

Minutes  
Silver Lake City Council  
Quarterly Meeting  
April 1, 2024  
Silver Lake Auditorium

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

Members present: Mayor Bruce Bebo, Councilor Josh Mason, Councilor Sandie Adams-Bruins, Councilor Chris Penaz, Councilor Joanna Jacobs

Staff present: Diane Pedersen, Dale Kosek, Cory Behrandt

Others present: Joe Kaczmarek

Request to add fire department new hires to the New Business section of the agenda.

***Motion by Councilor Adams-Bruins second by Councilor Jacobs to approve the agenda. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes from March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting and SEH council meeting minutes.
2. Claims

***Motion by Councilor Jacobs second by Councilor Adams-Bruins to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

Public Comment – None

New Business

1. Joe Kaczmarek utility bill was discussed. The council agreed to waive late fees.
2. Resolution 24-12: Resolution Approving Property/Liability Insurance Premiums
  - a. 2024 budget set as \$35,000, 2024 bill in the amount of \$33,185.

***Motion by Councilor Jacobs second by Councilor Mason to approve Resolution 24-12: Resolution Approving Property/Liability Insurance Premiums in the amount of \$33,185. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

3. MMBA Quarter 1 Report
  - a. Attended the 2024 Legislative Day at the Capital on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Met with Senators and Representative to discuss the potential liquor laws that could be introduced this session.
    - i. Opposing strong beer, wine and spirits in grocery and convenience stores.
    - ii. Preserving the current format of Etabs.
    - iii. The ability for cities to participate in cannabis and hemp retail activities and how each city should decide their participation level.
    - iv. Opposing the container deposits of cans and bottles and stores becoming redemption centers.
  - b. Despite what the media portrays, 3.2 Beer is not going away and there are plenty of options currently on the market for consumers to purchase.
  - c. The board toured the Emerald Elements THC factory in Minneapolis to learn about the process it takes to make gummies and liquids for consumption. I brought information back to share with our liquor store manager and some guides to learn more about THC.
  - d. Continue to serve on the MMBA legislative committee.

4. Fire Department Request for Action: Request to hire Andrew Nelson and Joseph Neaton to be re-evaluated following a six-month probationary period.

***Motion by Councilor Jacobs second by Councilor Adams-Bruins to approve the probationary hire of Andrew Nelson as a volunteer firefighter. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

***Motion by Councilor Jacobs second by Councilor Adams-Bruins to approve the probationary hire of Joseph Neaton as a volunteer firefighter. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

#### Department Business

1. Public Works
  - a. Second reading of proposed I&I Ordinance 103
    - i. Additional changes requested. Will be presented at the April 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
  - b. Discussion held regarding PERA Phased Retirement Option (PRO) Program for Dale
  - c. Pool heater to be installed on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Pool will be cleaned and filled prior that.
2. Municipal Liquor Store
  - a. Reviewed quotes for MLS roof repairs
    - i. Forcier/Marty's Roofing
      1. MLS Manager will bring warranty information for Forcier/Marty's Roofing to the April 15<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
    - ii. Laraway Roofing
    - iii. Skyline Exteriors
3. Administration
  - a. Review of the pool handbook

***Motion by Councilor Penaz second by Councilor Adams-Bruins to approve the proposed 2024 handbook for pool staff. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

- b. City lots are set to be surveyed within the next three weeks. Survey all four lots individually.

#### Old Business

1. MN Department of Economic Development (DEED) County Profile reviewed.

#### Open Discussion

1. Pools & Parks will help pay \$500 to fix swing set.
2. Resubmitted playground grant

***Motion by Councilor Adams-Bruins second by Councilor Jacobs to adjourn this regular meeting of the Silver Lake City Council. Vote for: Unanimous. Motion carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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Diane E. Pedersen, Clerk/Treasurer

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