REGULAR SESSION

Monday, November 21, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening November 21, 2022, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Public Works Assistant Bill Berndt, Part-Time Public Works Employee Gary Ross, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 10913.51 dollars were submitted for appropriation. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating Money to Pay Certain Claims" was introduced. A motion was made by Councilmember Pegram and seconded by Councilmember Robinson that said Ordinance be accepted as read and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5). With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2543.

Area Resident Jan Heflin was present to discuss her interest in starting a Community Garden in Silver Lake. She has previous experience with Community Gardens in Topeka. Council recommended she research interest of residents of Silver Lake as well as possible locations as the City of Silver Lake does not have much unused property.

Councilmember Ross made a motion to reinvest a Certificate of Deposit that will mature on November 22, 2022 at Stockgrowers State Bank for a three (3) month term at a rate of 2.15%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and passed.

An Ordinance to Amend the Water Rates for 2023 was reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Ross and seconded by Councilmember Pegram that said Ordinance be adopted as read and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2544.

An Ordinance to Amend the Court Cost for Silver Lake Municipal Court was reviewed by Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Ross and seconded by Councilmember Fisher that said Ordinance be accepted as read and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2545.

Police Chief McCune plans to interview an applicant for the open Police Administrative Assistant Position. The 2015 Tahoe will sell on Purple Wave Auction on November 29, 2022.

Public Works Assistant Berndt requested that anyone that did not have a water softener and has a removable screen on their faucet volunteer to be a water test site for Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) water testing. He also inquired about the responsibility of cleaning the street gutters. City attorney Luckman clarified that it is the City’s responsibility. Attorney Luckman also clarified that local residents will not be allowed to fill in drainage diches in the City’s easement.

City Clerk Steckel requested to switch to a postcard notification of delinquent bills instead of a first-class letter to save time and money. Councilmember Ross made a motion to switch to the postcard notification instead of the letter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and passed. Mrs. Steckel requested to prepay the 2023 water postage. Councilmember Ross made a motion to prepay the postage not to exceed 3000 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and passed.

City Attorney Luckman presented a draft contract to hire former Public Works Superintendent Willie Smith as an independent contractor. The final draft of the contract will be placed on the next agenda for approval by Council.

Councilmember Pegram let Council know that a review of the survey questions from Greenbush will be added to the next agenda.

Councilmember Robinson requested that a discussion about allowing Golf Carts to be driven in town to be added to the next agenda as well.

The City of Silver Lake Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Saturday December 3, 2022. There will be Food Trucks from 2:30-6 PM, Carriage rides and pictures with Santa from 3-5 PM and hot cocoa served from 4-5 PM. The Silver Lake High School Select Choir will perform at 5 PM and the Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Smith presented an email from Unified School District 372 Superintendent Brad Womack inviting Council to a meeting to be held on November 30, 2022. Mayor Smith cautioned Council to not have a quorum of Councilmembers at the meeting. Mayor Smith discussed purchasing City Logo items for staff. Council agreed that the Logo items should be purchased. Discussion was held on who would supervise cleaning staff until a new Public Works Superintendent is hired. Councilmember Fisher agreed to be the temporary supervisor. The Staff Holiday Party scheduled for December 19, 2022 after the Council Meeting was discussed. It was decided that Council, Staff and Spouses would be invited. City Clerk Steckel will bring a sign-up sheet to the next meeting and will look into local catering options.

Mayor Smith requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion that Council (along with Mayor Smith and Attorney Luckman) recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and reconvene the meeting at 6:40 PM in the conference room at City Hall located at 218 West Railroad in Silver Lake, Kansas. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion and it was placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote:  AYE:  Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Regular session reconvened at 6:40 PM.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion that Council (along with Mayor Smith) recess into executive session for thirty (30) minutes, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and reconvene the meeting at 7:10 PM in the conference room at City Hall located at 218 West Railroad in Silver Lake, Kansas. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion and it was placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote:  AYE:  Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Regular session reconvened at 7:10 PM.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion that Council (along with Mayor Smith) recess into executive session for twenty (20) minutes, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and reconvene the meeting at 7:30 PM in the conference room at City Hall located at 218 West Railroad in Silver Lake, Kansas. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion and it was placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote:  AYE:  Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Regular session reconvened at 7:30 PM.

Councilmember Fisher made a motion that Council (along with Mayor Smith) recess into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, and reconvene the meeting at 7:45 PM in the conference room at City Hall located at 218 West Railroad in Silver Lake, Kansas. Councilmember Pegram seconded the motion and it was placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote:  AYE:  Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, motion carried.

Regular session reconvened at 7:45 PM.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk