**City of Silver Lake**

**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening December 19, 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 Public Works Assistant Bill Berndt, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 15393.88 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 Fisher 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. 2548.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pegram to approve the hiring of Cary Deiter as our new Public Works Utility Superintendent, at the salary approved by Council, effective January 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried.

Assistant Clerk Beam presented options for end-of-year budget management to Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher to transfer 30000.00 dollars from the General Fund, as well as 35000.00 dollars from the Law Enforcement Fund, for a total of 65000.00 from General Operating, into the Capital Improvement Fund. Mayor Mack Smith confirmed that there were no concerns from Police Chief McCune regarding the Law Enforcement Fund transfer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher to transfer 40000.00 dollars from the Waterworks Fund, into the Utility Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to reinvest a Certificate of Deposit that matured on December 19, 2022 at Silver Lake Bank for a ten (10) month term at a rate of 3.10%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and passed. The interest earned from this CD is applied to the General Fund.

Council directed Police Chief McCune to send notifications of his intents to purchase a ballistic shield and computers in 2023, at prices provided on current bids.

Public Works Assistant Bill Berndt reported to Council on the 2-inch water main break, stating that RDR did a great job.

Part-Time Police Officer Gage Steckel gave Council his Letter of Resignation. Councilmember Ross made a motion to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and passed.

Police Chief McCune informed Council that he has begun a background check for an applicant for the Police Administrative Position.

City Clerk Steckel presented a Temporary Road Closure to Council on behalf of Casa Hernandez, for the parking spaces in front of 205 Railroad Street, from December 14, 2022 through January 5, 2023 A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher to approve the closure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and carried. Mrs. Steckel thanked the Public Works team members for helping make our downtown look outstanding.

Councilmember Fisher discussed the water main break that occurred on December 10, 2022. Fisher pointed out that a number of shut-off valves that we have did not work as they were supposed to. Fisher discussed the possibility of some strategic repairs in the upcoming year, that could utilize the Utility Reserve Fund. Councilmember Fisher also mentioned current issues that the City has with our lagoon and the possibility of hiring divers to remove a turtle guard.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 5th, 2023, at 5:30 PM. The following meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 PM. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

Liz Steckel, City Clerk