

Wall Lake, Iowa

March 13, 2023

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

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

Visitors: None.

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

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 27th meeting as presented. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Rohlf made the motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a bill from Krueger Surveying for \$250.00 Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: No comments or questions.

Discuss interviews and options going forward: Three candidates were interviewed, negotiations continue. No additional information at this time.

Discuss/Approve Lot 2024 Budget Max Levy Resolution 2023-07; a resolution setting the date for a public hearing to discuss the 2024 Fiscal year budget Max Levy Dollars: The budget had to be revised due to a change in property valuations. State Legislature revised to property value rollback from 56% of assessment to 54% of assessment. This means the taxable valuation of property in Wall Lake went from \$23.1 million to 22.4 million. Due to this decrease in taxable value, city tax levy rate will increase from 9.49 to 10.22 per \$1000 of taxable valuation. Council will hold a public hearing on March 27th to further discussions on this topic.

Riedell made the motion to approve resolution 2023-07. Steinkamp seconded . Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Landfill Assessment Fees repay: Nuetzman reported that he attended the last landfill meeting where questions were raised regarding the unbilled landfill assessment fees by the county for more than two years. Nuetzman said that questions really weren't answered as to why the bills weren't being sent out but the county is asking cities to pay in full now. The council agreed that they should allow cities some time to pay the invoices back since the cities are not at fault. Steinkamp made the motion that we pay a lump sum of \$32,000 in July and the remainder in July of 2024. Rohlf seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Gift to WLCIC: In November 2021 Wall Lake revised the Urban Renewal Plan and omitted the section that allowed grants to the WLCIC. But in September of 2021 council voted to grant the WLCIC \$20,000. That check was never written. Considering the timing of these transactions, the council cannot honor the \$25,000 grant that has been considered recently but will honor the \$20,000 grant that was not

completed. The city will need to amend our Urban Renewal Plan to allow grants but the Clerk encouraged the council to think about projects to include in the plan because amending the plan is costly.

Discuss Approve Entry Sign Project: Steinkamp reported that the sign would be completed by end of April. The concrete needs to be completed and that depends on frost. The Clerk feels that a June completion date is more likely.

Discuss/ Approve 2023 Electric Reliability Plan and letter: This is a letter that is turned into IUB that is required since we have our own distribution system in town. It basically states that the City of Wall Lake pledges to do the best we can to supply consistent reliable power to the town of Wall Lake. Riedell made the motion to approve the Electric Reliability Plan and letter. Nuetzman seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Steinkamp requested that the city block off some parking spots on the North side of the Community Center for Daddy Daughter dance for carriage ride parking. Riedell made the motion to adjourn. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

