REGULAR SESSION

MONDAY EVENING December 20, 2021

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening December 20, 2021, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Tom Noble, Heath Robinson, Larry Ross, and George Lambert, Absent (0). Also present were City Attorney Todd Luckman, Public Works Utility Superintendent Willie Smith, Police Chief Marc McCune, Police Officer Doug Ashcraft, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

For Public Comment, local business owner Jeff Wooster was present to check on the status of zoning issues he previously discussed with Council. City Attorney Luckman updated him on the status. Mr. Wooster also discussed an additional possible code issue on Railroad St.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross and seconded by Councilmember Noble that the minutes from the last regular session on December 6, 2021, be approved as written.  The motion carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 16342.86 dollars were submitted to the Council for appropriation. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance appropriating money to pay certain claims" was introduced and read. Councilmember Noble informed Council that the Masons plan to repay the City for a portion of the 2021 property tax paid on the Mason Building. 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, Larry Ross, and Heath Robinson (5). NAY: None. With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2513.

Councilmember Noble made a motion to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance for city employees effective January 1, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, George Lambert, Tom Noble, Larry Ross, and Heath Robinson (5). NAY: None. With no further discussion, Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2514.

City Attorney Luckman presented a draft of a Micro Utility Vehicle Ordinance to Council. Police Chief McCune would like time to review the ordinance. It will be tabled to the next meeting.

City Clerk Steckel presented options for reinvesting the City’s Certificate of Deposit. Councilmember Noble motioned to reinvest the Certificate of Deposit in the eleven (11) month special at .25% interest rate. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Smith talked to Council about a sidewalk project requested by a community member. He estimated the cost of using AB gravel for the sidewalk at 2412 dollars. He plans to look into the cost of concrete. When he has done more research, he will bring the project back to Council for further discussion.

City Attorney Luckman presented sample noise ordinances that could be adopted by the City. Council will review the ordinances and discuss them at the next meeting.

Superintendent Smith discussed damage done to City property in a recent wind storm. He and City Clerk Steckel are working with the insurance company to assess the extent of the damage. The sand and salt shed was destroyed. There was damage to the roof of the City Shop. The door at City Hall was damaged beyond repair. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to accept a quote to replace the doors at City Hall for 2950 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed. Superintendent Smith advised Council that every water meter in town has now been updated to the new auto read meters.

City Clerk Steckel advised Council that the 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting went very well. Council directed Mrs. Steckel to work with the Silver Lake Public Library to plan the 2022 Christmas Tree Lighting for December 3, 2022 with changes to the location. The new location being the south side of HWY 24 on the south side of the new Police Station in order to address concerns expressed by Police Chief McCune regarding foot traffic crossing the highway.

Mayor Smith thanked Councilmember Noble for his service over the past 17 years.

Mayor Smith reminded Council of a resolution that allows the discharge of fireworks between the hours of 11:50 PM December 31, 2021 and 12:10 AM on January 1, 2022 to celebrate the New Year.

Mayor Smith recommended that Council appoint Tom Noble to represent the City of Silver Lake on the City of Silver Lake Fire Department’s Board of Trustees. Council agreed with the recommendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022, at 5:30 PM. The following meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 19, 2022, at 5:30 PM.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Noble moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 PM. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

Marie Beam, Assistant Clerk