

Wall Lake, Iowa

January 9, 2023

Wall Lake City Council met in council chambers at 6:00 p.m. for a work session with the regular council meeting to follow presided by Mayor Druivenga.

Councilmen present: Rohlf, Mott, Riedell, Steinkamp and Nuetzman.

Visitors: Dave Sturm, Jim Wissler, Jody Fischer, Segna Birkhofer and Cathy Geake.

During the work session council considered lot options and took a first look at the FY24 Budget. The work session ended at 6:57 p.m. and the regular council meeting began.

Rohlf made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of approval for a liquor license for Docs Place. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 12th meeting as written. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a training class expense of \$230.00 for Rodman. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A GENERAL OBLIGATION FIRE TRUCK ACQUISITION LOAN AGREEMENT

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Rohlf made the motion to close the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum

Riedell asked what the status was on a vacant property South of town that is an eyesore. Wissler said there are several in the county that need to be addressed.

Discuss/Approve Lot Discussion Options: The Clerk asked the council if the city just puts in the road or if we also buy the lot and put a house on it. Steinkamp suggested something like the triplex housing on Main and 3rd. Wissler added that affordable housing is needed throughout the county to help keep people in town that are taking jobs with local expanding businesses.

Discuss/Approve Library Quarterly Report: Jody Fischer presented the quarterly report for the library.

Discuss/Approve FY 2024 Budget: In the work session the Clerk reviewed the proposed FY 2024 budget line item by line item. The Clerk discussed levies and how levies affect property owners, expenses and revenues, TIF dollars, etc. The Clerk encouraged the council to review and ask questions if they had any.

Discuss/Approve Streets committee report: Riedell and Nuetzman suggested repairs on the alley from 1st Ave N. to 4th St. and for streets needing repair, Main St. 1st to 3rd St.

Discuss/Approve December employee vacation, utility rec., budget status, clerks report: Bank account balances, checks, receipts, proprietary accounts, and taxes were discussed. During the presentation council asked questions. Riedell made the motion to approve the December Clerk's report. Rohlf seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2023-01; Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan agreement, providing for the issuance of a \$150,000 Taxable General Obligation Fire Truck Acquisition Note, Series 2023 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Nuetzman made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-01. Mott seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Request for additional employee, Short Term Disability Insurance, Life Insurance Options, Health Insurance Supplement: Nuetzman asked if it would change our budget, the Clerk did not think it would impact the budget enough to amend. The council asked about potential applicants and the city's expectations of the applicants.

Discuss Splash Pad project: The baby pool has had operating challenges every year and has been difficult to maintain enough to even use each season. A couple of residents have approached the Clerk with an idea for a splash pad. They will look into costs, the Clerk informed the council that grant could be necessary in order to do the project.

Riedell made the motion to approve the liquor license for Docs Place. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

