**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, June 17, 2024**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on June 17, 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) absent: (0). Also present was City Attorney Todd Luckman, Interim Police Chief Doug Ashcraft, Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, City Clerk Marie Beam & Assistant Clerk Sarah Glenn.

During Public Comment Susan Duffy, who is running for Shawnee County Treasurer, was present to introduce herself to the Mayor, City Council, and the Citizens of Silver Lake.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ross to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $11,579.45 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Ross and seconded by Councilmember Wade that said Appropriation Ordinance be accepted as read and passed by a roll call vote of AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton, Larry Ross, and Kenneth Wade (5) NAY: (0). The Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2608.

April Swartz with Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC presented the City of Silver Lake’s 2023 Audit. She reported the City has ended 2023 in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Kansas Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide (KMAAG). She then discussed a request by Mayor Bishop to review credit card purchases. She reported that there were nonbusiness-related purchases found as well as missing and misfiled receipts. She reminded Council that a thorough review of all purchases is the best policy.

Mayor Bishop recommended that Council appoint Interim Police Chief Ashcraft as the Police Chief. Councilmember Ross made the motion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and passed with all ayes.

Councilmember Wade along with Attorney Luckman gave an update on the progress with the Verizon Tower rental agreement. Hiring a consultant is being considered.

City Attorney Luckman brought the amended water leak policy for Council review. Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to accept the policy as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter requested $5000 to rent equipment to aid in digging out drainage ditches. Some hand digging has been done by the Summer Help however a lot more needs to be done. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to approve the expense not to exceed $5000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and passed.

Councilmember Ross turned in his letter of resignation effective at the end of the current meeting. He thanked the citizens of Silver Lake for letting him serve on Council. Police Chief Ashcraft presented him with a certificate thanking him for his ten years of service, nine as Police Commissioner. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to accept the resignation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

Attorney Luckman verified that the City is responsible for the maintenance of a portion of Railroad that needs repair. Public Works Superintendent Dieter will add it to the list of potholes that his crew plans to repair this summer, weather permitting.

Superintendent Deiter also discussed repairs needed for the Mosquito Fogger to be operational. He hopes to have it repaired in the next 2 weeks.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk