**City of Silver Lake**

**Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on Monday evening April 1, 2024, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Jonah Bishop conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton, Larry Ross, and Kenneth Wade (5). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

Mayor Bishop addressed a concern brought up during the public comment section by Tiffany Fisher, a local resident of 205 Theresa, at the City Council meeting held on March 18, 2024. The concern was related to camping in town, and Mayor Bishop stated that there is an ordinance already in place which prohibits camping on public property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

Councilmember Bryant presented the monthly financial report.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $7,243.11 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, Michael Hamilton, Larry Ross, and Kenneth Wade. (5) NAY: None. With no further discussion the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2601.

For the Eagle Storage Beautification update, City Attorney Luckman presented a comprehensive list of changes for a special use permit in the C-2 zone. Councilmember Fisher motioned to approve the amendments, seconded by Councilmember Ross, and the motion passed. Luckman noted that the amendments are now subject to a review by the Planning Commission before final adoption by Council.

A Board of Zoning Compliance meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 5:30 PM at City Hall. The meeting will consider two fence variation recommendations and zoning compliance.

Mayor Bishop reported on the City's Liability Insurance Policy Renewal, noting that Continental Western's bid was eliminated, and EMC and Provident are under consideration. Mayor Bishop reported that Provident offers Special Cause of Loss coverage, not Broad Form Coverage, and he recommended keeping the City’s coverage with John Kabus from Provident due to his knowledge of the City and the short timeframe for consideration. Councilmember Ross motioned to approve coverage with Provident for $56,562, seconded by Councilmember Fisher, and the motion carried.

The Council discussed the utilization of the City’s ARPA Funds. Mayor Bishop proposed investing in the water system by acquiring a valve exerciser and hiring a company with a specialized truck equipped with high-pressure water hoses and suction capabilities to clean the City’s valves clogged with dirt. Councilmember Fisher motioned to allocate ARPA Funds for the purchase of the valve exerciser, not exceeding $10,000, and to contract the company with the truck for two days at a cost of $3,000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

Mayor Bishop read Police Chief Marc McCune’s Letter of Resignation. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and passed.

In regards to the Silver Lake Ball Association Donation Request, Councilmember Ross made a motion to donate $2,500. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and passed 4-1.

City Clerk Steckel presented the monthly City Hall report.

Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter presented the monthly Public Works Report.

Police Chief Marc McCune presented the monthly Police Activity Report.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion that the City Council (along with Mayor Bishop and City Attorney Luckman) recess into executive session, for 15 minutes, to discuss a non-elected personnel matter pursuant to the nonelected personnel exemption, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume at City Hall at 6:37 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried

The public meeting reconvened at 6:37 PM.

Melinda Field from 318 Lakewood Terrace raised questions during the meeting. She expressed a preference for using her son-in-law, Keenan Kruger, for the City's insurance and inquired about John Kabus's locality. Mayor Bishop clarified that Mr. Kabus is not local. Mrs. Field highlighted concerns regarding deductible comparisons and the inclusion of equipment in the insurance bids. Mayor Bishop emphasized fairness in the evaluation and expressed interest in Mr. Kruger's involvement in the future.

The next two meetings are scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024 and Monday, May 6, 2024, both at 5:30 PM.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Fisher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. Councilmember Ross seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting adjourned.

Liz Steckel, City Clerk