**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 8, 2025**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on January 8, 2025, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Jonah Bishop conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (4) absent: Jake Fisher (1). Also present was Police Chief Doug Ashcraft, Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, City Clerk Marie Beam and Assistant Clerk Sarah Glenn.

During public comments Mayor Jonah Bishop thanked the Public Works Department and the community members that worked so hard to help with snow removal after the recent blizzard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Blubaugh to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

The monthly financial report was presented by Councilmember Bryant.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $8,448.45 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Wade and seconded by Councilmember Hamilton that said Appropriation Ordinance be accepted as read and passed by a roll call vote of Aye: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (4) Nay: (0). The Ordinance was declared passed and numbered 2623.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to move business item number 6. Insurance Renewal Discussion to business item number 1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and passed with all ayes.

Mayor Bishop discussed putting insurance out to bid, however due to current claims requested Council approval to do so. Councilmember Wade made a motion to postpone bidding insurance until all current claims are concluded. Councilmember Blubaugh seconded the motion. During discussion, the City’s Insurance Agent, John Kabus, let Council know that Kansas Insurance has all four of the major insurances that cover municipalities and they could request bids when the City is ready. Kansas Insurance is the only agency in Kansas that provides the City’s current insurance; Provident. The vote was: Councilmember Wade and Councilmember Blubaugh (2) Aye and Councilmember Bryant and Councilmember Hamilton (2) Nay. Due to the tie vote Mayor Bishop voted Aye and the motion carried to postpone putting insurance out to bid. Council decided to discuss the issue further at the next Council meeting when Attorney Luckman will be present.

Clerk Beam presented the Fourth Quarter and 2024 Financial Statements.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to renew the League of Municipalities Membership for 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and passed with all ayes. Councilmember Blubaugh requested to cancel his subscription to the Kansas Government Journal because he would prefer to look at it online.

Mayor Bishop stated that he would like to donate his salary back to the City to be used to purchase citizenship awards. Councilmember Hamilton asked that his salary be donated to park improvement. Council agreed with both requests.

A motion was made by Councilmember Blubaugh to adopt Resolution 2025-01 to transfer $75,000.00 from the General Operating Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hamilton to adopt Resolution 2025-02 to transfer $30,000.00 from the Waterworks Fund into the Utility Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

Police Chief Ashcraft presented a bid from Turn-Key Mobile to do a required update to the Mobile Data Terminals in the police vehicles. Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve the expense not to exceed $15,476.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blubaugh and carried with all ayes. Chief Ashcraft then requested to purchase prisoner partitions for two police vehicles due to safety issues. Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed $2,988.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and the motion carried.

Superintendent Deiter discussed the need to purchase replacement generators for Pump Station # 3 and for City Hall. Council requested more information regarding the purchase including warranty, life span and additional quotes. The request will be added to the next Council Meeting Agenda. Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve Superintendent Deiter’s request to purchase an additional 8.5 tons of salt not to exceed $1,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and the motion carried. Superintendent Deiter then presented the monthly Public Works Report.

Police Chief Ashcraft presented the Police Report. Ashcraft requested approval for Captain Ed Nelson to attend training. Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve the training not to exceed $550.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and the motion passed with all ayes.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk