

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CITY OF SILOAM SPRINGS, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS,
HELD APRIL 17, 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 April 17, 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; Jim Wilmeth, Police Chief; Jeremey Criner, Fire Chief; Phil Stokes, Electric Director; Ben Rhoads, Sr. City Planner; Don Clark, Community Development Director; Steve Gorszczyk, Public Works Director; and Justin Bland, City Engineer.

Opening prayer was led by Brad Burns.

Mayor Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A copy of the April 3, 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: Wayne Mays, 506 S. Elm, Chamber of Commerce affiliate, reminded everyone the 44th Annual Dogwood Festival was next weekend; pointed out the booklet that had been printed; stated copies would be available after the meeting for anyone who wanted one; and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the vendors.

Item A: Construction Management Services / Fire Station #2 / Fire Department / CR Crawford Construction, LLC. Fire Chief Jeremey Criner briefed the item. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Smith to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item B: Ordinance 18-06 / 3rd Reading / Amending Municipal Code / Chapter 98, Article II – Electrical. Phil Stokes briefed the item. A motion was made by Beers and seconded by Coleman to place Ordinance 18-06 on its third reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Article II of Chapter 98 of the Siloam Springs Municipal Code for the Purposes of Updating the Electrical Regulations and Deleting Obsolete Provisions; was read on its third reading.

A motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Coleman to adopt Ordinance 18-06. Motion passed unanimously.

Item C: Ordinance 18-07 / 2nd and Final Reading / Prohibited Use Development Permit / Bill Parker / 505 E. Helena Street. Williams explained the final reading language. Ben Rhoads briefed the item. Several directors had questions regarding the condition of the house. Bud Meehan, 1010 Raintree Court, on behalf of the applicant, addressed the issues including the habitability of the home; why the family couldn't sleep in the downstairs area instead of the RV; and what the ultimate plans for the house were. After discussion between the Board and Meehan, a motion to place Ordinance 18-07 on its second and final reading, subject to changing the allowable time-period from 180 days to 90 days, suspending the rules and reading title only, was made by Burns and seconded by Beers. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Authorizing a Prohibited Use Development Permit for Property Located at 505 E. Helena Street; was read on its second and final reading.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 18-07 was made by Smiley and seconded by Johnson, subject to the proposed changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Item D: Ordinance 18-08 / 1st Reading / Amending Municipal Code Section 98-181 / East Side Rural Water District Rates. Steve Gorszcyk briefed the item. Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Smiley and seconded by Smith to place Ordinance 18-08 on its first reading, suspending the rules and reading title only. Motion passed unanimously.

An ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Section 181 of chapter 98 of the Siloam Springs City Code by Amending Water Rates and Charges for the East-side Rural Water District and Repealing Obsolete and Inconsistent Provisions; was read on its first reading.

Item: E. Resolution 15-18 / Authorize the Application for a TAP Grant / Trail North Hico Street. Justin Bland briefed the item. A motion was made by Burns and seconded by Smith to approve the item. Motion passed unanimously.

Item F: Tourism Branding and Website. Don Clark briefed the item and introduced Holland Hayden. Hayden expanded on the concept and pointed out this project was a partnership effort with Main Street Siloam Springs and Blogs for Brands. The Board responded with comments of approval.

Item G: Patterson reported expenditures at the PD for a patrol vehicle purchase in the amount of \$36,520.73 and in Transportation and Infrastructure for a trench roller in the amount of \$34,396; city sales tax was down 1.6% in March the month and up 2.6% for the year; county sales tax was up 4% in March and up 33% for the year; and lastly went over filing and voting information for the Board of Directors upcoming vacancies in Positions 1-4.

The Mayor urged potential candidates to turn in their signatures for verification early in case some names were disqualified.


Directors Reports: Beers said he appreciates the work the Chamber does to put on the Dogwood Festival; thanked staff for the work they do; and pointed out the Siloam Springs School District had purchased land next to the rodeo grounds and that he supported the decision. Burns said he was

happy the school district got the 11 acres to expand the athletic programs and that it ties in with quality of life; pointed out the overlay downtown would be done after the Dogwood Festival; he had a blast at the Main Street Event fundraiser; thanked all investors in Siloam; and that he would be running for re-election to the Ward 2 position. Johnson said he had fallen in love with Siloam shortly after his first visit and moved here; and was very proud of the town. Smith echoed the previous director comments; restated she would not seek re-election; and informed the public of the benefits of planting native plants. Carroll thanked the city staff for upkeep on the city grounds; and said Broadway Street is looking good. Smiley said she liked the bump-outs on Broadway Street; thanked the entire city staff for their work, along with the Chamber and Main Street; expressed excitement over the Dogwood book in the newspaper; announced that Friends of the Library would be having a book sale at the Dogwood Festival and encouraged everyone to go. Coleman commended staff for their work during clean-up week; complimented staff on their quick response to a citizen's concern; and praised staff, the Chamber, Blogs for Brands and Main Street on their efforts of the tourism branding of Siloam Springs.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Coleman and seconded by Burns.

A voice vote was called on the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:




Renea Ellis, City Clerk

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APPROVED:



John Mark Turner, Mayor

