**City of Silver Lake**

**Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, February 20, 2023**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Wednesday evening February 20, 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, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 44942.25 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 Robinson and seconded by Councilmember Ross 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. 2557.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion to reinvest a Certificate of Deposit that matures on February 22, 2023 at Stockgrowers State Bank, for a twelve (12)-month term at a rate of 3.94%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and passed. The interest earned from this CD is applied to the General Fund.

Police Chief McCune presented graphics for the new police car, to include the Silver Lake School’s Eagle Logo on the rear fenders. He also mentioned that he plans to work with the High School Graphics Class to add the Eagle Logo to the other marked police vehicle. Councilmember Ross recommended adding the Eagle to all police cars. Chief McCune reported that the Police Department has passed a recent Kansas Criminal Justice Information System technical audit.

Chief McCune reported that the City has received results of a traffic study that was conducted by Kansas Department of Transportation in response to a Citizen complaint about speeds, primarily those around the curve on the east side of town.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter informed Council that the City’s lagoon has a great deal of sludge built up, and it is likely that we will need to include plans to address this situation in future budgets.

City Clerk Steckel presented a donation request from the Silver Lake High School After-Prom Committee. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to donate 500 dollars. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

City Clerk Steckel reported to Council that 55 Silver Lake residents have expressed concerns about their increased water bills, as the 2023 Water Rates first appeared on water bills in February.

After discussion about sidewalk responsibility with City Attorney Luckman, it was decided that Public Works Superintendent Deiter will get an estimate for grinding down a problematic sidewalk as the next step in handling this situation.

Councilmember Pegram reported that the Silver Lake Education Foundation Breakfast was very nice this morning, and that Mrs. Pegram did a very nice job on her speech. Councilmember Fisher added that it was a great breakfast and turnout for the event.

Mayor Mack Smith reported that Public Works Superintendent Deiter and Public Works Assistant Berndt have both been approved for the Operator-In-Training Programs through Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) based on information on the KDHE website. The City will pay for courses in order for these employees to complete their training in Water and Wastewater with courses to be taken during work time.

Mayor Smith approved a diesel fuel expenditure in the amount of 1034.15 dollars. Mayor Smith said that Rhonda Pegram did a good job with her presentation at the breakfast this morning. He said that the meeting was very professionally conducted and he really enjoyed it.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 6 at 5:30 PM. The following meeting will be Monday March 20, 2023 at 5:30 PM. Greenbush will be here at the next meeting to review Community Survey results with Council.

Councilmember Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 PM. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion, and with nothing further to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Liz Steckel, City Clerk