**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, August 19, 2024**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on August 19, 2024, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Jonah Bishop conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton, Pasia Hutsell and Kenneth Wade (5) absent: (0). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Police Chief Doug Ashcraft, Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, City Clerk Marie Beam and Assistant Clerk Sarah Glenn.

For Public Comment local resident Sharlee Mason was present to request streetlights damaged in recent storms be repaired for the safety of residents, especially kids walking to school. These streetlights are maintained by Evergy. The City will continue to report the outages and Chief Ashcraft will increase patrols in the area. An update will be given at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $13,824.00 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Hutsell that said Appropriation Ordinance be accepted as read and passed by a roll call vote of AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton, Pasia Hutsell and Kenneth Wade (5) NAY: (0). The Ordinance was declared passed and numbered 2613.

A motion was made by Councilmember Wade and seconded by Councilmember Bryant to allow Mayor Bishop to approve the

Consulting Contract with Steel in the Air. The motion passed with all ayes.

Councilmember Hutsell made a motion to continue using the Civicplus Emergency Notification System at the cost of $2500 per year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried with all ayes.

Councilmember Fisher made a motion to reinvest $200,666.36 in a CD with Stockgrowers State Bank for 18 months at an interest rate of 4.33%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and carried.

Councilmember Hutsell read her letter of Resignation to the Council. Mayor Bishop thanked her for her service. A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Wade to accept the letter with regrets. The motion carried. Mayor Bishop invited any interested citizen to contact him regarding the vacancy on Council.

Council directed Clerk Beam to proceed with the plan to provide dumpsters for citizen use for September 14, 2024. The dumpsters will be sponsored by Bahm Demolition as well as the City. The dumpsters will be located in Little Lake Park and will be available for dumping that Saturday morning until full. The availability of the dumpsters will coincide with a free shred event sponsored by Schwarz Financial to be held at the Community Center at 404 E Lake.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter updated Council on the Boil Advisory. He also thanked all the volunteers that helped during the emergency repair of a broken water valve on West Lake Street including Bill Berndt and Mike Vandevelde. Superintendent Deiter requested to purchase replacement water fittings. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed $3500. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and passed. Deiter then discussed a citizen complaint about parking on empty grass lots. Attorney Luckman stated that there are no current City ordinances prohibiting the parking. Mayor Bishop requested a review of the parking ordinances at the next meeting. Deiter then advised Council about a malfunctioning school zone light on Highway 24. He is going to try to repair the light, but might have to hire an electrician. Council advised him to proceed as needed.

Police Chief Ashcraft reported about the recent Back to School Bash where Mayor Bishop, Officer Nelson, Admin Scarbrough and Ashcraft served over 170 hotdogs. He also updated Council on the online auction of the Challenger that is selling on Purple Wave Auctions on August 27, 2024.

Councilmember Fisher discussed the need to replace the aging water valves around town to prevent shutting off water to the entire town for repairs in the future. Mayor Bishop reminded Council that there is $30,000 budgeted in 2024 and $30,000 budgeting in 2025 to help address the issue. Deiter informed Council that there are 64 water valves in the City System. Superintendent Deiter stated that 12 valves need to be replaced and 6 remain to be tested.

Councilmember Wade requested an update of the fire hydrant exercising program as well as the required Lead and Copper Survey. Deiter has postponed the hydrant program due to recent water line issues, however plans to have all hydrants exercised in the next three weeks. The Public Works Department has been working on the Lead and Copper Survey and they will be going door to door to complete surveys on residences in town that did not turn in a Lead and Copper Survey.

Councilmember Hamilton asked for an update on Eagle Storage’s Clean up project. Mayor Bishop reported that they are making progress towards their goals.

Attorney Luckman discussed a proposed ordinance regarding licensing for tree trimming services to try to prevent scammers from taking advantage of residents. The ordinance would include a nominal fee, and would require all companies to be registered with the City. This would allow the City to better track complaints and issues involving tree trimming services.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk