Wall Lake, Iowa September 14, 2015

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

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

Visitors: None.

Germann moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Schwanz. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Lahr moved to approve the August 24 minutes as presented, seconded by Schwanz . Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council discussed the bills to be paid as presented and asked questions. After the discussion Schwanz moved to approve the bills to be paid as discussed, seconded by Faber. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss Progress of Electric Project: Electric project is moving along as planned, clerk presented an inventory/cost list to the council. If there are any questions regarding project, Myron could give council more information.

Discuss Storm Sewer Update: Project on 2nd St. is done, Hoppe would like to let it settle before pouring concrete. Pete Howe Industrial is going to take a look at the 7th & Highland area regarding storm sewer issues. Pete Howe Industrial is familiar with the storm sewer in that part of town.

Discuss/Approve Clerks Report: Checking and Savings accounts were discussed as well as other city accounts. After much discussion Riedell moved to approve the Clerk’s Report and Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Electric and other utility rates in surrounding towns: Clerk presented a spreadsheet comparing utility cost in surrounding areas with Wall Lake’s costs. Council thanked him for the information presented.

Discuss/Approve Council Update NMPP and Electric: Clerk has been talking with NMPP regarding their annual report. NMPP over budgeted for costs and Clerk reported on what he thinks NMPP should do with the excess money. Clerk thinks they should pay down their debt which will result in savings for all of NMPP’s customers.

Discuss/Approve LED Street Light Information: Clerk presented benefits of switching street lights from high pressure sodium to LED lights. LED’s lower cost by using less electricity. Clerk will check on estimated costs to replace street lights. Clerk reported that IAMU had a deal on LED lights a while ago and he would check to see if it is still available.

Discuss/Approve Hometown Pride Partnership Agreement Addendum: Keep America Beautiful had some changes that had to do with insurance that changed or added to our Hometown Pride Partnership Agreement. Riedell made the motion to approve the addendum to the Hometown Pride Partnership Agreement, Germann seconded. Ayes: All.

Discuss Pool/and Complex projects: The pool’s filters are in need of replacing and this will be a costly project. Clerk suggested applying for grants such as the Wilma Gosch grant, Gil Renze grant, and the Sac County Endowment Fund and then saving it in an account until the city has enough saved to start the project. Council agreed that was a good plan of action.

Discuss/Approve Shelter House Rent: Clerk reported that there has been some feedback regarding the cost to rent the new shelter house as being too expensive. This is a brand new facility complete with appliances available for the renter to use. It was decided to leave the rent for the shelter house at the current price of $100.00 and to re-evaluate later.

Discuss/Approve Clean out in vacant lot on Highland Street: Riedell made the motion to approve installing a clean out on the vacant lot to help with storm water issues in that area. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Mayor Druivenga and Council discussed a grave opening at the cemetery that wasn’t dug correctly. Clerk and Council discussed options available, perhaps digging graves ourselves. A letter will be sent out to inform the individual that their services will no longer be needed. Schwanz has an idea to put PVC pipe in the tree donor plaque stands to raise it up so it won’t get damaged by the lawn mower.

Motion to adjourn was made by Riedell. Seconded by Schwanz . Motion carried.

Attest: Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk