

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD JANUARY 16, 2018

The Board of Directors of the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, met in regular session at the City of Siloam Springs Administration Building on January 16, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

Roll Call: Coleman, Johnson, Smiley, Burns, Beers, Smith – Present.

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Geoff Lewis, Deputy Police Chief; Jeremey Criner, Fire Chief; Don Clark, Community Services Director, and Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director.

Opening prayer was led by Director Smith.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the January 2, 2018, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes. Coleman pointed out a correction that needed to be made. Turner called for a voice vote. Motion, with the correction, passed unanimously.

Public Input: No one came forward.

Item A: Amendment / Lease Agreement / Siloam Springs County Club, Inc. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator briefed the item. Following brief discussion, a Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Works Department / Sanitation Division / 2018 Mack Truck / Grande Truck Center / \$124,073. Don Tennison, Solid Waste Superintendent, briefed items B and C simultaneously. Following brief discussion, a Motion was made by Burns and seconded by Beers to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Public Works / Sanitation Division / Two Live Floor Trailers / Travis Body and Trailer / \$128,000. Don Tennison had previously briefed the item. A Motion was made by Beers and seconded by Johnson to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Ordinance 17-35 / 3rd Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from R-4 and C-2 to G-I / 2251 S. Lincoln St. Phillip Patterson announced that staff was asking to table this item until the February 6, 2018 Board meeting. A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Coleman to table the item until February 6th. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance 18-01 / 2nd Reading / Amending Municipal Code Section 74-205 / Alcoholic Beverages on City Property. Phillip Patterson, City Administrator, briefed the item. After lengthy discussion by the Board, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance 18-01 on its 2nd reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 74 of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code; Allowing Board of Directors to lift certain Prohibitions against the Dispensing and Consumption of Alcohol on City Property by Resolution; was read on its second reading.

Item F: Ordinance 18-02 / 1st reading/ Extension of Existing Levy of 0.625 Percent Sales and Use Tax (5/8th). Phillip Patterson briefed the item. Following comments from the Board in favor of the item, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Smiley to place Ordinance 18-02 on its first reading suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Calling a Special Election in the City of Siloam Springs, Arkansas on the question of issuing bonds under Amendment No. 62 to the Constitution of the State of Arkansas for the purpose of financing the cost of water improvements; levying a five-eighths of one percent (0.625%) sales and use tax for the purpose of retiring such bonds; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto; was read on its first reading.

Item G: Rodeo Grounds Update. Don Clark, Community Services Director, briefed the item and then introduced Jeff Lee. Jeff Lee, 20988 Long Farm Road, gave an overview of the activities held by the riding club and other organizations for both children and adults at the facility; mentioned the many awards that have been received by the Siloam Springs Rodeo over the past 60 years; and the importance of the club and its activities. He stated that the riding club could see the benefits of moving the facility, but if it were not possible, the club was fine with the current location. The Board all gave their thoughts on the item, including possible ways to pay for the project, and how to accomplish the project without the loss of amenities at the new facility.

Item N: Administrator's Report. Patterson reported on an expenditure in Sanitation in the amount of \$39,754.00 for 6 new roll-offs; and an expenditure in Administration in the amount of \$39,890.00 for a new vehicle.

The Mayor commented on the reception at The Brick Ballroom and welcomed the HULU crew. He said it was an honor to be named to the top 10.

Directors Report. Beers said he looked forward to going after the HULU award; pointed out that Siloam had won a volunteer award at the Municipal League conference with over 100,000 volunteer hours; and said he appreciated Burns pushing on tough questions. Burns said he wasn't pushing anyone, but the community is changing and challenging us; he thanked the member of the riding club for attending and said he looked forward to a better venue in the long term; he mentioned the HULU reception and thanked all investors and entrepreneurs in Siloam; not just in downtown area. He said he looked forward to the tough decisions and interesting projects. Johnson pointed out the amount of sickness that has been experienced by a number of people; thanked the riding club for attending; mentioned The Brick Ballroom and the great job that had been done on the old building; he said he was honored to attend an affair at La-Z-Boy and present the

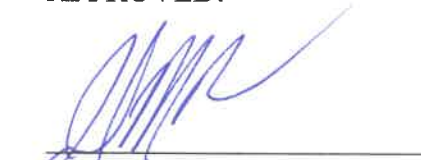
proclamation for seven years without a safety issue; it was a record for the entire company in the United States. Lastly, he said January 17th he would turn 71 years old. Smith thanked Karl, Reid and Jerry for running for the vacant board seat and congratulated Reid on his win. She pointed out the “sweat equity” the Lankers had put into the community and said that the riding club had a history of sweat equity. She said as we look at how to solve the challenge of opening up that area for future growth, she felt strongly that the sweat equity needed to be replaced to the best of our ability. Smiley said she appreciated the citizens providing the opportunity to attend the Municipal League Conference. She thanked all the citizens who contributed volunteer time to allow Siloam to receive the Volunteer Community Award. She said she knew there were numerous hours that weren’t included in that number as we are a community of volunteers as evidenced by the riding club; she congratulated La-Z-Boy and welcomed Amanda Brinkman and the HULU Small Business Revolution. She said it was an honor to live in a community in the top 10; she thanked city staff who were working outside in the cold and pointed out there were several job openings listed on the city website along with an application. Coleman congratulated Reid Carrol and said he looked forward to having him on the Board; thanked Jerry and Karl for their time in running. He said he attended the HULU reception at The Brick Ballroom and asked that Heather Lanker be kept in prayer as she was having back problems. He said he attended the municipal league conference and once again was pleased when he heard the stories and problems other cities were having, that we don’t have those problems or that we have already addressed them. He said we needed to really promote our city and be proud of it.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Coleman and seconded by Smiley. A voice vote was called. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Renea Ellis, City Clerk


John Mark Turner, Mayor

