**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on February 3, 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, Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, City Clerk Marie Beam and Assistant Clerk Sarah Glenn.

During public comments local resident Ed Kohake was present to express his dissatisfaction with the snow removal from the recent blizzard. He specifically mentioned the sidewalk along Highway 24 as well as his mailbox being blocked by the pushed snow. He was concerned that if someone was injured due to walking on the snow and ice the City could be sued. He further stated, if it was turned in to the City’s insurance, the City’s insurance premium would be increased and in turn taxes would increase.

During public comments Wayne Kellner representing the Silver Lake Lions Club was present to request the free use of the Community Center to host a Legislative forum including Senator Titus and Representative McNorton. The forum would be held on Saturday March 1, 2025 beginning at 10AM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Blubaugh to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2025 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

The monthly financial report was presented by Councilmember Bryant.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $5,965.38 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Blubaugh and seconded by Councilmember Wade 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 2625.

Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance for the Public Works Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (5). NAY: None. With no further discussion, the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2626.

Council reviewed the third amendment to the Verizon Antenna Site Lease. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve the amendment. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Councilmember Wade made a motion to accept a farm lease agreement with the correction of dates. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blubaugh and carried with all ayes.

Chief Ashcraft presented quotes to have equipment installed in the new patrol vehicle. Councilmember Wade made a motion to proceed with the quote from Underdog Diesel for the installation not to exceed $1,300.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and the motion passed.

Superintendent Deiter presented quotes to replace the malfunctioning garage door openers at the Community Center. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to proceed with the lower quote of $1,080.00 from Mark’s Overhead Door Service. Councilmember Wade seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent Deiter made a training request. Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve the 3-day training for Deiter and Public Works Assistant Kirk not to exceed $1,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blubaugh and the motion carried with all ayes.

Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve the free use of the Community Center requested by the Silver Lake Lions Club in public comments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried. Attorney Luckman advised that Councilmembers should attend the forum to discuss House Bill 2088 with their representatives.

Chief Ashcraft presented a sole source bid to replace the radar system damaged in the recent flooding of the police storage building for $2,995.00. The cost of the replacement will be submitted to insurance. Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and the motion passed.

Superintendent Deiter discussed the process of getting quotes to turn in for the insurance claim on the police storage building during the Public Works Report. Chief Ashcraft informed Council that he would prefer the building to be converted to a two-car garage instead of a one-car garage with storage. The option will be discussed further.

Chief Ashcraft presented the monthly police report. He also made a training request for Police Admin Shelbi Scarbrough. Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to approve the training not to exceed $250.00. Councilmember Wade seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chief Ashcraft then requested to attend the Chief of Police Conference and Training in April. Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve the training not to exceed $700.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Clerk Beam requested Council’s opinion on a recent quote received for added security cameras on City buildings. Council requested more information at a future meeting.

Attorney Luckman clarified to Council that the City would not be responsible for accidents due to the recent storm unless negligence was involved. Mr. Kohake questioned what was considered negligence. Attorney Luckman gave an example of a neglected, broken downspout that created an ice patch as negligence. The perceived quality of snow removal would not be considered negligent. Mayor Bishop assured everyone present that the City does have a responsibility to protect its citizens and the complaint would be reviewed for a response at a future Council meeting.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk