NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE
TOWN OF WEST SILOAM SPRINGS
MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2025, AT 6:00 PM

NAME OF PUBLIC BODY:	**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST SILOAM SPRINGS, OKLAHOMA**
DATE:	**MONDAY, JUNE 16TH, 2025**
TIME:	**6:00 p.m.**
LOCATION:	**West Siloam Springs Town Hall, Conference Room, 4880 Cedar Drive, Colcord, OK 74338**
TYPE OF MEETING:	Regular Meeting (x) Rescheduled Regular Meeting ( ) Special Meeting ( ) Continued or Rescheduled Meeting ( ) Emergency Meeting ( )

AGENDA

1) Call to Order
   Mayor Scott Wilkerson called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) Roll Call and Determination of Quorum
   Tom Schafer here, Rhonda Wise here, Jim McClure here, Linda Dixon here, Scott Wilkerson here.

3) Statement of compliance with statutory notice requirements under 25 O.S. § 311 (A)(9)
   Samantha Turney posted the agenda here at the Town Hall on June 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

4) Discussion and possible action on any matter related to approving the minutes from the rescheduled regular meeting on MAY 27, 2025

   a. Reading of the Minutes
   b. Discussion, motion, and vote to approve the minutes

   Scott motioned to approve; Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.

5) REPORTS FROM TOWN OFFICIALS AND/OR EMPLOYEES:
   a. **FINANCIAL:** No report
   b. **INTERIM CHIEF CHUCK VAUGHAN:** Summary report on Police Department activities./Chuck reported 46 incident reports filed, 46 accident reports filed, 278 citations given.
   c. **ZONING BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION**: No report
   d. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** No report
   e. **MAYOR SCOTT WILKERSON**: Monthly report
   f. **VICE MAYOR LINDA DIXON**: No report
   g. **TOWN ATTORNEY:** No report

6) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY MATTER RELATED TO PURCHASE ORDERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025

General PO#'S G513-G548:	$49,192.19
TRIBAL PO#'S TR11:	$60.00
EMS- CN PO#'S E56-E59:	$34,447.66
EMS NO 2 PO#S PF11:	$24,646.13
PARK PO#'S P34-P35:	$309.06

FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF: $108,655.04

Scott motioned to approve; Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.

7) **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.** 25 O.S. § 307(B) permits the public body to meet in Executive Session for certain specified reasons under certain specific conditions. It is the opinion of the town attorney that the board of Trustees may adopt a motion to meet in executive session to discuss the following items:

a.) Proposed executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss retirement of Police Chief Larry Barnett
b.) Proposed executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss hiring of new police Chief
c.) Proposed executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1), to discuss renewing following annual contracts for fiscal year 2025-26:

1. Bryce P. Harp, Esq., for legal services
2. Wells, Wann, & Company CPA, for accounting services
3. Rex Earl Starr, for Judiciary services
4. Robert St. Pierre, for auditing services

Scott motioned to go into executive session at 6:07 p.m., Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.

i. Discussion, motion, and vote to convene or not convene in executive session on agenda items 7(a)-(c) above
ii. Acknowledge the board has returned to open session
iii. Executive session minutes compliance statement
iv. Discussion, motion, and vote to affirm that no votes or action taken during executive session
v. Consideration, discussion, and possible action on items discussed in executive session

Scott motioned the board is back in open session at 7:06 p.m. Bryce acknowledged minutes were taken but no votes or action taken while in executive session.

On agenda item 7a: Scott motioned to accept Larry Barnett's retirement,

and also, that he will be paid his full 3 weeks' vacation accrued, and 240 hrs. of PTO; Linda seconded. Also in motion, this is to go into effect upon the hiring of a new Police Chief. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.

On agenda item 7b: Scott motioned to hire Keith Barenberg as the new Police Chief; Linda seconded. Also in motion, to be hired at a rate of $75,000.00 per year, to start as soon as he can. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.

On agenda item 7c:

1. **Scott motioned to renew the contract with Bryce Harp, for legal services; Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.**

2. **Scott motioned to retain the services of Wells, Wann & Company, CPA; Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.**

3. **Scott motioned to retain the services of Rex Earl Starr for judiciary services; Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.**

4. **Scott motioned to retain the services of Robert St. Pierre for auditing services; Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.**

8) Discussion and/or action on all matters concerning proposed Ordinance 2025-06-01 amending 1) § 31.48 of Code of Ordinances; and 2) Chapter 31, Appendix A – Personnel Policy, Article 14.1 by adding grievance forms to the official personnel policy.
Scott motioned to approve; Linda seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.

9) Discussion and/or action on all matters concerning proposed Resolution TN-2025-06-01 adopting the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget
Scott motioned to adopt the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget; Linda approved. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.

10) Discussion and possible action on new matters that could not have been anticipated prior to posting of the agenda, if any.
Rhonda addressed the matter of Officer Sam Byers being "let go" by Asst. Chief Chuck Vaughan on 06-13-2025. She stated Mayor Wilkerson did not want him to hire or fire anyone until after the new Chief was hired at this meeting. She reiterated that Sam Byers was a p/t Officer, being paid as a Reserve, making $21.00 an hr., with no benefits. She also spoke about the fine amounts issued by Sam Byers to date, since being hired in August of 2024, being an amount of $74,376.50, compared to Asst. Chief Chuck Vaughan's $33, 459.25 issued.
Rhonda then motioned to retain Sam Byers without record of termination, if not already reported to CLEET, as a part-time paid Reserve, starting at $25.00 an hour; Linda

seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott no.

11) MOTION AND VOTE TO ADJOURN./**Scott motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., Jim seconded. Tom yes, Rhonda yes, Jim yes, Linda yes, Scott yes.**

This regular monthly meeting is being held consistent with the Open Meeting Act codified at 25 O.S. §§ 301, *et seq,* and notice of the meeting and the agenda was posted according to the mandates of 25 O.S. § 311.

Time Posted: __________ POSTED ON JUNE _____, 2025, BY ________________________

Minutes
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by Laura Poteet