

Minutes
Silver Lake City Council
Quarterly Meeting
October 7, 2024
Silver Lake Auditorium

Mayor Bebo called the quarterly meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members present: Mayor Bruce Bebo, Councilor Josh Mason, Councilor Joanna Jacobs, Councilor Jarrett Whitney

Members absent: Councilor Sandie Adams-Bruins

Staff present: Diane Pedersen,

Others present: Michael Hauan

Motion by Councilor Mason second by Councilor Jacobs to approve the agenda. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from June 17, 2024, Regular Meeting.
2. Approve Payroll 13 and Quarter #2
3. Claims

Motion by Councilor Jacobs second by Councilor Whitney to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

New Business

1. Michael Hauan, our Regional Building Official from SAFEbuilt, introduced himself and provided YTD stats for the city.
 - a. 94 inspections with 70 (about 75%) passing with 25% having code violations. Reinspection, code review and compliance have brought the remaining up to 100% pass rate.
 - b. Total fees billed through September are \$7,158.36.
 - c. MNSPECT contract ends December 31, 2026.
2. Request for Action to approve a request by Cedar Crest asking for city support of changing the trail near Cedar Crest and the DNR floating dock from asphalt to cement as a more permanent and safer surface for bikers, walkers and people in wheelchairs.
 - a. This trail was paved by funds raised by the Lake Enhancement Organization that worked with the DNR regarding the piers, but the organization has since been disbanded and the trail, piers and benches were turned over to the city. All funds were raised by the organization, the DNR did not provide funding.
 - b. The city will not provide funds to repave the trail as no matter how the trail is paved, the tree roots will continue to cause issues. Their recommendation is that if Cedar Crest wants to raise funds to have someone come and grind the areas where the tree roots have caused issues, come to a council meeting and obtain approval to perform work on the trail.

3. MMBA Quarter 3 Report
 - a. The board met for leadership training to address issues within the association and how they can better foster relationships with member stores and mentor them to be better leaders in their facilities.
 - b. Discussed the application changes in 2025 with stores wanting to sell THC products. It is in the best interest of stores that want to sell it to do so now because the process with the state is much easier now than it will be in 2025.
 - i. Questions were raised that will be passed on to the MLS Manager for answers to be addressed at the regular October meeting.
4. Discussion held regarding the McLeod County Cannabis Ordinance.
 - a. The question asked by the county was if municipalities want to develop their own ordinance or do they want to leave it up to the county.
 - b. Tabled until October 21 regular council meeting for further discussion.

Old Business

1. Reviewed the MN Dept of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) County Profile.
2. Reviewed the 2024 pool report.
 - a. \$76,000 loss for the current year.
 - b. Review 2025 budget compared to 2024 actual
 - c. Tabled until October 21 regular council meeting for further discussion.
3. Discussed the proposed ambulance policy changes.
 - a. Combining By-Laws and Policy into just a policy as recommended by the League of MN (LMC).
 - b. Changing Active Duty language.
 - c. Clarified Sub Pool
 - i. Research the cost of the refresher course to determine if it should be paid for all members or just those who meet a minimum requirement of hours.
 - d. Changing shift length for members who live outside of the response time.
 - e. Clarification of monthly meeting and training.
 - f. Changing notification verbiage.
 - g. Adding approval of bills from By-Laws.
 - h. Updating officer pay and adding compensation rates.
 - i. Changing Holiday pay rate (will be presented as a request for action at the regular meeting).
 - j. Add Easter Sunday as a holiday.
 - k. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve holiday clarification.
 - l. Adjust verbiage as to who is responsible for approval of changes.
4. Reviewed the proposed wage scale.
 - a. October regular meeting bring 2.50% COLA rather than 3%.
5. Reviewed the proposed final budget.
 - a. Removed \$5000 EDA transfer.
 - b. Municipal Building changed from \$20,000 to \$5,000 -> ADA grant will be researched for handicap ramp.
 - c. Ambulance decreased due to decreasing the bad debt amount.
 - i. Work on managing the budget by controlling variable expenses such as utilities rather than eliminating line items.
 - ii. Public Works is completing repairs in-house when possible rather than hiring them out.
 - iii. MLS purchase in bulk, plan ahead.

6. Request for Action: Request for council approval regarding the placement of mural 1 and mural 2.
 - a. Proposed location of Mural #1 is the west side of the public work building.
 - i. The question was raised if this mural would fit somewhere in the pool. It was determined that it would not, but the measurements will be rechecked.
 - b. Proposed location of Mural #2 is the east side of the auditorium.

Open Discussion

1. Playground discussion.
 - a. Pool & Parks paid for the swing set repairs.
 - b. Will continue to research playground equipment.
 - c. Will continue to seek organizational support.
2. Conditional Use Permit discussion.

Motion by Councilor Jacobs second by Councilor Whitney to adjourn this quarterly meeting of the Silver Lake City Council. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Diane E. Pedersen, Clerk/Treasurer

Seal of the City: