

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY,
ARKANSAS, HELD MARCH 6, 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 March 6, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Turner.

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

Also present: Phillip Patterson, City Administrator; Jay Williams, City Attorney; Renea Ellis, City Clerk; Derek Spicer, Police Captain; Jeremy Criner, Fire Chief; Ben Rhoads, City Planner, Don Clark, Community Services Director, and Phil Stokes, Electric Director.

Opening prayer was led by Bob Coleman.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the February 20, 2018, minutes of the regular meeting had previously been given to each Director. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes. Turner called for a voice vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input: No one came forward.

Item A: Arkansas Department of Transportation / Grant Application / Taxi Van. Don Clark briefed the item. A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Ordinance 18-04 / 2nd Reading / Amending Municipal Code / Section 18-86 Electrical Inspection Fees. Phil Stokes briefed the item. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Johnson, to place Ordinance 18-04 on its second 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 second reading.

Item C: Ordinance 18-05 / 1st Reading / Amending Section 102-21 of the City Municipal Code / Rezoning from I-1 to C-1A / 609 N. Gunter St. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. A Motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Beers, to place Ordinance 18-05 on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading by title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 102-21 of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code (city zoning map); Rezoning (from I-1 to C-1A) the property located at 609 N. Gunter Street; was read on its first reading.

Item D: Resolution 11-18 / Facility Usage Agreement / Siloam Springs Futbol Club. Jon Boles, Parks & Rec Manager, briefed the item. A motion was made by Beers and seconded by Smiley to approve Resolution 11-18. Motion passed unanimously.

Item E: Staff Reports:


Administrator's Report. Patterson pointed out that each director had received a copy of the December 2017 financials. He reported on an expenditure at the wastewater plant for polymer for processing biosolids in an estimated cost of \$33,228.00; the workshop on March 20th would be an off-site, walking tour of Station 2; *Girls Night Out* would be March 8th and City Staff would be assisting with crossing the streets and getting safely to the downtown businesses due to the downtown construction.

The Mayor told a story about foosball being played at his home when he was younger.

Directors Report. Beers said he was sorry to have missed the last meeting, but he was out of the country recruiting for the Walton scholarship program; thanked the Walton Family Foundation for diversifying this community; he did watch the meeting online and thanked those responsible for the tech work to allow this. Great job, Small Business Revolution, Main Street, the Chamber; there are 34,000 small government municipalities and for Siloam to have been chosen for the top 5 was astounding. He also said he was proud of the police department and asked if we are doing everything we can to keep our students safe. Patterson addressed the question and reported on how the city partners with the SRO's and the school district. He said he believed the SSPD would respond to any threat. Burns said: he had no doubt the city was tactically sound; he saw the futsal court in use during the nice weather; thanked the Herald Leader for the article on crosswalks; he was excited to see the work on Tahlequah trail system; small town revolution show had inspired the community to be better; said he may not be present for the workshop on the 20th but gave public support on the remodel. Johnson said he was proud to see the construction on streets and trails in the area; proud to be a citizen. Carroll said he has completed orientation with all the different departments and was impressed with what he saw; he is appreciative of the unity our community shows. Smiley said she was appreciative of the cooperation between the school system and our police department to keep our children safe; even though we did not win with the business revolution, it brought a lot of attention to our community. Community support and citizens who deeply care about Siloam Springs and what goes on, is why she likes living here; daylight's savings time starts with weekend; and that she loves living here-appreciates our community and staff. Coleman seconded Smiley and Carroll's comments on unity in this town. He thanked Main Street, the Chamber, staff and Holland for the efforts put out to become #1 in the HULU competition. We are still number one; he observed the crosswalk in front of the library and noticed no one "punched" the button. He asked for further education on crosswalk warning signs; he was proud to be a member of the citizenry and of the Board of Siloam Springs.

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

ATTEST:


Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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APPROVED:


John Mark Turner, Mayor

