REGULAR SESSION

Monday, July 18, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening July 18, 2022, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant (via telephone), Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Public Works Superintendent Willie Smith, Police Officer Doug Ashcraft, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

For public comments, local resident Amber Jackson was present on behalf of the Methodist Church to request 750.00 dollars to help fund a Back to School Bash for Silver Lake students and residents. Council decided to take time to consider the request.

Local Business Owner Jeff Wooster was present to inquire about the process of updating zoning codes and nuisance codes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Robinson to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 4303.21 dollars were submitted for appropriation. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating Money to Pay Certain Claims" was introduced. 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, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson and Larry Ross (5). With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2532.

April Swartz was present to discuss the City of Silver Lake’s 2023 Budget and Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). Councilmember Robinson made a motion to notify the Shawnee County Clerk of the City of Silver Lake’s plan to exceed the RNR with a proposed mill levy of 34. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and passed. Council directed City Clerk Steckel to schedule the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing as well as the Budget Hearing on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:30 PM, at City Hall.

Councilmember Pegram reported back to Council about a discussion with the Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush (LTI) regarding a comprehensive plan for the City of Silver Lake. The information in the Comprehensive Plan would allow Council to better understand what the citizens of Silver Lake would like to see in the future. Councilmember Fisher suggested that the discussion about the Comprehensive Plan be postponed to the August 15, 2022 meeting to allow Council time for consideration.

City Clerk Steckel presented the Quarterly Financial Statement.

Public Works Utility Superintendent Smith requested to purchase diesel fuel. Councilmember Pegram made a motion to purchase the fuel not to exceed 1200 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed. Superintendent Smith told Council that the curb and gutter project on Sage Street should be completed by Friday, July 22, 2022 and is going very well.

Officer Ashcraft made a request to purchase a ballistic shield on behalf of Police Chief McCune. Councilmember Ross made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed 5000 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and passed. Officer Ashcraft reported to Council that Chief McCune had met with Silver Lake School Administration as well as Shawnee County Sherriff Hill to discuss an Emergency Preparedness Plan.

City Clerk Steckel requested approval to transfer 39331.12 dollars from the Utility Reserve Fund to the Water Fund to reimburse the cost of a generator purchased on May 2, 2022. Council directed Mrs. Steckel to make the transfer. City Clerk Steckel informed Council that Local Business Owner Ashley Bahm would like to donate two roll-off dumpsters for a Clean-up Day in the Fall. Mrs. Steckel recommended September 17, 2022, the weekend following the city-wide garage sales, for the Clean-up Day. The date was approved by Council. City Clerk Steckel requested to attend the Kansas League of Municipalities Annual Conference in Overland Park. Councilmember Ross made a motion for Mrs. Steckel to attend the conference not to exceed an expense of 400 dollars. Councilmember Pegram seconded the motion and the motion passed.

City Attorney Luckman recommended that color coding and City Limits be added to the zoning map that is in the process of being updated by City Engineer Pat Cox.

Councilmember Pegram reported about a meeting with the Shawnee County Health Department and Superintendent Smith regarding the mosquito population in Silver Lake. The number of mosquitos has decreased significantly since 2021. The Health Department will be providing the City of Silver Lake with Mosquito Dunks, which kill mosquitos in standing water, to be handed out to residents.

Councilmember Fisher reminded everyone that early voting has started.

Councilmember Robinson asked about the status of tall weeds on a local property. Superintendent Smith will discuss the matter with Attorney Luckman.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The following meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The 2023 Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing as well as the 2023 Budget Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022.

Council decided to take no further action regarding the donation request from the Methodist Church.

With no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and approved.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk