REGULAR SESSION

Monday, May 16, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening May 16, 2022, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Public Works Superintendent Willie Smith, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

Library Director Nikki Womack was present to let Council know that the Silver Lake Pride Group has been reinstated. She requested a resolution be passed by Council in support of the program. The Silver Lake Pride Group was in charge of the Community Clean Up Day on April 23, 2022. Councilmember Ross made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2022-05. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and passed.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 64921.53 dollars were submitted for appropriation. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating Money to Pay Certain Claims" was introduced. A motion was made by Councilmember Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Pegram 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, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5). With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2528.

City Clerk Liz Steckel presented quotes and a request to purchase two laptops for use in the office. Councilmember Robinson requested more information on laptops to replace the office desktop computers instead of laptops in addition to the current computers. The request was tabled to the next meeting to allow for further research.

A Resolution authorizing the discharge of fireworks within the city limits of Silver Lake was presented to Council. Fireworks may be lawfully discharged within the city limits only between the hours of 9:00 AM and 10:00 PM on June 27, June 28, June 29, June 30, July 1, July 2 and July 5, 2022. They may also be discharged between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 Midnight on July 3 and July 4, 2022. Fireworks may also be discharged between 11:50 PM on December 31, 2022, and 12:10 AM on January 1, 2023. A motion was made by Councilmember Ross, seconded by Councilmember Pegram, and approved that Resolution 2022-04 be adopted.

Next on the agenda was a discussion about the Welcome Sign Lights. Public Works Superintendent Smith requested information and discussion be postponed to the next meeting to allow more time for research.

The final amended Viking Industrial Painting Water Tower Maintenance Contract was presented to Council for approval. Councilmember Pegram suggested the final decision on the color of the graphics on the water tower should be decided by the Silver Lake Grade Schoolers. All of Council agreed and City Clerk Steckel will send the graphics options to the Grade School. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to approve the contract. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and approved. Superintendent Smith and City Clerk Steckel are to work on notifying all the companies that have antennas on the tower to have them removed before the work begins.

Public Works Superintendent Smith presented a proposal to purchase a pump station alarm system with the City’s remaining American Rescue Plan Funds. Council requested Superintendent Smith make the request again closer to the end of the year.

Police Chief McCune told Council that the protest at the Silver Lake High School Graduation went smoothly with the help of Rossville Police Department and The Kansas Highway Patrol. Councilmember Ross and Mayor Smith complimented Chief McCune on the handling of the protest.

Public Works Superintendent Smith told Council that the sidewalk repairs that were previously approved should be completed before June 6, 2022. Public Works Superintendent Smith requested 1500 dollars to purchase rock to repair the lagoon. Councilmember Fisher made the motion to purchase the rock not to exceed 1500 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and passed.

Mayor Smith and City Clerk Steckel presented Nikki Womack with a small token of the City’s appreciation for all her hard work on coordinating the Community Clean Up Day. Many of the jobs that volunteers completed that day benefitted the City including, but not limited to, planting flowers and picking up trash.

City Clerk Steckel presented a road closure application for the 100 block of Madore for the Lake Days Street Dance on June 10, 2022. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Pegram to amend Resolution No. 2022-03 to further extend the temporary premise of Blacksmith Event Centre on June 10, 2022.

City Clerk Steckel made a request to add a flyer from the Kansas Department for Children and Families to all late letters sent out by the City. The Flyer would explain to the resident how to apply for an Emergency Water Assistance Program. Council directed Mrs. Steckel to add the flyer. City Clerk Steckel made a request on behalf of Jamie Christopher to approve a 2022 Kids Fourth of July Parade. Mrs. Steckel was directed to approve the parade. City Clerk Steckel let Council know that the 2021 Audit Presentation has been rescheduled to the June 6, 2022 Council Meeting.

City Attorney Luckman told Council that the tax exemption application for the New Police Department Building has been approved.

Councilmember Pegram thanked Superintendent Smith and City Clerk Steckel for their work to get a free energy audit done by Energy Solutions Professionals (ESP). Councilmember Pegram inquired if there was any interest in a grant opportunity presentation from Greenbush. Council agreed to view the presentation.

Councilmember Robinson read a list of Kansas Department of Transportation Grants that could be of interest to the City. Details on the grants can be found at the following website: [https://www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwksdotorg/ bureaus/burLocalProj/BLPDocuments/LPOGuide.pdf](https://www.ksdot.org/Assets/wwwksdotorg/%20bureaus/burLocalProj/BLPDocuments/LPOGuide.pdf) Councilmember Robinson also requested the staffing history of the City. He would like information starting in 1990 showing every ten years including the current staffing levels.

A request for funding made by Silver Lake Fire District #1 was discussed. It was decided to prioritize the Water Tower Maintenance Program over the Fire District request. The 2022 Street Repair Project is currently waiting on Bettis Asphalt and Construction, Inc to return signed documents. Mayor Smith read a thank-you card from the Silver Lake After Prom Committee.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The following meeting is scheduled for Monday June 20, 2022, at 5:30 PM

With no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Robinson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and approved.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk