

Minutes
Silver Lake City Council
Special Meeting
2:30pm, September 25, 2024
Silver Lake Auditorium

Mayor Bebo called the special meeting to order at 2:30pm

Members present: Mayor Bruce Bebo, Councilor Josh Mason, Councilor Sandie Adams-Bruins, Councilor Joanna Jacobs, Councilor Jarrett Whitney

Staff Present: Clerk Diane Pedersen

Other Present: Sam Fink, Justin Black, Brody Bratsch, Lori Moldan, Ken Janssen

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

New Business

1. Discussion regarding the current status of easement acquisitions for the infrastructure improvement project.
 - a. Affidavit of Survivorship needs to be filed by property owners whose spouse has passed away and is still listed on the property deed.
 - b. Ken and Lori to confirm ownership for easement #'s 4, 49, 80, 106, 127, & 131.
 - c. Easement #22 needs to be revised to new homeowner's name
 - d. Easement #39 Kelly Roach has multiple people that need to sign.
 - e. All of the easements where it is a married couple need to have the spousal signature, so a signature page will be sent by the attorney.
 - f. Completed easements should be taken to the county and filed as soon as possible. That way if there is a future death, sale, or divorce the easement is recorded and does not need to be redone.
 - g. Lori will provide a sample Affidavit of Survivorship.

Motion by Councilor Whitney seconded by Councilor Adams-Bruins to close the special council meeting at 3:36pm to discuss an offer to buy an easement from Ryan & Tami McDonald for the property located at 813 Main St W pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3(c). Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Closed session of the special meeting ended at 4:09pm. A discussion was held regarding 813 Main St W concerning an easement that is needed for the upcoming project. His offer was discussed, and a counteroffer will be provided to the owner.

2. Continued discussion regarding the current status of easement acquisitions for the infrastructure improvement project.
 - a. Discussion regarding city rights to streets/alleys that fall within resident's property but has been maintained/used by the city for several years giving the city access rights.
 - b. Discussion regarding eminent domain and the cost to homeowners.
 - c. Have a list of the properties that need to go through the eminent domain process by the end of October.
 - d. City Clerk to review easements turned in for married and widowed. Married couples need both signatures. Widowed would need to have an affidavit of survivorship if the deceased spouse is still listed on the property.
 - e. The question was asked if the eminent domain costs be assessed to the properties as it does directly benefit the property.

Motion by Councilor Jacobs seconded by Councilor Whitney to adjourn this special meeting of the Silver Lake City Council. Vote for: unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52p.m.