

Wall Lake, Iowa

January 22, 2018

Wall Lake City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers presided by Mayor Druivenga.

Councilmen present: Germann, Schwanz, and Lahr. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Visitors: Gae Schroeder, Jody Fischer, Todd Steinkamp, Brody Steinkamp, Terry Steinkamp, Tony Stonerook and Jeff Roth.

Germann made the motion to approve the agenda with a change in the agenda order, the truck wash on Airport runway will follow the Library Board budget. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Schwanz made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2018 meeting. Lahr seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Schwanz made the motion to approve Payroll and Bills to be paid as presented. Germann seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell absent.

Discuss/Approve Library Board Budget: The library board presented to the council its budget. The Board requested a 3 percent increase to \$20,572. This is an additional \$499.00. Germann made the motion to approve the Library Board budget. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Discuss Truck Wash on Airport runway: Todd Steinkamp presented to the council his ideas for a truck wash. The Clerk informed the council that we would need to do a feasibility study and that the engineer would need to work with the DNR. There would be substantial costs to the city in order to get the project underway. Germann made the motion to approve a feasibility study and to contact Snyder & Associates to start the study. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2018-02; a resolution stating the intent to gift land to Region XII and rezone that land to residential (R-1): The resolution states that the lots will be gifted to Region XII, and the units will be tax exempt. The lots 5,6 and 7 would need to be re-zoned to residential rather than commercial. Schwanz made the motion to approve resolution 2018-02, Lahr seconded. Roll call vote: Germann;yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Discussion/Approve Natural Gas CO Program: Recently there was an incident in town where a couple suffered from Carbon Monoxide poisoning. Thankfully they were okay. The Clerk presented

to council an idea that would benefit the city as well as its residents. The city sends out natural gas awareness surveys and has little response. The Clerk suggested that we give an incentive to our customers by offering CO detectors at no cost to them for completing and turning in the survey. Schwanz made the motion to set aside \$2000 towards the cost of the detectors with the stipulation that the CO detector must be installed by a City of Wall Lake Municipal employee. Lahr seconded. Roll call vote: Germann; yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Discuss/Approve Wall Lake Investment Policy: The Clerk presented to the council some changes that need to be made in our Wall Lake Investment Policy. These are changes that the auditors would like to see in our policy. Lahr asked to have the insurance company look at the minimum premium and report back at next meeting.

Discussion/Approve Solid Waste Rates: The Clerk presented to the council information received from SCSWA regarding increasing costs for solid waste. The Clerk suggested increasing our solid waste rate between 4 ½-5 ¼ percent increase to cover our costs. Solid waste rates are a hot topic among city clerks and local communities. The Clerk would also like to know why rural customers do not have to pay an assessment like city's do. Lahr made the motion to approve the increase in solid waste rate to 5 percent. Germann seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2018-01; a resolution recommending Wall Lake's representative to NMPP Members Council: Germann made the motion to approve resolution 2018-01, Schwanz seconded. Roll call vote: Germann; yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2018-03; a resolution to open bank accounts at Bank Midwest; this amendment will cap those bank accounts at \$1 million: The Clerk needs to change a couple of names on some accounts and the Clerk will bring back to next meeting.

Discuss/Approve Wastewater Study interview of Engineers instead of RFP: The Clerk suggested to the council that we interview engineers instead of doing an RFP, the Clerk feels that the council will get more information and any questions they have will be answered by meeting face to face with the engineers.

Discuss/Approve FY2019 Budget 2nd round: The Clerk updated the solid waste costs and our ag-land tax levy on the FY2019 Budget that was presented. The Clerk spoke with the guys about the type of mower they would like and received 3 bids for that type of mower. The Clerk spoke with two different companies about a street sweeper. The Council has until the next meeting to make any changes to the budget.

Public Forum

Vehicle letter responses- The information has been turned over to Warren Bush and we are waiting for a reply.

Region XII duplex update- That was approved and is a work in progress.

Albert Schwanz is now on the Board of Directors for NWILC. Steve Druivenga has stepped down.

Adjourn

Schwanz made the motion to adjourn. Lahr seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Faber and Riedell are absent.

Attest:

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk