

Minutes

Silver Lake City Council
Regular Quarterly Meeting
October 7, 2019

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

Members present: Mayor Dorothy Butler, Councilors Josh Winfrey, Brenda Fogarty, Chris Penaz and Nolan Johnson

Staff present: Jon Jerabek, Clerk/Treasurer; RJ Cripps, Police Chief; Ashley Ardolf-Mason, Ambulance Chief

Others present: Karin Ramige, McLeod Publishing; Faye Duffy, Travis Rohling, Eric Nelson, Janice Nelson, Ken Janssen, City Attorney

Motion by Councilor Winfrey second by Councilor Johnson to approve the agenda.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from September 5, 2019 Workshop Meeting
2. Approve minutes from September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting
3. Approve payroll #20 and Quarterly
4. Claims to be paid: \$22,613.05 (9/27/19)

Motion by Councilor Fogarty second by Councilor Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Eric and Janice Nelson addressed the Council on storm sewer issues at their residence at 112 Gehlen Drive.

Old Business

1. MLS Employee Meeting. The Council met with Travis Rohling regarding his termination of employment.

Meeting closed for employee evaluation (pursuant to MN State Statute 13D.05) at 6:51pm.

Meeting re-opened at 7:01pm.

There were no further decisions made on the termination of Travis Rohling.

2. Second Reading Ordinance 96: An Ordinance Amending Section 22.0 Subd. 51 of the Silver Lake Municipal Zoning Code Regarding Definitions. The amendment would change the definition of a motel within the City Zoning Ordinance by limiting stay to 29 days out of 60 consecutive days.

Motion by Councilor Winfrey second by Councilor Penaz to approve Ordinance 96.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

3. Plow Truck Sale Discussion. Council reviewed an ad prepared by Public Works Supervisor Dale Kosek for selling the City's old plow truck.

Motion by Councilor Penaz second by Councilor Fogarty to approve selling the plow truck through a sealed bid process with a deadline of 3pm on November 1, 2019 for bid submittal and to authorize Kosek and Councilor Winfrey to award the winning bid.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

4. Multi-Unit Housing Review. Council reviewed updates from McLeod County Public Health on status of methamphetamine clean-up at 104 Grove Ave S and building permit status for fire separation ceiling installation. Council discussed requiring post-remediation methamphetamine testing.

Motion by Councilor Winfrey second by Councilor Johnson to require post-remediation testing for methamphetamine in units 101, 103, 202, and 204 at 104 Grove Ave S.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

5. Yard Waste/Recycling. Council discussed moving forward with placing barricades near the road on the west side of the property and blocking off the east side of the property.
6. 2020 Budget Review. Council reviewed an updated budget for 2020 with a current levy increase of 4.14 percent. Health insurance premiums for 2020 increased 6.6 percent. Personnel Committee will review COLA and health insurance contributions. Council would like to see levy increase under four percent for 2020.

New Business

1. Ambulance On-Call Room Proposal. Ambulance Chief Ardolf-Mason presented an option to rent a room at Silver Lake Motel for an on-call room at a monthly rate of \$850. Council discussed other options including constructing a room in the Ambulance garage.
2. Ambulance Officer Position Request. Ambulance Chief Ardolf-Mason requested approval for continuing secretarial duties for the department as the approved secretary has not been able to perform the duties this year.

Motion by Councilor Fogarty second by Councilor Winfrey to approve Ardolf-Mason as the Ambulance Secretary for the remainder of 2020.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Mayor Butler called for a recess at 8:32pm.

Mayor Butler re-opened the meeting at 8:36pm.

3. 2020 Fee Schedule Review. Council reviewed the current fee schedule and proposed increases to water, sewer, and storm sewer rates. Increases for transient merchants, zoning applications, police department hourly rate, and ambulance mileage fees were discussed.
4. Request to set Truth in Taxation Hearing on December 16, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Motion by Councilor Fogarty second by Councilor Johnson to set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 16, 2019 at 6:30pm.

Vote for: Unanimous.

Motion carried.

5. MLS Employee Benefits. Council reviewed remaining paid leave available for MLS Manager Darrell Kaczmarek and the City's contribution toward his health insurance premium.

Motion by Councilor Fogarty second by Councilor Winfrey to approve paying the second half of City contribution toward health insurance premium for Darrell Kaczmarek in October for coverage through November 2019.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Open Discussion:

1. Councilor Johnson reviewed end of year pool operations. There were 180 participants in swimming lessons in 2019.
2. Councilor Penaz informed the Council of the wrestling event to be held at the Auditorium on December 7, 2019.

Motion by Councilor Fogarty seconded by Councilor Johnson to adjourn this regular quarterly meeting of the Silver Lake City Council.

Vote for: Unanimous

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Jon Jerabek, Clerk/Treasurer

Seal of the City:

ORDINANCE 96: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 22.0 SUBD. 51 OF THE SILVER LAKE MUNICIPAL ZONING CODE REGARDING DEFINITIONS

The City Council of the City of Silver Lake, Minnesota does hereby ordain:

Section 1. Section 22.0 Subd. 51 of the Silver Lake Municipal Zoning Code shall be amended as follows:

Subd. 51. Motel. Any building or group of buildings containing guest rooms for occupancy for use by transient guests with stay not exceeding twenty-nine (29) out of sixty (60) consecutive days. Such building or group of buildings may include quarters for the use of the operating personnel.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take force and be in effect from and after its passage and publication.

Adopted this 7th day of October 2019.

CITY OF SILVER LAKE

Seal:

By: _____
Dorothy Butler, Its Mayor

ATTEST:

By _____
Jon Jerabek, Its City Clerk