

**City of Silver Lake
Regular Session Minutes
Monday, December 18, 2023, 5:30 PM**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at the Silver Lake Community Center on Monday evening December 18, 2023, with Mayor Mack Smith conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Steve Pegram, Heath Robinson, and Larry Ross (5). Absent: None (0). Also present were Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, Police Chief Marc McCune, City Clerk Liz Steckel, and Assistant Clerk Marie Beam.

For Public Comment, Lori Klein, a representative from the local We Are Silver Lake Association, addressed the Council. She read a sincere thank-you message expressing gratitude to Mayor Mack Smith, Councilmember Heath Robinson, and all members of the City Council. The message commended them for their outstanding public service, exemplary leadership, and unwavering commitment to maintaining the City's infrastructure, public services, and addressing the concerns of residents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to approve the regular meeting minutes of the December 4, 2023 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pegram and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of 26202.78 dollars were submitted to the Council for appropriation. An Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating Money to Pay Certain Claims" was introduced. Councilmember Ross inquired about the salt and sand purchase made from Wehner's Thriftway. City Clerk Steckel clarified that the gift card which was used to pay the City of Topeka for the salt and sand was purchased from Wehner's Thriftway. 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. 2592.

Council was presented a recommended transfer of 30000.00 dollars from the General Fund into the Capital Improvement Fund and a transfer of 15000.00 dollars from the Water Fund to the Utility Reserve Fund. It was explained that these transfers to unbudgeted funds would enable emergency spending as soon as the funds are transferred. Additionally, leaving the funds in the current funds would contribute to potential budget authority for 2025 but would be unusable in 2024. A motion was made by Councilmember Pegram to authorize staff to transfer the recommended funds and any additional funds to close out the 2023 budget year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ross and carried.

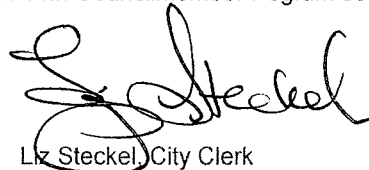
City Clerk Liz Steckel marked the occasion as a momentous one, bidding farewell to Mayor Mack Smith, who dedicated 25 years to the city. Mayor Smith's family was present, highlighting their significant role in his success. A trophy was presented in appreciation of his visionary leadership and selfless dedication. The assembly expressed gratitude, wishing Mayor Smith an extraordinary retirement filled with family joy.

During the meeting, there were heartfelt expressions of gratitude for Mayor Mack Smith. Police Chief McCune conveyed that it was an honor working with Mayor Smith, while Public Works Superintendent Deiter expressed appreciation for the Mayor's consistent support and reassurance in his role. Assistant Clerk Marie Beam extended thanks for all Mayor Smith has done, and City Attorney Luckman also acknowledged and thanked the Mayor. Councilmember Larry Ross expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve, Councilmember Pegram said thank you, and Councilmembers Jake Fisher, Heath Robinson, and Brad Bryant each took a moment to thank Mayor Smith for his dedicated 25 years of service.

Mayor Mack Smith expressed his gratitude during the meeting, thanking Councilmember Pegram for successfully completing a term. He extended appreciation to Councilmember Robinson for serving as president and for the consistent support provided. The Mayor also thanked the entire staff and community, expressing gratitude for their unwavering support and for never letting him down.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2024, at 5:30 PM at City Hall. The following meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 15, 2024, at 5:30 PM at City Hall.

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 PM. Councilmember Pegram seconded the motion and with nothing further to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned.


Liz Steckel, City Clerk