**City of Silver Lake Regular Session Minutes**

**Monday, October 7, 2024**

The Governing Body of the City of Silver Lake met in regular session at City Hall on October 7, 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 Todd Luckman, Public Works Superintendent Cary Deiter, Police Chief Doug Ashcraft, City Clerk Marie Beam and Assistant Clerk Sarah Glenn.

For Public Comment Superintendent Deiter responded to a request from the previous Council meeting to improve the surface of the City’s property next to the Community Center to allow kids to utilize it as a soccer field. He stated that it would be difficult for the Public Works Department to fix it this year. Katie Fisher was present and inquired about the possibility of donations to help hire a company to do the work. Mayor Bishop stated that a bid could be presented to Council for review. Mike Kruger was present to give Council a copy of the “Silver Lake Trail Master Plan” along with a printed explanation of what the plan is due to the fact it caused public confusion when it was put out on social media the previous month. Ginger Robert was present to talk about the Safe Routes to School Grant that was received by the school. She also informed Council of the “Kansas Walk & Roll to School Day” that is happening on Wednesday, October 9th. Councilmember Blubaugh also thanked Ginger for all her hard work as a Silver Lake Trail Planning Committee Member.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and carried.

The monthly financial report was presented by Councilmember Bryant.

Claim vouchers in the amount of $19,518.13 were submitted to Council for appropriation. A motion was made by Councilmember Fisher and seconded by Councilmember Hamilton 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 2616.

The 2025 Council and Court dates were presented to Council for approval. Councilmember Wade made a motion to accept the dates. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and the motion passed.

At the previous meeting Council approved the reinvestment of a CD with Stockgrowers State Bank due to a rate match promise from the bank. Unfortunately, Stockgrowers State Bank was unable to match the presented rate, and the CD was moved to Silver Lake Bank when the highest rate available was offered by Silver Lake Bank. Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to ratify the movement of the CD. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fisher and passed.

Councilmember Blubaugh presented a plan to increase the City’s interest revenue by transferring $525,000.00 from the City’s Cash Account to CDs. He recommended a CD ladder, including 4 CDs that would renew at 6 months, 12 months, 18 months and 24 months, which will keep money available to the City as needed. These CDs would be invested with Silver Lake Bank, who has guaranteed the City a one-time penalty free withdrawal on each CD. In the first year this plan could potentially raise the income from interest from the current $3000/year to approximately $28,000/year. Blubaugh also recommended transferring money back and forth between the City’s Money Market Account, which earns 1% interest and the Cash Account which does not earn any interest, as needed to be determined by City Clerk Beam and reported to Council. Councilmember Wade made a motion to invest the money as stated in the plan. Councilmember Fisher seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Councilmember Fisher left at 5:52PM.

Bids were presented to Council to install ADA compliant push button doors at the Community Center. Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to accept the Omega Door bid for $5465.00 with $4678.48 to be paid from the ARPA Fund and the remainder to be paid from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hamilton and was accepted.

Superintendent Deiter presented bids for backup pumps to have in stock in case of damage to the current sewer pumps. Councilmember Blubaugh made a motion to purchase the backup pumps from Environmental & Process Systems, Inc for the price of $5,821.20 and $21,115.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wade and passed with all ayes.

The need for a street sweeper was discussed. Superintendent Deiter is to get a bid from a local street sweeper to partially sweep the town. He will have the bid for the next Council meeting.

Public Works Superintendent Deiter presented the Public Works Report. Deiter requested to purchase replacement water parts used in the water main break on Beaubein. Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve the purchase not to exceed $1700.00. Councilmember Blubaugh seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Department will also have to repair a driveway damaged in the process of fixing the break. The Public Works Department has been working on cleaning up the grounds of the shop. They removed an unmaintained flower bed at the Community Center. The Department has begun the process of improving drainage ditches. They have also been trimming trees and decorating the welcome signs.

Police Chief Ashcraft presented the Police Report. He let Council know that Sherriff Brian Hill will be leading the Homecoming Parade on Friday October 11th. Captain Nelson will be helping with the Rossville Homecoming Parade. Nelson and Police Admin Shelbi Scarbrough have begun to visit with kids at the Grade School once a month. The Police Department has purchased hotdogs to donate to the Trunk or Treat event to be held at the High School parking lot on October 26th at 4 PM where they will also be handing out candy.

Councilmember Bryant made a motion that the City Council (along with Mayor Bishop, City Attorney Luckman and City Clerk Beam) recess into executive session for 20 minutes for consultation pursuant to the Attorney-Client relationship exemption K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(2). The open meeting will resume at City Hall at 6:38 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Blubaugh and carried.

The public meeting reconvened at 6:38 PM.

Councilmember Wade made a motion to approve a request made by Terra Consulting Group, LTD to modify the Verizon Wireless Communications Antenna on the water tower at 502 Lake St. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant and passed with all ayes.

With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM. Councilmember Wade seconded the motion, and with no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Marie Beam, City Clerk