

Minutes
Silver Lake City Council
Workshop Meeting
April 29, 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

City Staff present: Jon Jerabek, Clerk/Treasurer; RJ Cripps, Police Chief

Others present: Karin Ramige, McLeod Publishing; Ray Bandas

1. Municipal Liquor Store. Discussed part-time hiring, cleaning wages, bartender wages, delaying the tentative "Grand Opening" date, the option to open on/off-sale on Sundays, allowing minors during set times, and having bartenders work that are 18 years of age or older.
2. Stormwater Flooding Issues on Frank Street. The Council discussed options for alleviating flooding on Frank Street such as increasing catch basin size and increasing storm sewer line size in certain areas.
3. New Business Tax Relief Options. Discussed tax abatement and setting a standard policy for new business/buildings.
4. Mosquito Management Rain Policy. Reviewed Clarke Environmental policy for mosquito spraying during rain events. Spraying would not be conducted during rain events but could be completed before or after rainfall.
5. McLeod County Shop. Reviewed County's current proposal for City to pay \$72,000 for building and land. Discussed staying with current agreement for street cleaning and snow removal and increasing number of years in agreement. Mayor Butler meeting with County Administrator to discuss further.
6. Capital Improvement Priorities. Discussed long term projects for water tower, water treatment plant, major infrastructure and completing small projects versus one large encompassing project.
7. City Sales Tax. Discussed option of passing a sales and use tax to assist with funding capital projects and getting the opinions on topic of businesses in the City.
8. City Lots Purchase Requirements. Discussed requirements such as lender pre-approval and concise business plan for proposed building and businesses regarding the Main Street lots. Discussed options to ensure projects are completed in a timely manner.
9. Street Parking Regulations. Discussed and reviewed changes to the City's ordinance on parking regulations. A first reading will be conducted at the May 20th meeting.
10. Exercise Classes at Auditorium. Discussed allowing exercise class teachers to use the Auditorium at a discounted rate.

Open Discussion:

1. Discussed notification policy for activities that would affect residents and the lack of notification for storm sewer jetting.
2. Discussed MLS remodel questions.

3. Discussed Ambulance training costs and reimbursement issues.
4. Discussed concerns on Council quorum.
5. Discussed miscellaneous items to be cleaned in the upper level of the Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Jon Jerabek, Clerk/Treasurer

Seal of the City: