**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, November 18, 2024**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on November 18, 2024, at 5:30 PM with Mayor Jonah Bishop conducting the meeting and the following Councilmembers present: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (5) absent: (0). Also present was City Attorney Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, Police Chief Doug Ashcraft, City Clerk Marie Beam and Assistant Clerk Sarah Glenn.

For Public Comment local resident Jim Jones was present regarding a place to dump brush. Mayor Bishop let Mr. Jones know that citizens could contact the Public Works Department to schedule to dump small amounts of brush at the lagoons.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hamilton to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024 meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and carried.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $66,013.39 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant and seconded by Councilmember Wade that said Appropriation Ordinance be accepted as read and passed by a roll call vote of Aye: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (5) Nay: (0). The Ordinance was declared passed and numbered 2619.

The Silver Lake After Prom Committee requested a donation for the 2025 Prom. Councilmember Bryant made a motion to donate $500.00 to after prom. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and the motion carried.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter and Councilmember Hamilton gave Council an update on park improvements. The Public Works department is planning to purchase supplies to repair the shelter house soon. The have already purchased paint and brushes for volunteers to paint pickle ball court lines. In the spring they will replace the net after the lines have been painted. Councilmember Hamilton discussed the need to purchase permanent trash cans. Superintendent Deiter discussed replacing toilets and sinks. He plans to look into stainless steel replacement options to deter vandalism. Hamilton and Deiter also discussed the need to replace mulch. They would both like to replace the mulch with rubber mulch that will last much longer than wood mulch. Mayor Bishop requested a quarterly park update in the future.

Councilmember Fisher made a motion to approve the application for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Silver Lake 66. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and the motion passed with all ayes. Councilmember Fisher made a motion to approve the application for a Cereal Malt Beverage License for Casey’s #1196. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and the motion passed with all ayes.

Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to approve the Salary Ordinance for City employees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and was then placed on final passage by a roll call of the following vote: AYE: Joe Blubaugh, Brad Bryant, Jake Fisher, Michael Hamilton and Kenneth Wade (5). NAY: None. With no further discussion, the Ordinance was declared passed and was given No. 2620.

Mayor Bishop and Superintendent Deiter presented the benefits of increasing the part-time public works position from 999 hours per year to 1664 hours per year. After discussion, Councilmember Fisher made a motion to increase the position to 32 hours per week at $19.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and the motion carried with all ayes.

Clerk Beam updated Council regarding the upcoming City event; A Small Town Christmas to be held at the Community Center on Saturday December 7th. Clerk Beam, Assistant Clerk Glenn, Police Administrative Assistant Scarbrough along with Silver Lake Community Improvement are planning the event. The event will consist of free carriage rides, pictures with Santa, a reading of *The Night Before Christmas* by Mayor Bishop, free coffee, hot chocolate and cookies and many more family-oriented activities such as making ornaments and s’mores. Current sponsors include Silver Lake Community Improvement, Schwarz Financial, Window Design and Remodeling and The City of Silver Lake. Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to help sponsor the Christmas event in the amount of $1200.00. After discussion, including Mayor Bishop stating he is not in favor of the expenditure, Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion and the motion passed with all ayes. Mayor Bishop requested to be updated on all expenditures related to the event.

Chief Ashcraft told Council about Captain Nelson handing out stickers to kids on Kindness Day. Captain Nelson also had a pizza party with the winners of the Halloween Coloring contest.

Superintendent Deiter let Council know that the scheduled culvert jetting might have to be postponed due to the weather.

Councilmember Hamilton asked for an update on the Eagle Storage Cleanup process. Mayor Bishop reported that there is visible progress. Councilmember Hamilton discussed complaints he had received regarding dumpsters on Eagle Storage property.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 PM. Councilmember Blubaugh seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk