

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Silverton City Council Meeting
Held Thursday, February 15th, 2007

The Council of the City of Silverton met for a business meeting in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 15th, 2007. Mayor John Smith called the meeting to order.

OPENING REMARKS:

Councilman Sylvester led the prayer and Mayor Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:**ELECTED OFFICIALS:****ALSO PRESENT:**

John Smith	Mayor	Present	Mark Wendling	City Manager
Joyce Glover	Council	Present	Bryan Pacheco	City Solicitor
Shirley Hackett	Council	Present	Meredith George	Clerk of Council
Mike Morthorst	Council	Present	Tom Peterson	Finance Director
Mark Quarry	Council	Present		
Frank Sylvester	Council	Present		
Idella Thompson	Council	Present		

REVIEW MEETING AGENDA:

Mr. Quarry noted that he had a presentation about the upcoming film "Amazing Grace" he would like to add to the Mayor's Comments & Guests portion of the agenda. Mayor Smith was in agreement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Mayor Smith presented minutes from the following meetings for approval: January 18, 2007 Business Meeting and the February 1, 2007 Workshop. Mr. Quarry motioned for approval with any necessary corrections and was seconded by Mrs. Glover. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

1. Mayor Smith noted that the Student of the Month presentation was postponed due to the power outage at Silverton Paideia School. The February Student of the Month will be attending the March business meeting.
2. Mayor Smith administered the oath of office to the following board members:
Andrea Mathein – Park Board
Nancy Kincaid, Sandy Matey & Annie Dollins – Urban Forestry Board
3. Mr. Quarry gave his presentation on the upcoming film: Amazing Grace.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Clerk of Court Report

Mrs. George gave the Mayor's Court Report for January 2007. Mrs. Thompson motioned to approve the Mayor's Court Report and was seconded by Mr. Sylvester. All voted aye. Motion carried.

2. Budget Report

Mr. Peterson gave the January 2007 Budget Report. Mr. Quarry motioned to approve the January 2007 Budget Report and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

3. City Manager's Report

Mayor Smith turned the meeting over to Mr. Wendling to present his report.

3.1. Inclement Weather

Mr. Wendling noted that in light of the challenges presented by the ice and snowstorms the service department did an excellent job cleaning up the City. Mr. Wendling noted that he received compliments from the residents regarding the snow removal. Mr. Wendling stated that when a snow emergency is declared, most residents are not aware that their vehicles need to be off the streets. Mr. Wendling added that he and Mrs. Glover had talked about a system that will alert all residents of emergencies via telephone. The system is an auto dial program through Cincinnati Bell that will send a pre-recorded message to the residents. The cost of the system is approximately \$2500.00 per year. A discussion followed about the number of messages and content allowed. Mr. Wendling noted that if the system is overused the residents will ignore it. Mr. Sylvester added he notified his neighbors that a snow emergency had been declared and their vehicles must be removed. Mrs. Glover added that vehicles can be ticketed if not removed during a snow emergency. Mr. Wendling noted that the new truck has a metal blade on the snowplow, which is much more effective in removing the snow. The service department is looking at upgrading all the blades to metal.

3.2. Comprehensive Plan Meeting

Mr. Wendling noted the first meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee was cancelled due to inclement weather. The steering committee will have its first meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm.

3.3. Farmer's Market

Mr. Wendling stated that he and Mrs. George met with Mary Ida Compton, organizer of the Hyde Park Farmer's Market for the purpose of learning from her experience. Silverton's market for 2007 is tentatively scheduled to be rescheduled from Friday to Thursday. The market will likely commence operation in late June. The City has received interest from one farmer and will work to get more farmers on board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Councilwoman Thompson
ICRC – No report.
Fire District – No report.
2. Councilwoman Glover
LSDMC – No report.

Mr. Wendling added that he and Mrs. Glover recently attended a videoconference meeting with the museum school in Raleigh, NC. The meeting went very well and the museum school should have a very positive effect on the community and should help to attract young families to Silverton.

3. Councilwoman Hackett

Mrs. Hackett reported that the board was officially sworn in earlier tonight, with the exception of Thelma Davis who was ill. The Board has been making progress and has met standards 1 & 2, while Mr. Wendling will address standard 3. Standard 4 is the Arbor Day celebration and the board has been working with Pat Chamberlin at Silverton School to involve the school in the celebration. The board also adopted their mission statement at their January meeting.

4. Councilman Morthorst

Mr. Morthorst reported the Tax Review Board has three cases pending that were supposed to be heard in February, but had to be rescheduled twice due to weather.

5. Councilman Quarry

HCSWD – No report.

OKI – No report.

6. Councilman Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester reported that the Planning Commission met recently to discuss a lot spilt on Stewart Road, owned by Steve Brenner. The City's engineer, Mr. Dave Emerick, recommends that an easement be established prior to approval. The Commission voted to make approval contingent upon the establishment of an easement. The contingency necessitates a follow up meeting of the Planning Commission.

OPEN DISCUSSION / NEW ISSUES BY ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mr. Quarry noted that there are several cars in the Aamco lot that are not moving. Mr. Wendling added he would notify the police department to keep an eye out for cars with "for sale" signs. Additionally, Mr. Pacheco noted that while there is no limit to the number of cars they are allowed to have on the lot they may be in violation of the parking requirement in relation to the distance from the sidewalk.

Mr. Sylvester noted that the power lines at the end of Elwynne are old and in need of replacement. Mr. Wendling stated that Duke Energy would have to take care of the problem.

Mrs. Thompson asked about the Lighthouse property flooding. Mr. Wendling reported that a pipe broke and flooded the DRS Bonded building, headquarters of Women Writing for (a) Change. Mr. Wendling stated he contacted the building inspector to come and assess the building and the damage. Mr. Wendling also stated he spoke with the property owner, Mr. David Carter. Mr. Sylvester added that water is running off the roof between the buildings causing mold problems.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 07-520 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Rental Agreement with the Hamilton County Board of Elections for the Purpose of Securing Polling Facilities for Precincts at the Silverton Municipal Building in Order to Accomplish General, Special and Primary Elections.

Mr. Wendling introduced Resolution 07-521 A Resolution for the Appointment and Compensation of the Position of Magistrate of Mayor's Court of the City of Silverton.

READING OF PENDING LEGISLATION:

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 07-520 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Rental Agreement with the Hamilton County Board of Elections for the Purpose of Securing Polling Facilities for Precincts at the Silverton Municipal Building in Order to Accomplish General, Special and Primary Elections. Mr. Sylvester motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. George gave the reading of Resolution 07-521 A Resolution for the Appointment and Compensation of the Position of Magistrate of Mayor's Court of the City of Silverton. Mrs. Glover motioned for passage and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Glover and seconded by Mr. Quarry. All present were in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager