Bland, City Engineer; and Ben Rhoads, Senior City Planner.

Opening prayer was led by Director Carroll.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judge Stephen Thomas administered the Oath of Office to the new Board members.

The Mayor then asked for nominations for Vice-Mayor. Carol Smiley nominated Reid Carroll. As there were no other nominations, a motion to elect Carroll by acclamation was made by Coleman and seconded by Burns. A voice vote was called; motion passed unanimously.

A copy of the December 18, 2018, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to approve the minutes. Turner called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input: David Allen, 1600 Villa View, pointed out that there were more women on the board than men and congratulated all the new board members. Frank Johnson, 721 S. Lincoln, stated he believed bicycles have the same rules of the road as vehicles and asked everyone to practice bicycle safety.

Item A: Change Order #1 / Fire Department / Training Center Project Site Work / 81 Construction / \$48,896.46. Chief Criner briefed the item and Justin Bland expanded on the briefing. A Motion was made by Coleman and seconded by Smiley to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Ordinance 18-25 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading / Amending Chapter 102 (Zoning Code). Ben Rhoads briefed the item. Following comment from the Board, a motion to place Ordinance 18-25 on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Certain Zoning District Regulations with respect to lot coverage, housing density and setbacks within the R-3 (residential, two-family) district and the H-1 (historic) overlay district; amending Sections 102-46 and 102-50 of the Municipal Code; was read on its third reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 18-25 was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Ordinance 19-01 / 1<sup>st</sup> Reading / Vacation of Right-of-Way in the Gunter's Addition / 100 Block of N. Country Club Rd. / Childers Revocable Trust. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. Following brief questions from the Board, a motion to place Ordinance 19-01 on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Vacating and Abandoning a Certain Portion of Right-of-way Within the Gunter's Subdivision, City of Siloam Springs; was read on its first reading.

Item D: Resolution 01-19 / Adopt Board of Directors Rules and Procedures. Phillip Patterson briefed the item. Coleman pointed out verbiage in the resolution should be changed from assistant mayor to vice mayor. A motion to approve Resolution 01-19, with the suggested change, was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson pointed out the new board member photos were scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> immediately before board meeting; the AR Municipal League Winter Conference would be January 16-18 in Little Rock at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.

The Mayor said he was looking forward to a great year; congratulated the new directors; and gave tips for getting the most out of the AML Conference.

Directors' Reports: Hunt wished everyone a Happy New Year; thanked the voters; said she has noticed that staff, citizens and the board work well together; that she would work to the best of her ability for Ward 1; reminded everyone school was back in session next week and to be mindful of the kids; and announced it was her 26<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Burns congratulated the newly elected members and said he looked forward to serving with them; thanked staff for addressing a drainage issue on Park Drive; said City Lake features were coming along nicely; that he could see the potential at Memorial Park especially around the amphitheater; and commended the workers for their diligence. Sappington said she was nervous and appreciated the Mayor's bumbles for helping relax the situation; thanked Frank Johnson for attending; thanked the voter's and welcomed their input. Rissler thanked the voters; said she looked forward to serving the citizens; thanked the outgoing board members for their dedication; and she looked forward to serving with the Board. Carroll wished a Happy New Year; thanked the outgoing board members for their service; said he looked forward to working with the new members; and looked forward to a new year. Smiley wished Happy New Year and said she looked forward to working with the new board member and serving the citizens of the city that she loves. Coleman welcomed the new members; gave tips for getting the most out of AML; spoke of the justifiable pride he has for the city and said that we are ahead of the game; encouraged citizens to reach out to the board; pointed out that Main Street and the Chamber had put out a glowing calendar for the coming year.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Coleman and seconded by Smiley. The mayor then called for a voice vote on the pending motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:



Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

