**City of Silver Lake**

**Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, March 20, 2023**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening March 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, Full-Time Police Officer Doug Ashcraft, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2023 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 73030.47 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 Bryant 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. 2559.

Amber Jackson and Katie Fisher with the Silver Lake Ball Association were present to update Council on a new committee that they have formed for the purpose of continuing the services that the Ball Association provides to our community. They shared ideas for future expansion of the Association as well as current purchasing needs. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to donate 5000 dollars to the Silver Lake Ball Association. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher, Councilmember Ross abstained and Councilmember Pegram was against the donation. The motion passed 3-1-1.

Councilmember Ross made a motion to approve an Ordinance amending part-time police officer salaries, effective March 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson 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). NAY: None. With no further discussion, the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2560.

Public Works Utility Superintendent Deiter informed Council of an issue with grease build-up in the City’s pump stations. Deiter has found two possible solvent options, with varying costs. Deiter will experiment with the less expensive treatment and report back to Council on the progress.

Police Officer Doug Ashcraft reported that a new part-time police officer has been hired.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter reported that he and Assistant Berndt will be attending the Kansas Rural Water Association’s Annual Conference next week. City Attorney Luckman noted for Council and Deiter that Section 15-324 of the City Code requires grease interceptors for certain businesses.

City Clerk Steckel announced that the City’s 2022 Financial Audit is scheduled for April 7, 2023.

City Attorney Luckman requested that City Clerk Steckel collect measurements for the 2023 Street Project from Superintendent Deiter and send to him.

Councilmember Pegram thanked Superintendent Deiter for marking the sidewalks in need of grinding.

Councilmember Fisher reported that the Silver Lake Housing Authority met last Monday and that the Authority is exploring options for replacing a roof.

Councilmember Robinson recited data for Silver Lake from The League of Kansas Municipalities’ 2023 Edition of “Kansas Tax Rate & Fiscal Data.” “2022 Population, 1,337; Assessed Tangible Valuation, 11,754,704; Debt, 536,895; Total City Levy, 31.004; Total Mills Levied in City by All Units, 154.048”(P. 10). Councilmember Robinson stated that our total mills levied in the City by all units is low compared to our neighboring cities.

Mayor Mack Smith reported that David Miller has resigned from the Silver Lake Board of Zoning Appeals. Mayor Smith suggested appointing local resident Gary Musselman to this position. Councilmember Pegram made a motion to appoint Gary Musselman to the Silver Lake Board of Zoning Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Mayor Smith advised Council that he is also looking for an appointee for the Silver Lake Planning Commission.

The City’s Spring Community Clean-up is scheduled for May 13th. There is an Easter Egg Hunt on March 25th, and another on April 1st

The next two meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 3 at 5:30 PM, and Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Councilmember Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 PM. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, and with nothing further to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Liz Steckel, City Clerk