**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, March 3, 2025**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on March 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 comment Mayor Jonah Bishop addressed a recent request by a local trail committee for Council to review a trail master plan and determine the City’s involvement in the plan. Staff and City Attorney Luckman will also review the plan. Mayor Bishop advised Council that the plan will be added to the City’s website in the future, where he hopes to receive citizen feedback as well.

Wayne Kellner representing the Silver Lake Lions Club reported that the Legislative Forum, with Senator Titus and Representative McNorton held on the previous Saturday went well and he thanked Council for the use of the Community Center. The Lions plan to hold the Forum again next year.

A motion was made by Councilmember Blubaugh to approve the minutes of the February 17, 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 $39,640.79 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant 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 2628.

A request for a donation to the Silver Lake Easter Egg Hunt was presented to Council. Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to donate $275.00 and the use of City property next to the Community Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and passed with all ayes.

Council Reviewed three bids to repair the bulk water line at the old Police Department. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to accept the bid from Lower Plumbing Heating & Air, Inc for $8610.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and the motion carried.

Superintendent Deiter presented the monthly Public Works report. He also discussed the raw sewage smell from last week due to lagoon turnover caused by the warmer weather. This was a separate event from the gas smell that occurred 2 months ago. Mayor Bishop reminded citizens that the City does not have any equipment to detect a gas leak and they should contact Kansas Gas if there is a rotten egg smell.

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 $600.00. Councilmember Wade seconded the motion and the motion carried. Chief Ashcraft reported a small gas leak at the Police Department that was repaired by Kansas Gas the previous week.

Councilmember Bryant asked if the Public Works Department was aware of a reoccurring issue with the asphalt on Aquarius. Superintendent Dieter and Councilmember Blubaugh are looking to add Aquarius to the 2025 Street Project.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 PM. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk