Minutes  
Silver Lake City Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 20, 2017

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

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

Others present: Kerry Venier, Clerk/Treasurer; Dale Kosek, PW Supervisor; RJ Cripps, Police Chief; Lee Ortloff, People Services; Mark Ostlund, Asst. City Attorney; David Watts; US Solar; Jessica Lee, John Vasek, (spouse)

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from February 21st regular meeting.
2. Approve payroll #5,6 & Feb Amb
3. Claims to be paid: $16,337.01 (3/7/17)  
    $ 40.78 (3/8/17)  
    $18,893.78 (3/16/17)

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

Old Business:

1. Councilors reviewed the progress of negotiating the purchase of properties along Main St for demolition with City Attorney Mark Ostlund. Clerk Venier recommended that the Council set a special closed meeting to review the results of Mark’s negotiations and develop a plan to move the process forward.   
     
   *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to set a Special Closed meeting of the Silver Lake City Council on Tuesday March 28, 2017 at 6:30 PM.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Motion carried.*

New Business:

1. Reviewed an application for a one day gambling permit for the American Legion on June 22, 2017 for prizes to be raffled off at the Robert Sopkowiak Ride.  
     
   *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve a one day gambling permit for the American Legion on June 22, 2017, pending police approval.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Motion carried.*
2. Councilors reviewed a resolution approving the premium for Workers’ Compensation Insurance with the LMCIT. Clerk Venier explained that this year’s premium was $23,730 and the budget was set for $30,180.  
     
   *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve resolution 17-06 approving Workers’ Compensation Insurance Premiums.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Motion carried.*

Department Reports:

1. Public Safety: Chief Cripps and Councilor Johnson presented the following.
   1. At the request of Chief Cripps the meeting was left open for his annual performance review. Councilors review Chief Cripps performance and rated his as meeting the expectations for the position.  
        
      *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the annual review with step increase for Chief Cripps.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   2. Chief Cripps reported that the Silver Lake Lions will sponsor the Bike Rodeo and thanked them for their support.
   3. Councilors reviewed a request to accept sealed bids for the sale of the 2011 squad car. Ads will be run and the bids will be opened at the April meeting.  
        
      *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Fogarty to advertise the sale of the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria by sealed bid until April 17th at 4pm. Bids are to be opened at the April 17th regular meeting of the City Council.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
2. MLS: Councilor Merrill reported the following:
   1. Reported that sales for the month were $42,221 and net profit was $6,030.
   2. Discussed an upcoming outdoor band event on May 20th; the event will run only until 8pm.
   3. Informed Councilors that MLS Manager Jerabek will be attending an MMBA Conference at the end of April.
   4. Discussed changing the Auditorium pricing policy to accommodate smaller events; more information will be presented in April.
3. Public Works: Councilor Fogarty and PW Supervisor Kosek reviewed the following:
   1. Councilors heard that the Storm Sewer Committee has not met but Kosek met with the City Engineer and will have options to present at the April 3 meeting.
   2. Spring sweeping has begun but the sweeper needs an estimated $2,500 in repairs. Kosek said there is enough budgeted in the General Fund for the needed repairs.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Fogarty to approve repairs to the Sweeper in an amount not to exceed $2,500.  
      Vote for: Unanimous   
      Motion carried.*
   3. Heard that the cost to reline a 6” pool pipe that services the water feature will be an estimated $7,500. Kosek informed Councilors that the Civic Assoc. has agreed to donate $5,000 toward the repairs.  
        
      *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Merrill to approve relining the pool pipe as proposed by Precision Lining & Sewer LLC. at a cost not to exceed $7,500.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   4. Councilors were informed that the south lift station will be painted and repaired; seeding and landscaping will be completed in areas where new sidewalks were replaced last season; and pothole patching will commence once hot mix becomes available.
4. Community Development: Councilor Mason reported the following:
   1. Reported on Planning Commission meeting.
   2. Councilors heard a presentation from a representative from US Solar inviting the City to subscribe to a Solar Garden they are building. Councilors asked Clerk Venier to have the City Attorney review the proposal.
   3. Reviewed proposed landscape improvements for the Auditorium. Tabled the matter and asked Clerk Venier to get costs of adding Flag poles.
5. Administration: Clerk Venier reported the following:
   1. Reviewed February Treasurer’s report.
   2. Lee Ortloff presented the report on activities in the water/waste water areas. He recommended permission to order new dialers for the lift station. Lee reported that the new dialers would cost approximately $2,871 but without the need for a landline the City would save enough to pay for the new dialers in about 2.5 years.  
        
      *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the purchase of new dialers for the three lift stations through People Services for $2,870.85.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   3. Discussed replacement of the pump panel at well #2 and reviewed a proposal from Quality Controls to replace and link the two pumps for a price of $16,980. The matter was tabled until the April 3 meeting.
   4. Reviewed a variance from MN Rule 4720.0030 regarding reducing fluoride levels in drinking water.  
        
      *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the variance request to MN Rule 4720.0030.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      motion carried.*
   5. Clerk Venier requested approval to replace a computer in City Hall for $1,370.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Mason to approve the replacement of the Deputy Clerk’s computer for a cost of $1,370 through Business Ware Solutions.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Mason to adjourn this regular meeting of the Silver Lake City Council.  
Vote for: Unanimous  
Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.*

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Kerry Venier, Clerk/Treasurer