REGULAR SESSION

Monday, December 6, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening December 6, 2021, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, George Lambert (via phone), Tom Noble, 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.

Local Resident Mike Kruger was present to request a sidewalk to connect the Lakeland Subdivision to the rest of the city. Mayor Smith requested that Public Works Superintendent Smith research possible locations of a sidewalk as well as the cost of installation. Superintendent Smith suggested using asphalt millings as they would be free. Councilmember Robinson requested an estimate of the cost of using AB gravel. Superintendent Smith will bring the estimates as well as a plan to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2021 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Noble and carried.

Councilmember Bryant presented the monthly financial report.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 22732.02 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 Noble 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, George Lambert, Tom Noble, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2512.

The Planning Commission’s November 10, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed by Council. Councilmember Ross made a motion to approve the action of the Planning Commission to re-zone the discussed lots in the Lakeland Subdivision. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Three Cereal Malt Beverage applications were presented to Council. Councilmember Noble made the motion to approve the applications of Silver Lake 66, Casey’s #1196 and Wehner’s Thriftway for Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses. The Motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and carried.

Mr. Gary Ross was present to request that Micro Utility Trucks be allowed to be driven in Silver Lake City Limits. Council requested that City Attorney Luckman bring an ordinance to the next meeting for review. The discussion will be added to the agenda for December 20, 2021.

Police Chief McCune reported that a Silver Lake Police Officer suffered a personal house fire however no assistance is needed at this time. In order to alleviate nonbusiness related calls and texts Chief McCune has changed his work cell phone number to 785-260-3263. Chief McCune will be attending The Ceremonial Signing for the Shawnee County District Attorney’s Office and Local Law Enforcement’s Collaboration to Fight Human Trafficking. Chief McCune will be present at the Christmas Tree Lighting in Silver Lake on December 10, 2021. McCune has contacted the Rossville Police Department to offer to work for their officers on Saturday December 10, 2021 so that everyone can attend the funeral of fellow Officer Kerry Dick. Local citizens from Theresa Street and Beaubein Avenue have contacted the Chief regarding a neighborhood watch. Chief McCune discussed the fact that there is no specific Anti-Noise Ordinance in the Code Book of Silver Lake. City Attorney Luckman plans to bring some sample ordinances to address this issue to the next meeting. Police Chief McCune presented the Monthly Police Report.

Utility Superintendent Smith presented the Monthly Public Works Report. Superintendent Smith discussed the need to purchase five (5) more solar school lights in the future. Smith will report back to council with an estimate. He also suggested that they could be purchased with money from the Capital Improvement Fund. Superintendent Smith requested 2550 dollars to purchase a grapple attachment for the John Deere Tractor. Councilmember Ross made a motion to accept the bid to purchase the grapple. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Noble and passed. Superintendent Smith let Council know that the Mason Building, that will be the future home of the Silver Lake Police   
Department, does not currently have phone lines or internet. He requested 2000 dollars to install the needed lines. Councilmember Noble made the motion to approve the purchase not to exceed 2000 dollars to be paid at the next meeting to install phone lines and internet at the Mason Building. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

City Clerk Steckel requested to renew the City’s membership to the League of Kansas Municipalities. Councilmember Noble motioned to pay the renewal fee of 1017.29 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed. Mrs. Steckel discussed the need to have an office cell phone. Council directed City Clerk Steckel to add a cell phone to the current plan using an extra phone from the Police Department. Mrs. Steckel presented the first drafts of a city logo done by the Graphics Class at the High School. Council reviewed the drafts and made suggestions for changes. Mrs. Steckel will discuss Council’s suggestions and proposed changes with the class. City Clerk Steckel also asked Council to suggest possible volunteer opportunities for the Library’s January Reading Challenge. It was suggested that volunteers could come to council to receive a badge as well as collect recycling to receive a badge.

City Attorney Luckman discussed correspondence he received from a local business owner regarding zoning issues. The immediate violation has been abated; and the Council agreed with the Attorney’s recommendation not to proceed to court enforcement at this time. Attorney Luckman noted that many of the issues raised should be addressed both with the business owner and through the upcoming recodification of City ordinances and codes.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2021, at 5:30 PM followed immediately by the Staff Holiday Dinner. The following meetings are scheduled for Monday January 3, 2022, at 5:30 PM, and Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

Mayor Mack Smith requested a (15) minute executive session to discuss personnel issues. Councilmember Robinson made a motion that Council recess into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes and reconvene the meeting at 6:48 PM in the conference room at City Hall located at 218 West Railroad in Silver Lake, Kansas for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Noble. It was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, George Lambert, Tom Noble, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross. (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion, motion carried.

The public meeting reconvened at 6:48 PM.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ross to enter into executive session at 6:48 PM to discuss personnel matters. Regular session was scheduled to reconvene at 7:00 PM. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Noble and approved.

The public meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ross to enter into executive session at 7:00 PM to discuss personnel matters. Regular session was scheduled to reconvene at 7:10 PM. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Lambert and approved.

The public meeting reconvened at 7:10 PM.

Motion was made by Councilmember Noble to approve year-end bonuses for city employees as recommended by council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and approved. Bonuses will be paid December 15, 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Noble to approve salaries effective January 1, 2022 for city employees as recommended by Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and approved.

With no other business to come before Council, Councilmember Noble moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Motion was approved by Councilmember Ross and approved.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk