**City of Silver Lake**

**Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, February 6, 2023**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening February 6, 2023, 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 City Attorney Todd Luckman, Public Works Utility Superintendent Cary Deiter, Public Works Assistant Bill Berndt, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

A motion was made by Councilmember Pegram to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Councilmember Bryant presented the monthly financial report.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 31696.25 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 Fisher 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, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross.(5) NAY: None. With no further discussion the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2554.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross, and seconded by Councilmember Pegram to accept the Farm Lease Agreement for the 2023 crop season as written. City Attorney Luckman asked for voting on the Agreement to be tabled until later in the meeting.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve a liquor license for local Mexican Restaurant, La Victoria’s. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and carried.

Councilmember Fisher made a motion to move a Certificate of Deposit that matures on February 8 , 2023 at Stockgrowers State Bank to Silver Lake Bank for an eleven (11) month term at a rate of 3.75%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and passed. The interest earned from this CD is applied to the Waterworks Fund.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter discussed the difficulty in finding a new or used work truck that is available with the supply issues at this time. City Attorney Luckman advised Council against granting a spending authority of this size without the specific truck being seen and approved by the entire Council. Deiter was advised by Council to return to them for approval when he finds a truck.

Councilmember Ross made a motion to amend his previous motion to accept the Farm Lease Agreement to note corrections made to the legal description of the property in the Farm Lease Agreement. The motion to approve the Farm Lease Agreement was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and carried.

Councilmember Ross made a motion to approve an Ordinance regulating the occupation and/or use of campers and recreational vehicles as residences and prohibiting camping in public areas within the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (4). NAY: Steve Pegram (1). With no further discussion, the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2555.

Councilmember Pegram made a motion to approve an Ordinance repealing the lawn mower permit requirement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson 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). NAY: (0). With no further discussion, the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2556.

Police Chief McCune presented the monthly Police Report. Chief McCune reported to Council on the recent cost of replacing a battery in one of the Durangos. The labor cost more than expected due to the compartment for the battery being located under the passenger seat. For future reference, Chief McCune will reevaluate the prisoner cages in the Durangos. Chief McCune requested to replace two tasers with Axon Enterprise, for 6164.00 dollars. Chief McCune stated that he was able to negotiate State of Kansas pricing for this budgeted item. Councilmember Ross made a motion to purchase the tasers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter presented the monthly Public Works Report. Public Works Assistant Berndt reported that the turtle guard removal has been rescheduled for tomorrow at 9:00 AM. Assistant Berndt also reported that repairs have been made to a storm drain pipe at Railroad and Highway-24, as well as two water meter pits in the 100 block of Hamilton Parkway.

City Clerk Steckel reported that the Strategic Planning meetings with Greenbush have been postponed and that they will be rescheduled in the near future. 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 February 6, 2023 through February 20, 2023 A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher to approve the closure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried. City Clerk Steckel presented a request for a donation from the Silver Lake Easter Egg Fund to benefit the Annual Silver Lake Easter Egg Hunt which will be held this year at the Silver Lake Grade School on March 25th at 3:00 PM. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to donate 275.00 dollars for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and carried.

Councilmember Robinson reminded Public Works Superintendent Deiter that he would like to get street projects out to bid as early as possible this year.

Councilmember Pegram relayed public concerns about an uneven sidewalk located south of Casey’s on Chestnut. Mayor Smith asked City Attorney Luckman to confirm that maintenance of that sidewalk is not the City’s responsibility.

Mayor Mack Smith reported that the City has no new information from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment regarding the status of the Wastewater and Water Operator-In-Training applications for Superintendent Deiter and Assistant Berndt.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM. The following two meetings will be Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:30 PM, and Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

Liz Steckel, City Clerk