**City of Silver Lake**

**Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, June 19, 2023**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening June 19, 2023, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (3). Absent: Brad Bryant, and Jake Fisher (2). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Public Works Utility Superintendent Cary Deiter, Public Works Assistant Brad Kirk, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

Local resident, Jerry Barker of 501 Lakeland Drive, was present for public comment to request an extension to Lakeland Drive. Mr. Barker was informed that it is not in the current budget to add this to the 2023 Street Project, and City Attorney Luckman added that with proper approval he may extend the road himself.

Local resident, Jonah Bishop of 309 Gemini, was present for public comment to ask Councilmember Pegram for clarification on statements that were previously made regarding local business support for a 1% local sales tax. Councilmember Pegram stated that there are local businesses in support of the local sales tax, and that the recent community survey results reflect 79% of respondents were in favor of a local sales tax. Mr. Bishop wanted to know what the people in the county believe. He intends to run these numbers.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 15734.64 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 Robinson that said Ordinance be accepted as read and was then placed on final passage by a roll call vote: AYE: Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross.(3) NAY: None. With no further discussion the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2569.

Councilmember Pegram made a motion to approve a Salary Ordinance for the City Clerk, the Assistant Clerk and the Part-Time Police Administrative Assistant. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (3). NAY: None. With no further discussion, the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2570.

Local residents Cori Wegner and Julie McDaniel were present to request a donation for the Second Annual Silver Lake Relay for Life, which will take place on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 6 PM until midnight. A motion was made by Councilmember Pegram to donate 500 dollars towards the 2023 Relay for Life. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Robinson and carried.

Mr. Ngole presented a letter signed by several local residents, requesting Council to amend the City Code to allow chickens within City limits. Council and City Attorney Luckman discussed the possibilities and process of making this change. Council directed City Attorney Luckman to present sample Chicken Ordinances at the next meeting.

As the next step in strategic planning for the City, Council discussed developing a plan to review, implement, and enforce City Codes on a yearly basis. City Attorney Luckman suggested starting off with the easily abated nuisances, such as grass, junk in yards, and untagged cars. Silver Lake City Code, section 8-903 requires that vehicles be both operable and display a visible tag.

Police Chief McCune reported that he is currently completing end-of-fiscal-year reporting for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and the Attorney General’s office.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter introduced the new Public Works Assistant, Brad Kirk. Deiter reported that they had cut the slag on Sage Road today in preparation of the 2023 Street Project.

Deiter informed Council that there is a leaking fire hydrant on Mercury that will need to be replaced in addition to the valve next to it. Evergy will need to move a brand-new light pole that has been installed directly beside the hydrant. RDR will jet the hydrant in order to determine the depth before we order a replacement. Deiter will report to Council when there is new information.

Superintendent Deiter reported that his staff started spraying for mosquitos Wednesday night at 9 PM. Mayor Mack Smith reported positive feedback about less mosquitos the following day. Deiter said they would likely spray two evenings this week, and that they would continue once or twice a week at least until the lake dries up.

City Attorney Luckman reported that the Board of Zoning has granted a special use permit to Silver Lake Schools-Special Services (Greg Harmon) for a coffee shop, to be located at 301 E. Railroad Street.

Attorney Luckman confirmed that we had submitted our special question on sales tax to the county election office.

Mayor Mack Smith noted that a resident had approached him with questions about having bees in City limits.

Mayor Smith was invited and attended the retirement reception for Kansas Highway Patrol Colonel Herman Jones.

The Fireworks discharge times for 2023 can be found on the City’s website, **silverlakeks.gov**.

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

Councilmember Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion, and with nothing further to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Liz Steckel, City Clerk