

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
HELD JANUARY 15, 2019

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the Siloam Springs' Administration Building on January 15, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

Roll Call: Sappington, Burns, Hunt, Rissler, Coleman, Carroll - Present. Smiley came at 7:40 pm.

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Jeremy Criner, Fire Chief; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief; Don Clark, Community Development Director; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; and Ben Rhoads, Senior City Planner.

Opening prayer was led by Director Coleman.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the January 2, 2019, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Coleman and seconded by Carroll to approve the minutes. Turner called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input: Larry Kennemore, 207 Western Hills Drive, presented the city clerk with two (2) documents to hand out to the board and addressed the board on an item available to be placed in homes that would remove prescription drugs, including opioids, from contaminating the water system.

Item A: East Main Street Design Steering Committee. Don Clark briefed the item. Following lengthy discussion by the board, a motion was made by Coleman and seconded by Burns to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Public Works Department / Water-Wastewater Divisions / Annual Chemical Bids / Multiple Vendors and Costs. Tom Myers, Wastewater Superintendent, briefed the item. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Coleman to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Siloam Springs Youth Baseball / Lease Agreement. Don Clark briefed the item. Karl Mounger, 110A Ravenwood, said there wasn't time for anything else to go on at the fields during baseball season and staff did a great job maintaining the fields. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Ordinance 19-01 / 2nd 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. A motion to place Ordinance 19-01 on its second and third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns. 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 second and third reading.

A motion to adopt was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance 19-02 / 1st Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from R-2 to R-4 / 801 E. Lake Francis Drive. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. Kevin Moore, City Engineering Department, briefed the item on plans for the roads in the area, and possible options. Adlai Groves, principal with Upward Housing Group, Springfield, Missouri, said he was available to answer any questions. Linda Sheehy, 2013 S. Washington, read a letter of concern on behalf of her and her husband, John. After lengthy discussion between the board, staff and Groves, a motion to place Ordinance 19-02 on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Burns. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 102-21 of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code (city zoning map); Rezoning (from R-2 to R-4) the property located at 801 E. Lake Francis Drive, was read on its first reading.

Item F: Ordinance 19-03 / 1st and Only Reading / Permitting Director Rissler to Conduct Business with the City. Phillip Patterson briefed the item. Following lengthy discussion, a motion to place Ordinance 19-03 on its first and only reading, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman. Karl Mounger, 110A Ravenwood, stated that he was in a similar situation and had an AG Opinion on the matter. He went on to say that in instances like these, it's best to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Mayor called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Providing for City Director Lesa Rissler to conduct business with the City of Siloam Springs subject to State Law Prohibitions, was read on its first and only reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 19-03 was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman. Motion passed unanimously.

Item G: Highway 412 Traffic Signal Changes. Glenn Severn provided the board with a comprehensive overview of the proposed changes the city hoped to implement. With no opposition to the proposals, Patterson instructed to move forward.

Item H: Patterson pointed out that a copy of the November 2018 financials had been provided.

Administrator's Report: Phillip Patterson reports December 2018 sales tax for the City were up 7%; and year end – down 3.9%; and for the County in December – up 18% and year-end – up 14%. He expanded further on the numbers affected by the months that the 5/8's cent sales tax was not being collected and gave a comparison. He pointed out the ground-breaking for Station 2 would be January 23rd at 9:00 m. Chief Criner briefly described what would happen during the time the station was under construction with staff and equipment. Lastly, Patterson asked the board to email him whether they would prefer to tour the history museum with or without the exhibits in place.

The Mayor said Happy New Year.

Directors' Reports: Hunt encouraged citizens in her ward to contact her with questions or concerns; stated JBU hosted a New Year's Centennial Celebration luncheon for staff as a way to kick-off JBU being in existence for 100 years; pointed out the 21st was Martin Luther King Day and there would be a special chapel service and the reading of Dr. King's *Letter From Birmingham Jail*. Burns said he was looking forward to the possibility of a traffic circle; that VFW was hosting a Chili fundraiser this Saturday from 11a-2p and encouraged attendance. Sappington mentioned the tragedy that had happened at the pond which resulted in the loss of life of a young boy and expressed sympathy and understanding; asked people who were out walking their dog to pick up after them; and asked for more outreach with regard to limb pickup. Rissler asked if contact information could be given, besides an email address, to citizens to reach board members; said she would miss the next board meeting; and thanked staff for the work on the presentation on the traffic signals. Carroll also mentioned the incident in the pond and said that the city was taking steps to prevent it from happening in the future; and how wonderful it was to see the city come together at times like this. Smiley mentioned the incident and extended prayers to the family; said thank you for being appointed to the East Main Street committee; she was happy to see the incorporation of the existing culture in that area; she looked forward to touring the museum and to attending the AML conference. Patterson then briefed the board and audience of steps the city was looking into to help prevent another incident at the pond including the incorporation of heavy timber guardrails. Coleman thanked staff for the Zoning 101 workshop and the presentation on the traffic signals.

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:

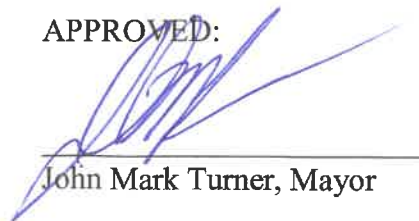


Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor