Minutes  
Silver Lake City Council  
Regular Meeting  
April 17, 2017

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

Members present: Mayor Bruce Bebo, Councilors Nolan Johnson, Brenda Fogarty, Ken Merrill and Josh Mason

Others present: Kerry Venier, Clerk/Treasurer; RJ Cripps, Police Chief; Chad Dahlman and Justin McGraw, CDS; Kandis Hanson, MNSPECT; Ray Bandas, KC’s; Giles Blazinski; Larry Lhotka; Clarence Mikolichek; Harvey Mikolichek; Joe Kaczmarek; Rick Steile

*A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the agenda.  
Vote for: Unanimous  
Motion carried.*

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of the April 3, 2017 regular meeting.
2. Approve payroll #7, 8, Mar Amb and Qtr 1.
3. Claims to be paid: $59,999.02 (4/12/17)

*A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Fogarty to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Vote for: Unanimous  
Motion carried.*

Old Business:

1. Councilors discussed progress on the plans for the demolition of buildings on Main St. Mark Ostlund, City Attorney informed Councilors about negotiations that he had with Sumter Mutual Insurance and Mayor Bebo regarding their properties that are connected to the buildings that need to be demolished. Mr. Ostlund presented a resolution that would direct him to start the condemnation process for the property at 129 Main St W.; he explained that the process would be to file paperwork with the Courts and he would present the Court with an agreed-on amount of $17,500. Mr. Ostlund said the Court can choose to settle for that amount or direct that an appraisal be completed to ensure that the amount is of fair value.  
   Mr. Harvey Mikolichek and Clarence Mikolichek addressed the Council and expressed concern that the City is paying too much to purchase properties that are of no value to the City. Mr. Mikolichek told Councilors he felt that the owners of the properties should agree to allow the City to demolish their buildings at no cost and they can keep their land they also expressed frustration that the City is offering to purchase the other properties at all.   
   Clerk Venier reminded members that the City did not initiate these actions but it was the result of negligence on the part of the former owners and it was the result of the City enforcement efforts to bring the buildings in compliance with City Code. Venier also informed Councilors that the City had asked if the owners would allow the City to demolish all for buildings with no purchase of the properties but the proposal was not acceptable to both parties. Attorney Ostlund and Clerk Venier suggested that the City hire an independent appraiser to appraise the property owned by Sumter Mutual to determine a non-biased value for the property.  
     
   *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Mason to approve Resolution 17-07\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Abstain: Mayor Bebo  
   Motion carried.  
     
   A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Merrill to permit the City Attorney to order an appraisal for 129 Main St W, if necessary.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Abstain: Mayor Bebo  
   Motion carried.  
     
   A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty to direct the City Attorney to order an appraisal for the property located at 119 Main St W (Sumter Mutual Ins.).  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Abstain: Mayor Bebo  
   Motion carried.*

New Business:

1. Councilors opened sealed bids for the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car.  
   \* Paul Volness $1,001.00  
   \* Roy’s Equipment $1,667.00  
   \* James Pavlesh $1,500.00   
   *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Fogarty to reject all bids.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Motion carried.  
   A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria again in the Hutchinson Leader and Herald Journal.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Motion carried.*
2. Justin McGraw and Chad Dahlman of CDS presented the annual audit and financial statements for 2016.

Department Business:

1. Community Development: Councilor Mason reported that the planning commission met but only two members were present and City Arborist Connie Kratzke will host a Earth Day Tree Talk on April 22nd at Cedar Crest.
2. Public Works: Councilor Fogarty reported the following:
   1. McLeod County GIS department will be training staff to gather mapping data on City water system.
   2. Requested hiring PT Maint. 1 personnel to help with mowing on City properties.
   3. Working on scheduling safety training for seasonal staff.
   4. Request to replace John Deere mower through L&P as we have done in the past. Cost will be the budgeted $1,600 for trade in and new mower.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Fogarty to approve the trade in of the City mower and purchase of a new John Deere Mower at a price of $1,600 through L&P Supply.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
3. Municipal Liquor Store: Councilor Merrill reviewed the following:
   1. The Liquor Store reported a loss of $6,724 for the month of march, which was due to three pay periods and $4,500 in audit fees being applied to the MLS.
   2. Reported that the MLS Manager will be reviewing the impact of opening on Sundays and report next month on his recommendation.
   3. Request to hold an outdoor live music event on May 20th in the parking lot.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve a live music event on 5/20 at the Silver Lake Liquor Store.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   4. Presented the following reviews:
      1. *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Fogarty to approve the annual review with no increase and a probationary review in 30 days for Kayla Shaul.  
         Vote for: Unanimous  
         Motion carried.*
      2. *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the annual review with step increase for Faye Duffy.  
         Vote for: Unanimous  
         Motion carried.*
      3. *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the annual review with step increase for Matt Kaczmarek.  
         Vote for: Unanimous  
         Motion carried.*
      4. *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Fogarty to approve the annual review with step increase for Corrine Johnson.  
         Vote for: Unanimous  
         Abstain: Councilor Johnson  
         Motion carried.*
      5. *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the annual review with step increase for Nolan Johnson.  
         Vote for: Unanimous  
         Abstain: Councilor Johnson  
         Motion carried.*
   5. Reviewed new proposed policies and rates for auditorium rental.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the new policies and rates for renting the Silver Lake Auditorium.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   6. Reviewed a request to transfer profits from the bar sales at the Silver Lake Fire Relief dance being held on April 22nd to the fire fund.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Merrill to approve the donation of profits from the bar sales at the auditorium event on April 22nd to the Fire Fund.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
4. Public Safety: Councilor Johnson and Chief Cripps presented the following:
   1. Presented annual review for Kyle Jorgenson and recommended approval.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the annual review and step increase for Kyle Jorgenson.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   2. Reported on blight issues being addressed by staff.
   3. Announced the bike rodeo will be held on Friday 5/19 at Lakeside School.
   4. Reported on arrests for the month.
5. Administration: Clerk Venier reviewed the following:
   1. Presented March Treasurer’s report.
   2. Reviewed information from the County Auditor regarding lost tax revenue based on Centerpoint Energy’s tax court ruling.
   3. Presented an application for one day gambling license for the Silver Lake Pool & Parks Organization on Aug. 6th.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Fogarty to approve the one day gambling license for the Silver Lake Pool & Parks Organization on Aug. 6, 2017.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   4. Reviewed a request from 104 Frank St NW for an extionson to pay a delinquent water bill.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Fogarty to grant an extension for payment until May 1st.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*

Open Discussion:

1. Clerk Venier requested permission to approve the preparation to prepare specifications for bids on the Demo of properties on Main St.  
*A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the preparation of bidding specifications for demolition work on Main St.  
Vote for: Unanimous  
Motion carried.*

2. Discussed sidewalk repairs from 2016 and along Main St. Public Works staff will be asked about the progress on these.

3. Discussed concerns on one way street near Lakeside School. Matter will be reviewed with Police Staff.

*A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to adjourn this regular meeting of the Silver Lake City Council.  
Vote for: Unanimous  
Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:51 pm.*

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Kerry Venier, Clerk/Treasurer