

Town of Silver Lake
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Silver Lake Town Hall
June 8, 2022
7:00pm

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. ROLL CALL:

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Hugh Murfin, Nichole Taylor, Jean Weller, Tonya Conley

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Jason McGlennen, Joey McNeal, John Conley

TOWN ATTORNEY

C. Austin Rovenstine

III. Guest:

Matt Sandy- Spoke to the council regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Matt informed the council that the planning started in 2019 and a committee was formed with members from different areas in the county and cities/towns. The county just reviewed all plans and adopted the County's Comprehensive Plan and reviewed the cities/towns plans, to make a recommendation to their respective boards. Silver Lake Plan was sent over and it needs adopted it will be added as a subcategory under county plan and will be used when making county decision that affects Silver Lake. A public water amendment will be done to fix an error made in the Silver Lake plan. Jean made first motion to adopt the plan, Nichole seconded and Hugh all in favor plan adopted.

Lauren Bennett with the Tree of Life Christian Academy spoke on the Education Center being held at South Pleasant Church, South of Silver Lake. Her husband Kyle Bennett stated they want to prepare children for life not just academics. It will be a faith-based school. He stated that this doesn't have anything regards to public schools. They are looking for teachers, prayer, any help that people are willing to help with. Astella Calloway spoke on why she joined the academy. The start of the academy will be around Fall of 2023, open enrollment is set for December 2022. The school will be grades K-6th to start and a grade will be added each year.

Kent Harting is the United Methodist Church Pastor and SLPD chaplain. He asked for the council's approval to hold a revival on the empty lot at SR 14 and SR 15 on June 18 from 6-8pm. There will be singing and preaching. Owner of the lot already gave approval. All Council members approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

May 11th and May 17th meeting minutes were approved with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Chicken/Rabbit Discussion

Hugh explained to those present about last meeting and a citizen asking for an ordinance to be changed to allow for chickens and rabbits. Jean wanted to know who would be responsible to enforce it and Jason said he and his department. Jean commented she thought it would open a can of worms. Nichole is on the fence about it. Tonya read some of her research on what other towns have done. Hugh tabled it until next meeting.

B. Solar Panel Fencing Quote Increase

Tonya explained that when the construction company went to order the fencing it was discovered that the price had raised. Tonya stated that she wasn't surprised and their quote was still cheaper with the increase. Jean made first motion, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, increase approved.

C. Fire Station Furnace Quotes

Elliot's Quote \$8372.00 80% AFUE, \$9588.00 95% AFUE

Collier's Quote \$15220.00 80% AFUE, \$10585.00 80% AFUE

New Inc Quote \$7750.00 92% AFUE, \$8400.00 92% AFUE (10 yr. warranty, parts)

Jean asked about the difference, Joey said there is not a difference. Jean made first motion, Nichole seconded it and Hugh all in favor to go with New Inc. \$8400.00 quote.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Seasonal Part-Time Employee

Joey had discussed with the council last year about hiring a part time seasonal employee to help mow while Chris was in the apprenticeship program. He would like the council to revisit this and allow him to hire someone. Tonya stated that she and Joey had spoken about a \$15 an hour wage that is not to exceed \$7200 for 2022. One person already filled out application and Joey would like to hire him. Nichole made first motion, Jean seconded it and Hugh all in favor to hire a seasonal employee.

B. Ordinance 06-02-22 Salary

Tonya stated that since they had approved to hire for the seasonal position a Salary Ordinance amendment needed to be adopted. Nichole made first motion and Jean seconded it, Hugh all in favor motion passed for \$15 an hour, and not to exceed \$7200 for wage of seasonal part-time employee.

C. Introduction Ordinance 06-01-22

Tonya explained that the HB 1002 was passed which removes the Utility Receipt Tax from the water rates. She informed those present that there will be a water rate reduction, and a public hearing will need to take place at the July meeting. The rate for the minimum charge of up to 2000 gallons will decrease by around \$.36. Tonya will advertise for the public hearing.

D. 2023 County/Town Election Agreement

Hugh read the County Election Board agreement out loud that would allow them to run the town election for 2023. A fee of fee of \$2500.00 will need to be budgeted for this. Nichole made first motion, Jean seconded it and Hugh all in favor, the agreement was signed by all council members.

E. Tree Removal/ Trimming Quote

Hilltop's quote for removal or trimming of town trees came in at \$7775.00. Nichole made first motion, Jean seconded it and Hugh all in favor for Hilltop to remove and trim trees around town.

VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

None

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

a.) Jason McGlennen, Marshal Dept.:

* Call history

b.) Joey McNeal, Water Dept.:

His department's items were already discussed.

c.) John Conley, Fire Dept.:

* 13 runs

* Golf outing June 26th and the department is still taking sponsor and teams can be entered.

* A bunker gear quote was introduced; half will be paid from the town and half from township. He said they still had another company that will be giving a quote, but he would like the council to give approval of up to a certain dollar amount that he is able to spend for the gear. Companies are behind in orders, so he doesn't want any more delay in the firefighters receiving their gear.

Jean made first motion to allow up to \$3700.00, Nichole seconded it, and Hugh all in favor, motion passed.

IX. CLAIM DOCKET:

\$107297.96 in claims need to be paid. Jean gave first motion to accept the docket, Nichole seconded, Hugh all in favor, motion passed.

X. LETTERS:

a.) Leak Letters- Tonya read qualifying amounts for leak letters received from Rachel Miner who qualifies for water adjustment of \$135.11 and \$16.15 sewer adjustment, Jason McGlennen who qualifies for sewer only adjustment of \$21.72, and Lauren Eicher who asked for five months' worth of adjustments and only qualifies for sewer adjustments of all months totaling \$44.17. Nichole made first motion to approve all adjustments and Jean seconded it, Hugh all in favor, motion passed.

b.) Donation request letters

-Silver Lake Lions Club (Backpack program) Jean made first motion to donate \$250, Nichole seconded it and Hugh all in favor, motion was passed for donation.

-Gospel Hill PCG (Community Summer Celebration) will have fireworks, Cruise In and vendors at the celebration asked for a donation and volunteers. The celebration is set for July 9, 2022. Jean motioned first to donate \$250, Nichole seconded it and Hugh all in favor, donation approved.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS:

a.) ARC Home Services invoice needs to be paid. Jean made first motion, Nichole seconded it, and Hugh all in favor. Tonya explained to the council that the invoice came after the docket was completed for the meeting. The council gave unanimous approval to pay the invoice.

b.) Next regular meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2022, at the Silver Lake Town Hall. A public hearing for the rate decrease in the water utility will take place at 7:00pm prior to the start of the regular meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment came at 7:46 pm with Nichole making first motion, Jean seconded and Hugh all in favor, motion carried.

HUGH MURFIN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

TONYA CONLEY, CLERK-TREASURER