

Minutes  
Silver Lake City Council  
Quarterly Meeting  
6:30pm, October 3, 2022  
Silver Lake Auditorium

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

Members present: Mayor Bruce Bebo, Councilor Josh Winfrey, Councilor Joanna Jacobs

Members absent: Councilor Chris Penaz, Councilor Sandie Adams-Bruins

Staff present: Diane Pedersen

Others present: Karin Ramige, Amy Olson-Wehseler, Chris Sonju, Tim Langenfeld

***Motion by Winfrey second by Jacobs to approve the agenda. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from September 19, 2022, Regular Meeting
2. Approve Claims

***Motion by Jacobs second by Winfrey to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

Public Comment – None

New Business:

1. McLeod County Attorney Candidate Amy Olson-Wehseler introduced herself.
2. Chris Sonju – GSL Superintendent
  - a. Request to restrict parking on the north side of Merrill Street during school hours during the full school calendar or just during fall and spring.
  - b. Request to have a white line painted for a walking path on the north side of Merrill Street for students walking to the field of physical education class.
  - c. There are three residents on the north side of Merrill Street, one with limited parking options. Communication with residents will need to take place.
3. GSL Elementary PTO request from Jill Graczyk.
  - a. Request for the City of Silver Lake to provide a 2023 season pool pass for their fall fundraiser to be held on October 28, 2022.

***Motion by Winfrey second by Jacobs to approve the request by the PTO for the City to provide a 2023 family season pool pass for their fall fundraiser. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

- b. MMBA Director quarter 3 updates:
  - i. The board only met once during the third quarter.
    1. Election discussion: connecting with House & Senate candidates to educate them on Municipal Liquor and the value it has on cities.
    2. Discussed marijuana and what legally can be sold in Minnesota. According to MN law, On Sales can sell items that contain the legal amount of THC in it, but Off Sale cannot.

Old Business:

1. Potential solar savings review
  - a. 2017-2018 \$2,644.40
  - b. 2019 \$1,817.54
  - c. 2020 \$2,591.97
  - d. 2021 \$3,502.80
  - e. 2022 thru July \$4,333.05
    - i. Total of \$14,889.76

2. McLeod County Sheriff
  - a. Request for placement of a new antenna on the water tower for radio equipment and run a coax cable down the water tower and into the fire department for the equipment, placing the equipment where it used to be. A hold harmless agreement will be sent to the City Clerk to forward to the city attorney.
3. Budget review
  - a. Expenses
    - i. Health insurance renewal came back with a 50% increase. Council would like the city clerk to research other health care options to try and bring down the percentage of increase.
    - ii. Admin 101-41400
      1. 560 – Capital Furniture and Fixtures – new office desks for city hall.
    - iii. Municipal Bldg
      1. 520 – Capital Buildings - \$20,000 for emergency exit for city hall.
        - a. Reduce this to \$10,000
    - iv. Police 101-42100
      1. 20% increase to Sheriff’s contract
    - v. Ambulance Fund 204
      1. Wages budgeted for full staffing
      2. Contract Services is Allina and Legal fees
      3. Increased uncollectable debt
      4. Capital Other Equipment – budgeting for replacement costs for equipment and new ambulance.
    - vi. Fire Department Fund 205
      1. Budgeted for increased contributions and donations to closer match history.
  - b. Tax Levy 11.68% increase – 3.96% increase due to \$20,000 budgeted in Municipal Bldg for emergency exit in city hall. Without that \$20,000, the Total Tax Levy would be at a 7.72% increase.
  - c. Revenues
    - i. Summer Rec Revenues #101-45120-38080 46.7% decrease due to salt sales being recorded as Summer Rec Contributions/Donations #101-45120-36230.
    - ii. Swimming Lesson Fees #101-45124-34721 28.6% increase due to increased fees for 2023.

Open Discussion

1. Concern expressed regarding the width of streets when cars are parked on both sides. There are some streets where an emergency vehicle would not be able to get through if it had to.
2. Suggestion was made to have an informational meeting regarding the infrastructure project being worked on. Suggestion was made to post council agenda items on Facebook to try and reach more people.
3. Concern expressed about creating a walking path on a city street. This will be looked into.

Adjourn

***Motion by Jacobs second by Winfrey to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried***

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Diane E. Pedersen, City Clerk/Treasurer

Seal of the City