

Minutes
Silver Lake City Council
Regular Meeting
April 5, 2021
Silver Lake Auditorium

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

Members present: Mayor Bruce Bebo, Councilor Josh Winfrey, Councilor Sandie Adams-Bruins (left meeting at 7:24pm), Councilor Michelle Schneider

Members absent: Councilor Chris Penaz

Staff present: Jon Jerabek, Steve Hackbarth

Others present: Joe and Rachel Yates, Glen and Celeste Zirbes, Ken Janssen, Karin Ramige

Public Hearing to consider addition to City of Silver Lake Zoning Ordinance regarding solar energy regulations. Glen Zirbes commented on the high permit fee for the solar installations and asked if that could be reduced. Fire code inspections and out-of-use solar systems were also discussed during the hearing.

Motion by Winfrey second by Schneider to approve the agenda. Vote for: Winfrey, Schneider, Adams-Bruins, Bebo. Absent: Penaz. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from March 15, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Approve Payroll 7
3. Claims to be paid: \$33,351.28 (3/26/21)

Motion by Winfrey second by Schneider to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote for: Winfrey, Schneider, Adams-Bruins, Bebo. Absent: Penaz. Motion carried.

Public Comment

1. Clerk Jerabek read a statement from David and Heather Farrier opposing the proposed municipal campground.

Old Business

1. Private Drain Tile. Joe and Rachel Yates requested that the city to pay toward an exterior sump pump that was installed at their 217 Century Lane property. The Yates felt that due to the allowed construction of a shed at 215 Century Lane in 2005, the swale in the rear of the properties no longer allows stormwater to flow properly and creates flooding on their property. The Council expressed concerns in setting a precedent by paying toward privately owned equipment, future liabilities that could arise, and the exact cause of the flooding. The Council requested that Clerk Jerabek gather information on the inspection performed by MNSPECT for the shed and to check with the City Attorney on liability concerns.
2. Preliminary Engineering Report. A memo from SEH was reviewed regarding the status of the PER, the State Bonding Bill process, and the potential for federal infrastructure funds. The closing date for the vacant lot purchase for the future lift station site will be April 30, 2021.

3. First Reading of Ordinance 98: An Ordinance Adding Solar Energy Regulations to the Silver Lake Municipal Zoning Code. The ordinance will regulate the types, locations, and process of installation of solar energy systems within city limits. The Council will review and vote on the ordinance at the next meeting.

Councilor Adams-Bruins departed from the meeting at 7:24pm.

4. Municipal Campground. The Council discussed holding a public hearing to allow for public input after a petition was received opposing the campground and the statement by David and Heather Farrier. The Council requested that an expense and revenue budget be prepared by the City Office.
5. Main Street Lots Sale. Clerk Jerabek presented an option to sell the Main Street lots via an auction. This would limit City control on what would be developed and in what timeframe but would allow for a faster sale. The Council agreed that they would rather have more development control than selling the lots faster. *Motion by Winfrey second by Schneider to have the lots listed with a realtor under a one-year listing agreement. Vote for: Winfrey, Schneider, Bebo. Absent: Adams-Bruins, Penaz. Motion carried.*

New Business

1. 2021 Budget Progress. The expense and revenues budgets through February were examined for all city funds. The Council posed questions regarding PERA and HSA contributions year-to-date amounts.
2. Ambulance Rates. Chief Hackbarth presented a request to increase the Ambulance run rate to \$1,300 and mileage rate to \$23 per mile from current rates of \$900 per run and \$18 per mile. The original request was for \$1,896 per run and \$38 per mile. The Council also reviewed a Treat No Transport (TNT) fee option for individuals who choose not to be transported. Government provided insurance payments, the billing process, and uncollectable debts were discussed. *Motion by Winfrey second by Schneider to approve raising the Ambulance run rate to \$1,000 and the mileage fee to \$23 per mile. Vote for: Winfrey, Schneider, Bebo. Absent: Adams-Bruins, Penaz. Motion carried.* Clerk Jerabek asked for Council guidance on paying Ambulance personnel run rate pay for extra duties performed. The Council requested that Chief Hackbarth and Assistant Chief Schneider present at the next meeting how many hours per month the department would need.
3. Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management Agreement. The Council reviewed options for eleven treatments (\$4,389) or fifteen treatments (\$5,490) for 2021. In 2020, the city paid \$4,389 for 11 treatments. Hutchinson, Lester Prairie, and Winsted utilize Clarke Environmental for their mosquito management. *Motion by Winfrey second by Schneider to approve the one-year Clarke Environmental Mosquito Management agreement for eleven treatments in the amount of \$4,389. Vote for: Winfrey, Schneider, Bebo. Absent: Adams-Bruins, Penaz. Motion carried.*
4. Variance Fee Refund Request. Clerk Jerabek requested that the Council refund the variance fee application of \$150 to Brian and Tiffany Mikolichek as the Council approved to purchase the lot included in the variance. *Motion by Winfrey second by Schneider to approve the refund of \$150 to Brian and Tiffany Mikolichek. Vote for: Winfrey, Schneider, Bebo. Absent: Adams-Bruins, Penaz. Motion carried.*

Meeting closed at 7:45pm.

5. Personnel Discussion. This portion of the meeting was closed pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 for attorney-client privilege to discuss a settlement claim by a former employee. After discussion with the Council the City decided for all further discussions to be handled by the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust.

Meeting opened at 8:13pm.

Open Discussion

1. Clerk Jerabek notified the Council that he accepted a position with the City of Glencoe. Jerabek's last day will be May 7. The Council discussed advertising for the position and accepting applications until April 30.

Motion by Schneider second by Winfrey to adjourn this regular meeting of the Silver Lake City Council. Vote for: Schneider, Winfrey, Bebo. Absent: Adams-Bruins, Penaz. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.

Jon Jerabek, Clerk/Treasurer

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