

Wall Lake, Iowa

February 13, 2023

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

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

Visitors: Rob Germann and Craig Brotherton.

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

Mott made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 23rd meeting as presented. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2024 MAX LEVY

Mayor Druivenga opened the public hearing for the Max Levy at 7:02 p.m. There were no questions or comments from the public. Riedell made the motion to close the public hearing. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Lot near the playground at school-House or Business or No: Council would like to see plans and look into costs. Utilities would need to be located.

Discuss/Approve Lot Discussion Options: Ongoing discussion regarding developing land for housing. Riedell made the motion to move forward with the 9 lot version North of the pool. Rohlf seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve FY 2024 Budget Final-change for the Police and generator-Should we add \$1M to the Housing? Police services are increasing 25% increasing the annual cost from \$51,500 to \$63,000. Emergency Management is increased to \$145,000 for the generator project. Housing and Urban Renewal was initially changed from \$25,000 to \$75,000 but the clerk suggests increasing that number to \$1,000,000 to get the housing lot project going.

Discuss/Approve Wall Lake Commercial Industrial Corporation update and request: Rob Germann updated the council on WLCIC projects and its current status. The goal of this group is to get new businesses to operate here in Wall Lake. The city benefits from taxes and utilities the businesses pay. In the past they have granted loans to new businesses with a portion of the loan being forgiven. Although the program has been successful, Germann announced that it will not be preferred in the future because money will run out sometime. Germann informed the council that 0% loans will most likely be offered with extended time to payback. On behalf of the WLCIC, Germann and Craig Brotherton are requesting \$25,000.00 from the city to boost operating funds while continuing to collect outstanding loan payments from borrowers. Riedell stated that he supports this group and that the City to Wall Lake should do what is necessary to keep it operating.

Discuss/Approve REC Cleaning supplies and hours: Initially cleaning hours were at a maximum(4 hours per week), the Clerk told the council that the REC needs more cleaning hours (10 hours per week) due to the weather and increased usage. Tammy would also like to request a vacuum that will be easier to use around

the equipment. Riedell made the motion to increase cleaning hours to up to 10 per week and to spend up to \$300 on a vacuum. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss Approve Resolution 2023-03; a resolution establishing the FY 2024 public hearing date and establishing the FY 2024 Budget in its entirety: This is tabled for now.

Discuss/ Approve Applications for employment and interviews: The Clerk will work on scheduling interviews.

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. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Locker Room project at Complex: Nuetzman informed the council that he is working with Eric McCullough's CAD class in designing a proposed locker room at the Sports Complex. A locker room would enable athletes and officials a place to change into or out of uniforms. Riedell made the motion to approve moving forward with the locker room project at the Sports Complex. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Steinkamp asked about baseball field progress. The Clerk hasn't heard anything regarding the baseball field. The Clerk will request this subject on the agenda for the next school board meeting.

Discuss/Approve Mini X: The Mini X needs replaced. The clerk has gotten 3 bids for a new Mini X, each bid is around \$50,000. The Mini X is used for numerous jobs: grave digging, repairing water lines, etc. It's an essential piece of equipment. Rohlf made the motion to purchase a Mini X from low bidder Haley Equipment, Riedell seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve insurance premium for Depot, Andy Williams, and Hangar: The City pays roughly \$1400-\$1500 per year to insure these buildings. The Clerk doesn't think we should carry full coverage insurance on these buildings because if a disaster were to happen, the building would lose all historic value and therefore could not be rebuilt. Steinkamp thinks the Historical Society should be responsible for carrying insurance coverage at the Andy Williams house and the Depot.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

