

Wall Lake, Iowa

January 23, 2017

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

Councilmen present: Rob Germann, Gary Faber, Francis Riedell, Albert Schwanz and Ron Lahr.

Visitors: None.

Schwanz made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Riedell. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Faber made the motion to approve the December 12, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Lahr. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Germann made the motion to approve the bills to be paid, Lahr seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. The Clerk explained the bill for 2nd Wind Exercise. We have purchase 3 refurbished treadmills for the fitness center. This bill will be paid out of the fitness center account.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CDBG HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANT

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:02 for discussion on the CDBG Housing Assistance Grant. No one from the public is present to discuss the housing grant, the Clerk and Council decided to skip ahead on the agenda and discuss the housing grant update. The Clerk informed the Council that there was not enough surveys returned to proceed. The Clerk suggested we try and re-apply for the grant in January of 2018. Schwanz made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:07. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Pool Liner Project: Faber informed council that he thinks we should get additional quotes from pool liner companies besides the one quote we have received from Renosys. We have an agreement and a contract from Renosys. Schwanz feels the quote from Renosys is a good quote. By signing the agreement we can lock in the price for the liner but are not obligated contractually meaning if we change our mind we are not out anything. Schwanz made the motion to sign the agreement, Germann seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Chris Rodman water/wastewater overtime : Schwanz requested going into closed session. Council informed Schwanz that we could not go into a closed session but the Clerk could be asked to leave while being discussed. At this time the Clerk left council chambers. After much discussion the Council decided to increase his previous raise from .50 an hour to \$1.00 an hour rather than giving a bonus. Germann made the motion to increase the Clerk's salary by \$1.00 per hour total for 2017, Riedell seconded. Roll Call vote: Germann; yes, Faber; yes, Riedell; yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Health Insurance Options: Our health insurance is going to increase by 15% on February 1st, 2017. The Clerk presented several different options available he is going to investigate further in order to offer affordable health insurance to the city employees. This topic is tabled until the clerk gets more information.

Discuss/Approve Skate Park: Evan Boger mentioned an interest in a skate boarding park at the last council meeting. The council and clerk don't have any information on size, cost, etc. The Clerk will try and get more information to the council at a future meeting. This subject is tabled for now.

Discuss/Approve Fitness Center Treadmill purchase: This topic was covered earlier while discussing the bills to be paid.

Discuss/Approve Employee Evaluations: Some of the council members did not receive the employee evaluation forms by e-mail. The Clerk will resend.

Discuss/Approve Removing Scale House: The Clerk was approached by someone wanting to tear down the scale house. The Council discussed not tearing it down for historical reasons. Riedell suggested we at least take the scale out but leave the building because the scale is too old to be certified.

Sac County Endowment Foundation Grants: The Clerk informed the council that the city received \$28,550.00 in grant money for our pool from the Sac County Endowment Foundation. The materials for the shade shelter have been ordered and as soon as those arrive construction on the shelter will begin. Schwanz made the comment that the public will be very happy about having some shade to take cover in while enjoying the pool.

Public Forum

Mayor Druivenga shared a comment that was posted on Twitter regarding the cemetery. This individual was upset that the road was not cleared at the cemetery after the snow fall. The Mayor and Council felt that the city guys did a great job of clearing the city streets and that the cemetery was not a priority following the snowfall. The Clerk mentioned that Todd Steinkamp would like to put in a truck wash on the runway. The Mayor would like a thank you put in the newspaper to Theresa Bedel and Dorothy Frank and the 60+ group for inviting us to have dinner with them last Friday.

Adjourn

Riedell made the motion to adjourn, Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk