Minutes  
Silver Lake City Council  
Regular Meeting  
January 19,2016

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

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

Others present: Kerry Venier, Clerk/Treasurer; Dale Kosek, PW Supervisor; RJ Cripps, Interim Chief; Sam Deleo, Dollar General Rep.; Karen Caldwell, Chronicle; Travis Carlson

*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 December 21, 2015 regular meeting.
2. Approve minutes of the January 4, 2016 regular meeting.
3. Approve payroll #26, 1, December Amb., and 4th Qtr.
4. Claims to be: $ 22,109.81 (12/21/15)  
    $ 5,932.04 (12/31/15)

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

Old Business:

1. Councilors discussed the information gathered at the Special Meeting regarding LE options available to the City and will continue to explore the option of contracting with the County but agreed to continue with the hiring process for a new Chief. A committee consisting of Councilor Fogarty, Councilor Johnson, Clerk Venier, and a local Chief was set up to review applications and conduct interviews after Jan. 29th and report back to the Council at the next meeting.
2. Councilors reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan funding options; Clerk Venier informed Councilors that the next step will be to set priorities for the items on the CIP.

New Business:

1. Reviewed a resolution approving moving the polling place for 2016 and all subsequent elections to the Silver Lake Auditorium at 320 Main St W.  
   *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Fogarty to approve Resolution 06-02 Moving the Polling Place to 320 Main St W.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Motion carried.*
2. Public Works Supervisor Kosek discussed a water drainage issue at 220 Main St E. Kosek reported he had been working with the owner to determine the source of the water. Councilors directed Kosek to continue working with the Owner and to direct him to divert the sump discharge to the sanitary line during the winter.
3. Clerk Venier reported that he had a request that the City sponsor a K-9 search unit but received no additional information.

Department Reports:

1. Liquor Store: Councilor Merrill reported the following:
   1. Information for the end of the year finances will be ready at the February meeting.
   2. Presented a request for use of the Auditorium for $1.00 for a group that will be hosting a benefit for Lyla Knuth on January 31st from 11AM to 2PM. The agreement would include a $75.00 cleaning fee if the Auditorium is not cleaned following the event.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the use of the Auditorium on Jan. 31st from 11am-2pm for a benefit for Lyla Knuth.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   3. Presented and recommended approval of the Annual Review for Kari Eischens a bartender. Mrs. Eischens is at the maximum pay grade and not eligible for an increase.  
       *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the annual review for Kari Eischens.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   4. Updated Councilors on planned improvements to the Facility for 2016 such as refurbish restrooms, painting and opening patio.
2. Public Safety: Fire Chief Kosek and Interim Chief Cripps reported the following:
   1. Fire Chief Kosek presented a request to purchase 3 set of bunker pants and coats to replace existing ones.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the purchase of 3-sets of turnout gear from Frontline Plus Fire & Rescue in the amount of $5,027.75.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   2. Chief Cripps reported on call activity and discussed information from the Special Meeting and reported that he would support the Council with whatever they decided to do in regards to the department. Chief Cripps also reported that he felt the City did not need 80 hours of Police coverage and recommended 65 hours as an option.
3. Public Works: Councilor Fogarty presented the following:
   1. Replaced electric heater in well pump house with more energy efficient heater.
   2. Pump repair was completed at the west end lift station.
4. Community Development: Councilor Mason reported that the Planning Commission met and held a public hearing on a variance request to reduce the parking requirements for a retail establishment from 1/100 sq. ft. to 1/243 sq. ft. for the construction of a Dollar General. Mr. Sam Deleo was present and spoke on behalf of Dollar General concerning the variance request. Mr. Deleo reported that it was their experience with hundreds of stores that anything more than 30 spots was a waste of space and un needed. Councilor Mason informed the Council that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Variance.  
     
   *A motion was made by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Resolution 16-04 approving a variance reducing the required parking spaces for a retail establishment from 1/100 sq. ft. to 1/243 (30) in order to construct a Dollar General.  
   Vote for: Unanimous  
   Motion carried.*
5. Administration: Clerk Venier reported the following:
   1. Presented a resolution pre-authorizing payments by Clerk’s warrant(s).  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Mason to approve Resolution 16-03 pre-authorizing payments by Clerk’s Warrant(s).  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   2. Presented a resolution declaring City Council members as employees of the City for worker’s compensation benefits.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Mason seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve Resolution 16-05 declaring City Council members as employees of the City.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*
   3. Presented a contract for Safety training services through Safe Assure. Clerk Venier explained that the services in the contract would range from Safety Training to Policy Development and updating as well as mock OSHA compliance inspections. The contract is prorated through August of 2016.  
      *A motion was made by Councilor Merrill seconded by Councilor Johnson to approve the Contract with Safe Assure for safety related training and services through August 2016 in the amount of $1,608.00.  
      Vote for: Unanimous  
      Motion carried.*

Open Discussion:

1. Mayor Bebo asked if the City should explore the use of Solar Gardens and also if we can continue to explore Street lighting options that may be available.
2. Councilors directed Clerk Venier to include the following on the next meeting:
   1. Costs of operating County Shed
   2. Research information on implementing a Storm Water Utility.
   3. Review plan for sidewalk improvements/repairs.
   4. Information on wage study.

*A motion was made by Councilor Johnson seconded by Councilor Mason to adjourn this regular meeting of the Silver Lake City Council.  
Vote for: Unanimous  
Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.*

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Kerry Venier, Clerk/Treasurer