REGULAR SESSION

Monday, June 20, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening June 20, 2022, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (4) Absent Jake Fisher (1). 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.

For public comments, local resident Melinda Field was present to thank City Clerk Steckel and her family for all their hard work on the landscaping at the Community Center. Mrs. Field also expressed her appreciation to Councilmember Bryant and Councilmember Fisher for attending the Lake Days Street Dance. Mrs. Field also thanked the Public Works Department for providing barricades for Lake Days as well as placing a temporary light on the welcome sign.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 24929.35 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, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (4). With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2530.

Kayla Blosser was present to tell Council how the Lake Days Festival went. Mrs. Blosser said that there was a great turnout with 320 to 350 residents attending the Street Dance on Friday Night. There were approximately 140 people present for Bingo and 300-400 throughout the day on Saturday. The Lake Days Committee is looking at possibly moving the celebration to the Fall for 2023. Mayor Smith thanked the Lake Days Committee for holding the event. Chief McCune let Council know the Lake Days Festival was very well run and there were no issues during the Festival. Mrs. Blosser thanked the Silver Lake Police Department and the Public Works Department for their help.

Local High School Students Lauren McCaffrey and Maddie Spreer were present to discuss their plans to hold a 2022 Silver Lake Relay for Life on August 27, 2022 at the Silver Lake High School Track. Miss McCaffrey and Miss Spreer were inspired to work with the American Cancer Society to bring the Relay for Life back to Silver Lake due to losing loved ones to cancer. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to sponsor the event at the Platinum Level with a donation of 500 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed.

City Clerk Steckel presented a contract to renew the Non-State Employer Group Insurance Plan with The State Employee Health Plan (SEHP). Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and passed.

Public Works Superintendent Smith requested to purchase rock and topsoil to repair the lagoon bank. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to purchase the rock and topsoil not to exceed 2700 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and passed. Superintendent Smith also asked for 2500 dollars to replace parts used for well maintenance. Councilmember Ross made the motion to purchase the requested parts not to exceed 2500 dollars. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion and the motion carried. Smith told Council that Brown’s Tree Service should be mulching the brush pile in the next week. His department is working on fixing potholes and have started spraying for mosquitos weekly. Superintendent Smith will be meeting with Verizon this week to discuss removing the antennas from the water tower while the tower is being painted.

Police Chief McCune requested that Officer Ashcraft be allowed to attend training in July. The cost of the class will be 149 dollars. Council directed Chief McCune to have Ashcraft attend the training.

City Clerk Liz Steckel requested to work with Chief McCune and Superintendent Smith to find possible projects to submit for the Nancy Perry Day of Caring. Council directed Mrs. Steckel to present possible projects at the next Council Meeting. Clerk Steckel presented the Neptune 360 Essentials Annual Subscription for 2155 dollars for the water meter reading software. Council member Ross made a motion to purchase the subscription not to exceed 2155 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and passed. City Clerk Steckel let Council know that the City has received the second half of the American Rescue Plan Act Payment. Mrs. Steckel asked for approval of a letter for zoning compliance for a new preschool. Council directed City Clerk Steckel to send the letter after edits by City Attorney Luckman.

Councilmember Pegram is attending a meeting on July 15, 2022 at 3:15 to discuss the City’s Mosquito Control Program. He also plans to meet with a representative of Greenbush to discuss prices. He will report his findings back to Council. Councilmember Pegram asked if a community member would be allowed to create a gravel pathway on the City’s Road Right of Way. City Attorney Luckman told Councilmember Pegram that it would not be a problem as long as the citizen realized it was in the City’s Right of Way and could be removed at any time if necessary.

Mayor Mack Smith reminded Council that 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.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2022, at 5:30 PM due to the Fourth of July Holiday. The following meeting is scheduled for Monday July 18, 2022, at 5:30 PM

With no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 PM. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and approved.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk