**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, July 1, 2024**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on July 1, 2024, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Jonah Bishop conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton, and Kenneth Wade (4) 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.

Mayor Bishop thanked all City Employees for their hard work during the recent storm and cleanup.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and carried.

The monthly financial report was presented by Councilmember Bryant.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $8,792.50 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher 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 and Kenneth Wade (4) NAY: (0). The Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2609.

Julie McDaniel was present to request a donation to the American Cancer Society for the Silver Lake Relay for Life Event. Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to approve the request in the amount of $500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and passed.

Clerk Beam presented the draft 2025 budget to help Council make a decision whether to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) or not. The draft budget had a proposed Mill Levy of 28.747, which would not exceed the RNR of 28.903. The 1% sales tax allowed for an increased infrastructure repair budget without increasing property taxes. Councilmembers discussed the different fund budgets presented. Local Business Owner Jeff Wooster interjected that no City money should be spent on Lions Park repairs. He then discussed the progress of Eagle Storage’s construction plans. After further discussion regarding the 2025 draft budget, Council took no action. The RNR decision will be added to the next agenda.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter requested a raise for his part-time Public Works Employee.

Police Chief Ashcraft asked for approval for the salary for the new police officer starting July 15, 2024. The police officer hired is retire Shawnee County Sherrif’s Officer Ed Nelson with 27 years of experience who has worked for the City of Silver Lake on a part time basis in the past.

The proposed salary ordinance for both requests was presented including a $.50 raise after the six-month probationary period for Officer Nelson. A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Wade that said Ordinance be accepted as read and passed by a roll call vote of AYE: Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (4) NAY: (0). The Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2610.

An application for a temporary event permit in the front parking lot at 323 Railroad was reviewed by Council. Due to a Highway 24 right of way issue as stated by Chief Ashcraft the permit was not approved. Clerk Beam will contact the applicant and let them know the application will need to be revised to a different location. The updated application will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter requested $4,000.00 to install a heating and air conditioning unit in the Public Works Shop. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to approve the request not to exceed $4,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and carried.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter presented the Public Works Report. Deiter then discussed the storm cleanup. He plans to rent an excavator to clean up drainage ditches. He also let Council know that he and Public Works Assistant Brad Kirk will be traveling to Eldorado for groundwater training July 17th. Deiter brought up an issue with vehicles speeding past the Public Works shop when coming into town on Lake Street. He asked Council and Chief Ashcraft to consider a speed bump to help slow the vehicles down. Deiter reported that a sidewalk along Highway 24 will be fixed sometime in the next month. Deiter is working on a list of potential improvements to Lions Park including repair on the shelter house as well as extending the pickleball courts. Superintendent Deiter is working on getting bids to replace a Generator that is not working properly at Pump Station #3. He also discussed getting an alarm system for the pump stations. Councilmember Wade asked for an update on pot hole repairs. Councilmember Fisher discussed the rescheduling of a company hired to clean valve pits and to exercise the shut off valves in town due to the severe weather. Councilmember Hamilton mentioned a speeding problem on Hamilton Parkway. The issue of speeding issues around town will be added to the next agenda.

Police Chief Ashcraft presented the Police Report. He was questioned about a warrant on the police report. He reported that one of his part time officers served the warrant. Chief Ashcraft will be assisting the PTO with the annual 4th of July parade. He thanked the Public Works Department. Mayor Bishop and Councilmember Wade for their efforts in the storm cleanup.

Officer Ashcraft requested Council direction on how to sell the Police Department’s Challenger. He stated that the badges and equipment must be removed to sell to a private party. He presented two bids to have that work done. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to approve the bid by Underdog Diesel to do the work for $700.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried. Councilmember Fisher then made a motion to sell the Challenger on Purple Wave with a reserve of $19,000.00. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Bryant made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk