REGULAR SESSION

Thursday September 8, 2022

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Thursday evening September 8, 2022, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, and Larry Ross (4) Absent: Heath Robinson (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.

The attention of those present was called to the published notice given for the 2023 Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing. No members of the community wished to discuss the published Tax Rate. The proposed Mill Levy was decreased from the published thirty-four mills to thirty-one mills. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to close the meeting. Councilmember Pegram seconded the motion and the motion passed. A Motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to adopt Resolution 2022-07 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and was placed on final passage by a roll call vote: Brad Bryant - Aye, Jake Fisher – Aye, Steve Pegram - Aye, and Larry Ross – Aye (4) NAY: None. With no further discussion the Resolution was adopted.

The attention of all present was then called to the proposed budget for the 2023 Budget Hearing. No members of the community wished to discuss the budget. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to close the meeting. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion and the motion passed. A motion was made by Councilmember Pegram to adopt the 2023 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and was then placed on final passage by a roll call vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram and Larry Ross (4) NAY: None. With no further discussion the 2023 Budget was adopted.

Due to Attorney Luckman’s schedule restrictions, all matters needing his attention were moved to the top of the agenda. At a previous meeting a motion was passed to put a question regarding the ownership of Lions Park on the November 2022 Ballot. City Attorney Luckman discussed this motion. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to rescind The Lions Park Deed motion from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and passed.

The plan to partnership with Unified School District 372 to develop land was discussed. Council needs more information; however, all current members of Council in attendance support the idea of further development of the plan.

A nuisance complaint was presented to Council. City Attorney Luckman is to draft a letter to send to the land owner.

Councilmember Pegram requested that golf carts be added to the current UTV Ordinance. City Clerk Steckel is to draft an updated ordinance for the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Pegram also requested that the current ordinance for lawn mowing permits be reviewed. Mrs. Steckel is to forward a copy of the ordinance to Councilmember Pegram for review. City Attorney Luckman left at 5:54 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried.

Councilmember Bryant presented the monthly financial report.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 21052.45 dollars were submitted to the Council 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 Bryant that said Ordinance be accepted as read and was then placed on final passage by a roll call vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram and Larry Ross (4) NAY: None. With no further discussion the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2537.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross, seconded by Councilmember Pegram and approved to adopt Resolution 2022-08 that would waive the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year 2022. This statute relates to the generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the preparation of financial statements and reports.

Councilmember Pegram updated Council on the timeline that Learning Tree Institute at Greenbush (LTI) has set forth to complete a comprehensive plan for the City of Silver Lake.

City Clerk Steckel presented the City of Silver Lake’s new website to Council. The new website includes a calendar of events, online bill pay, a local business directory and much more. After review, Councilmember Pegram made a motion to go live with the new website as soon as possible. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion and the motion passed. The new website can be found at [www.silverlakeks.gov](http://www.silverlakeks.gov).

Police Chief McCune reported to Council that everything has been moved to the New Police Station leaving the old building vacant. Public Works Superintendent Smith requested to use the building as the Public Works Office. Council agreed to the new use of the building. Police Chief McCune presented the Monthly Police Report. Police Chief McCune thanked Public Works Assistant Bill Berndt for all of his hard work in remodeling the New Police Station. Chief McCune also reported that Mr. Ivan May has volunteered as a second crossing guard. Mr. Taylor Benteman has also been volunteering as a crossing guard. Police Chief McCune is collaborating with the Methodist Church to host a local trunk or treat and possibly a hot dog roast for Halloween.

Public Works Utility Superintendent Smith presented the Monthly Public Works Report. Superintendent Smith presented Council with a quote to repair a large pothole on Thomas Road from Approved Paving LLC for 9075 dollars. Councilmember Ross made a motion to accept the bid. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and passed. Superintendent Smith requested to purchase block heaters for the generators at City Hall and Lift Station One. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to make the purchase not to exceed 2000 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed. Public Works Utility Superintendent Smith reported that a citizen had approached him with a request to move a barricade from the end of Rice Road. Council did not take any action on this request. Superintendent Smith let Council know there have been several acts of vandalism at the Community Center and that the Police department is monitoring the situation. The painting of the water tower will begin on September 9, 2022 and should take approximately six weeks to complete.

City Clerk Steckel requested the use of the Community Center on the second Wednesday of every month on behalf of the Lake Day’s Committee. Council directed Mrs. Steckel to approve the request. City Clerk Steckel also requested the use of the Community Center on behalf of Lauren McCaffery for the Relay for Life wrap up meeting. Council directed Mrs. Steckel to approve the request. Council also directed City Clerk Steckel to set up the phone and internet service at the new Public Works Office.

Councilmember Pegram requested that the school zone on Chestnut be removed during the lunch hour. Council directed Superintendent Smith to check with the Kansas Department of Transportation and change out signs and the flashing lights accordingly.

Councilmember Fisher requested for Superintendent Smith to look at a pothole at the library in order to determine responsibility for patching said pothole, and to let the library know if it is their responsibility to fix.

Mayor Smith directed everyone’s attention to a Thank-You letter from Lauren McCaffery for the City’s donation to Relay for Life. Council directed Mayor Smith to renew the Municipal Court Software contract with Jayhawk Software.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The following meetings are scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022, at 5:30 PM and Monday, October 17, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Smith thanked staff for all their hard work on preparing the 2023 Budget and he thanked Council for reducing the Mill Levy to 31.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk