**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, January 20, 2025**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on January 20, 2025, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Jonah Bishop conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (5) absent: (0). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Police Chief Doug Ashcraft, City Clerk Marie Beam and Assistant Clerk Sarah Glenn.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $33,133.26 were submitted to Council for appropriation. Clerk Beam made a note of an emergency expenditure approved by Mayor Bishop of $1,920.00 for generator repairs. A motion was made by Councilmember Wade and seconded by Councilmember Fisher that said Appropriation Ordinance be accepted as read and passed by a roll call vote of Aye: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (5) Nay: (0). The Ordinance was declared passed and numbered 2624.

Mayor Bishop made a request to have an executive session added to the agenda. Councilmember Wade made the motion which was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and passed with all ayes.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve a liquor license renewal for local restaurant, La Victoria. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and passed with all ayes.

The Insurance Renewal discussion from the previous meeting was reviewed with Attorney Luckman present. With no motion to bid out insurance in 2025 Council moved to the next business item.

Police Chief Ashcraft presented bids to get decals for the new police vehicle. He also asked for Council’s input of the color of the badge decal. Council as well as Chief Ashcraft preferred the gold logo. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to accept a bid from Knox Signs and Graphics not to exceed $1,100.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

Councilmember Wade made a motion that the City Council (along with Mayor Bishop, City Attorney Luckman and the City Clerks) recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exemption K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) specifically regarding employee performance. The open meeting will resume at City Hall at 5:55 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

The public meeting reconvened at 5:55 PM.

Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to approve a raise of $2,200.00 annually for Public Works Superintendent Deiter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and the motion carried.

Chief Ashcraft thanked the Public Works Department for their help with the flooding inside the old police building due to a waterline break.

Councilmember Blubaugh reported that the City will not be able to access any emergency funds regarding the recent blizzard.

Councilmember Hamilton requested an update of the state of the generator for pump station #3. Mayor Bishop let Hamilton know that he is meeting the Public Works Department as well as High Plains Power Systems to discuss repairing the generator instead of replacement.

Councilmember Wade asked for Council’s thoughts on a mutual aid agreement with other small towns for non-police matters. Attorney Luckman recommended the City maintain unofficial mutual aid agreements versus written agreements. Mayor Bishop discussed an agreement with the school as well as all the great citizens that came together to help clean up after the recent blizzard.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 PM. Councilmember Bryant seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk