REGULAR SESSION

Wednesday Evening, January 19, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday evening January 19, 2022, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Jake Fisher, Heath Robinson, Larry Ross, and Brad Bryant (via phone) Present: (4), Absent: George Lambert (1). Also present were Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

For Public Comment, local resident Katrina Shepardson was present to update council on activities of the Senior Citizens at the Community Center. She also let Council know that the seniors are looking for new members as well as volunteers to drive and deliver for Meals on Wheels.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Ross that the minutes from the last regular session on January 3, 2022 be approved as written.  The motion carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 9883.52 dollars were submitted to the Council for appropriation. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating money to pay certain claims" was introduced and read. A motion was made by Councilmember Ross 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, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (4) NAY: None. With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2517.

City Clerk Steckel presented the 2021 Annual Financial Report. Councilmember Ross made a motion to adopt the report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and carried. The report will be published in The Topeka Metro News.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to purchase a table at the Silver Lake Foundation Breakfast for 225 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and passed. Council is to let Mrs. Steckel know if they can attend.

Chief McCune presented Council with the invoice for the 2020 Durango that he was directed to reserve for purchase in 2022. Councilmember Ross made a motion to purchase the Durango for 29350.00 dollars. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion. After discussion of the replacement cycle for police vehicles the motion carried. Chief McCune was directed to advertise the retired police vehicles when the new vehicle is in place. Chief McCune will approve the sale with Council before it is finalized. Police Chief McCune has set up a Twitter account to help get out important information to the public. McCune is also planning to host a self defense class for women and girls. Chief McCune is planning to discuss a noise ordinance with Attorney Luckman. McCune explained that the current UTV stickers will be used for Micro Utility Trucks until new stickers are ordered.

City Clerk Steckel advised Council of a request from Public Works Superintendent Smith regarding concrete work. Councilmember Robinson made a motion for Smith to proceed with the concrete work for 3400.00 dollars. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion and the motion carried.

City Clerk Steckel informed Council of the 2022 Annual Kansas Rural Water Association Meeting. Mrs. Steckel presented Council with a quote from Shawnee County Solid Waste for trash service at the Community Center. Council directed City Clerk Steckel to discontinue the current contract with Waste Management and to accept the bid from Shawnee County Solid Waste. City Clerk Steckel requested to pay a 50.00 dollar deposit to the Certified Municipal Clerk Program. By paying this deposit Mrs. Steckel will be able to apply for a scholarship to attend the Spring Conference for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks valued at 600 dollars. Council directed Mrs. Steckel to pay the deposit. City Clerk Steckel requested to pay for water postage annually instead of monthly. A motion was made by Councilmember Ross and seconded by Councilmember Fisher to pay the postage annually. The motion carried. Mrs. Steckel requested to pay Saltus for the Digiticket System annually instead of monthly to receive a 4 percent discount. A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Ross to pay Saltus annually. The motion carried.

Mayor Mack Smith requested Council’s approval to nominate Councilmember Fisher to be the Water Commissioner, as well as to appoint him to the City of Silver Lake’s Housing Authority and the Shawnee County Solid Waste Committee. A motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Ross to approve the appointments. The motion carried.

Mayor Smith presented Council with a letter of resignation from Councilmember Lambert. Mayor Smith would like to thank Lambert for his service. Mayor Smith asked for possible recommendations for an appointee. Council directed Mayor Smith to inquire about the interest of a former Councilmember that ran in the most recent election. Mayor Smith will report back his findings at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The following meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2022, at 5:30 PM. Municipal Court is scheduled for February 2, 2022.

Council directed City Clerk Steckel to deposit the money received from insurance claims for the damage from recent wind storms directly into the Capital Improvement Fund. This will allow for payment to the contractors directly from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Councilmember Ross informed Mayor Smith and the rest of Council that Greg Ross has moved out of town and is resigning his position of the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Smith requested Councilmembers look for possible replacements.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk