



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton Village Council Meeting
Held Thursday, January 19, 2023

The Council of the Village of Silverton convened in regular session in Council Chambers at 6943 Montgomery Road at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Smith led a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Elected Officials:

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| • John Smith, Mayor | Present |
| • Britt Born, Council | Present |
| • Shirley Hackett-Austin, Council | Present |
| • Mark Quarry, Council | Absent |
| • Idella Thompson, Council | Absent |
| • Dottie Williams, Council | Present |
| • Franklin Wilson, Council | Present |

Mrs. Williams motioned to excuse Mr. Quarry and Mrs. Thompson. Ms. Born seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Also present:

- Jack Cameron, Village Manager
- Meredith George, Village Clerk
- Bryan Pacheco, Village Solicitor

MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

Mayor Smith told everyone to save the date for the annual Mayor’s Community Brunch, which will be held at Benken’s Florist on Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Silverton Elementary Principal Kristin Grote and Resource Coordinator invited Council to their next Town Hall which will be held on Thursday, January 26 at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Smith will be in attendance to honor the Student of the Month. All are welcome.

Ms. Grote also explained that Silverton Elementary will no longer be a magnet school. The effect on enrollment remains to be seen. CPS will no longer be providing transportation to students who live outside Silverton.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kay Briggs – 3719 Cedarwood Court

Ms. Briggs addressed Council to voice concerns about the Village allowing residents to have backyard chickens. Ms. Briggs stated she feels chickens can be dangerous, are high maintenance pets, need a lot of space in the coops, are noisy and can cause odors and lack the accessibility to proper care since they are not treated by typical veterinarians.

Adam Doan – 4200 South Avenue

Mr. Doan refuted Ms. Briggs comments, stating chickens are not dangerous animals, provide learning opportunities for children, do not cause noise disturbances. Mr. Doan added that if the coops are properly maintained then odors are not an issue.

Brenda Middlebrooks – 3921 N Fordham Place

Ms. Middlebrooks stated she is concerned about chickens attracting rodents and predators, such as coyotes and foxes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2023 Council Meeting. Ms. Born seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. Ms. Born reported the Fire District Board will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 4:30 p.m. at the fire house.
- b. Mrs. Williams motioned to re-appoint the following board and commission members:
 - Don Kincaid – Citizen Representative the Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Board
 - Sandy Matey – PACT Com
 - Rob Schmuelling – PACT Com
 - Robin Cox – Board of Zoning Appeals
 - Dolline Colter – Planning Commission
 - Jeffrey Thien – Planning Commission
 - Rob Schmuelling – Tax Review Board
 - Gail Williams – Tax Review Board

Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

2. **VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:**

- a. The Mayor's Community Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held at Benken's Florist and will be catered by Raffel's Catering. RSVP's will be required.
- b. The Color Fun Run is scheduled for May 20 and the Taste of Silverton is set for June 10.
- c. The New Model Group will meet with Silverton on January 27 to review the progress of the project.
- d. A follow up meeting for AG47 Phase II is scheduled for January 27.
- e. The BMW Store is still in the process of their due diligence for buying the adjacent property at 5965 Stewart Road.
- f. There is no new information on the Metro Access Site project. The Village will begin talking to other developers.
- g. The grant money for the Silverton Town Commons project has been moved to ODNR. The funds will be available after July 1. The

project will have to be re-bid and late summer construction is expected.

- h. The Village is still waiting for the GCWW plans for the Plainfield Road repaving project. We are hopeful for Spring 2023 construction.
- i. A grading permit has been issued for 6550 Stewart Road. We should expect activity on the site this summer.
- j. The electric aggregation rate will change in May, and will be higher than the current rate. The rate will change from 5 cents/kWh to approximately 8 cents/kWh. Energy Harbor will continue to be the provider, as they are offering the best rate. The aggregation rate is still cheaper than the Duke Energy rate which is about 10 cents/kWh. Opt-out letters will be sent to all residents.
- k. Mr. Cameron submitted a DORA application to Village Council for the area surrounding the intersection of Plainfield and Montgomery Roads. If approved, businesses included in the boundaries of the DORA do not have to participate if they do not want to. A public hearing in front of council and legislation approving the DORA are forthcoming. If approved, the Village's responsibility is maintenance of the area. The participating businesses are responsible for purchasing the cups for the drinks to be served in.

Mrs. Williams motioned to hold a public hearing regarding the DORA application on Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Born seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- l. Mr. Wilson asked for the consideration to purchase two additional speed boxes to calm speeders in Silverton. Mr. Cameron asked Council to inform him of speeding complaints so the problem can be looked into. There are additional ways to reduce speed offenders than the use of the speed boxes. Mr. Wilson reported the problem areas are Stoll Lane, Montgomery Road, and Plainfield Road.

READING OF NEW AND OR PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. Born motioned to table the second reading of Ordinance 23-3700 Ordinance Establishing §153.309 Supplementing the Silverton Zoning Code to Allow Chickens for Personal or Household Use in the R-1 Single Family Home and R-2 Multi-Family Home Residential Districts due to the absence of two council

members. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Hackett-Austin moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mrs. Williams. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor