

Wall Lake, Iowa

February 27, 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: Rick Hoppe, James Meister, Sue Arnold, Jody Fischer and Cathy Geake.

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

Nuetzman made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 13th meeting as presented. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Rohlf made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: No comments or questions.

Discuss interviews and options going forward: Three candidates were interviewed, candidates will be contacted to discuss options. There will be more to come on this in the near future.

Discuss/Approve Lot Discussion Options: Ongoing discussion with Meister regarding lots. Nuetzman would like to work on cleaning up the corner on Center St. where a fire occurred and destroyed the home Meister owned and damaged the home to the North. Meister proposed selling the lot(s) to the city but the clerk and council felt the price being asked is too high. Meister asked about putting a road in to the North of the land that is being discussed for development. The Clerk informed Meister that at this time infrastructure would be too costly and that developing where infrastructure already exists is more cost effective. The council told Meister that platting would need to be done to the North at his expense before a road or utility services would be considered. Riedell made the motion to get lots 1,2,3,6,7 and 8 platted in order to get engineers started on the project. Rohlf seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve FY 2024 Budget-Recalculation of valuations is due March 9: The State is requiring counties to recalculate valuations. Last year \$100,000 valuation was taxed at 56%, the state changed that percentage to 54% after many counties had already completed their budgets which now requires the recalculation of the FY 2024 budget, the due date has been extended to April 30th.

Discuss/Approve Library Budget request: Sue Arnold presented to the council areas that the library has made cuts in their budget. Mott left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Riedell made the motion to approve the library's 2023-2024 budget. Nuetzman seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Approve Airport Farm Ground Rent sealed bids: The city received one bid from Nutrien for the same bid as last year for \$1350.00. Nuetzman made the motion to accept Nutrien's bid for \$1350.00. Ayes: All. Riedell abstained. Motion carried.

Discuss/ Approve Pool Manager Applications: The city has not had any applications for the pool manager job turned in, one was picked up by an individual. The Clerk will reach out to the individual and see if she is interested in the pool manager position.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2023-05; a resolution setting a public hearing date to consider a \$25,000 grant to the Wall Lake Commercial Industrial Corporation: Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-05 setting the public hearing date for March 13th at the next council meeting. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Highland Street drainage concerns: Riedell talked about re-routing water to another tile and getting costs together for the project.

Discuss/Approve Wind Turbine components: The generator could be refurbished for \$25,000-\$30,000 and could be used again if needed. There is some monthly and bi-annual maintenance involved. The city could have a service maintain and store it for \$250.00 per month or the city could sell it sight unseen for \$5000.00. Riedell thinks the city should sell it and put money back into the turbine account.

Discuss/Approve Baseball Field on ESC board agenda for March 20: The Clerk informed the council that he spoke to Superintendent Kruse regarding discussing the baseball field at the next school board meeting and requested to be put on the agenda.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk

