

Wall Lake, Iowa

August 8, 2022

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

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

Visitors: Chris Lawler

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

Rohlf made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 25th meeting as written. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Public Forum: Nuetzman had some comments about the basketball court at the complex, what should city do with it? Nuetzman also had comments about the ongoing feral cat problem. The Clerk asked the council if the city should wait until Jason Steinkamp is available to make the railing for the new steps that were put in at the park. He is not available until harvest. The Council agreed to wait until Jason Steinkamp is available to make the handrail. The Clerk had an individual stop in and inform him that they would like to donate money for the railing. James Meister would like to clean up the fence line by the pool. He has a contractor coming to town to tear a house down and would like him to clean up the fence line. The council asked about cost which the Clerk did not have information on. The City of Fonda is going to update their electric system similar to what we did and is asking for help with the labor. The Clerk informed the council that our garbage collection costs with Rudd will be increasing about 30% which we were expecting.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2022-04; an ordinance amending Zoning regulations: Nuetzman made the motion to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance 2022-04. Rohlf seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes and Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Electric Project Progress: Chris Lawler gave an update on what is left to convert. Lawler informed the council that the alley between Sherwood and Ward St. (all 3 blocks) is left to complete. There are two houses left to upgrade in Chris Lawler's alley. Then there will be some 3 phase transformers that will need to be done and they take more time to complete. The Clerk and Lawler agree that if the weather is good the project should be close to completion by September.

Discuss/Approve Daycare Committee request for survey funding: The Daycare Committee is requesting a survey be done in town to see if there truly is a need for daycare in town. The survey will cost \$4200.00. The survey would be online, data would be collected and reviewed and then a determination would be made on whether to move forward with the project based on the need for a

daycare in Wall Lake. Riedell made the motion to approve the funding for the daycare survey. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Liquor License Farm Festival: Riedell made the motion to approve the liquor license for the Wall Lake Farm Festival. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes:All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Trick-or-Treat date and business participation: Rohlf made the motion to approve Monday, October 31st as the date for Trick-or-Treat night. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. The City would like to have local businesses participate this year. The businesses could set up on Main St. and hand out goodies from 4-5 p.m. and then kids could make their way around Wall Lake from 5-7 p.m. Grosely will begin contacting businesses to get some feedback.

Discuss/Approve turbine repair quote from Vestas: A previous quote for repairing the wind turbine is incorrect due to a miscommunication at Vestas, the previous quote for \$128,000 was just for labor. The new quote including replacing gearbox and generator, etc. is \$288,000. Riedell asked what percentage of increased efficiency would the city gain with the repairs. The Clerk stated that he wasn't sure of the answer to that but he does know that kilowatts generated has been decreasing over the years. Nuetzman asked if there is any kind of warranty that comes with the repairs and if there is insurance on the turbine. No warranty but the turbine is covered by insurance. Riedell would like to move forward with the repairs but would like to see some data on proposed increases in efficiency due to repairs. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes and Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Gas O & M Approval: Nuetzman made the motion to approve the Gas O & M. Mott seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes and Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve charge \$1 per month and that money is put toward the Endowment: Nuetzman says he has had positive feedback from people he's had conversation's with about adding a dollar for endowment. An endowment fund would benefit Wall Lake in the future and could be automatically added onto a customer's bill with their permission. Mott made the motion to approve monthly money for endowment. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All.

Discuss/Approve Schedule of Events at School Building: The Clerk informed the council that the football boys will help move equipment in the morning followed by movers to move the heavier equipment. Wednesday morning the floors will be cleaned and resurfaced. On Friday morning the fitness center will be cleaned by Sue Nuetzman's crew. There will be an open house on Friday and it will be open for members to use following the open house. Nuetzman asked if the city should inform the school that bus drop off/pick up will be on the East side of the building since Rec Center people will be using the North entrance. Council agreed this is a good idea and will keep the kids safe. Nuetzman made the motion to approve the schedule of events at the school building. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Complex clean up -trees,etc...Nuetzman wanted to thank Brandon, Trevor & Derek Aschinger and Austin Steinkamp for cleaning up around the baseball field. They cleared branches and debris from the last storm and hauled it away and made it look really nice before Farm Festival. Neutzman would like to thank anyone else that he forgot to mention that helped with this project as well. Nuetzman made the motion to approve the use of city equipment for these types of projects that benefit Wall Lake and keep Wall Lake beautiful. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk