

Wall Lake, Iowa

October 24, 2022

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

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

Visitors: Jody Fischer, Cathy Geake and Sargent Leisinger.

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

Nuetzman made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 10th meeting as written. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Rohlf made the motion to approve the bills to be paid upon Riedell's approval. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: A business on 1st St. would like to do some remodeling. There is a creek that runs from the dam South to the railroad. This business would like to know if the city is going to manage the water from this creek and put drainage system in so it doesn't affect or damage the new construction. Previously(1908) concrete was dumped into the creek and buildings were built on stilts and used a floor joist system. The Clerk has reached out to Sac County Abstract and our city attorney for more information. More discussion to follow on this subject at future meetings. Nuetzman asked about installing cameras down by the shop to prevent people from dumping extra garbage down there. The city contracts our garbage now so people shouldn't be bringing down to the shed. Rohlf commented about vehicles without plates continuing to be a problem.

Discuss/Approve Endowment discussion on better options for a city: The Clerk has had some conversations with people regarding the endowment and how it's set up. If money is put in an endowment, it cannot ever be used with the exception of the interest it earns each year. The Clerk has had some feedback about concerns with needing money for big projects and not being able to use because it's in an endowment fund. The Clerk wanted to see if there are other options available and feels that Riedell and Steinkamp should be present while discussing the endowment fund.

Discuss/Approve Employee Uniforms: The Clerk had incorrect information at last meeting, the cost is \$10 per week per individual. The employee would pick out clothes, the city would "rent" the clothing. Mott asked if the city would pay or the individual would pay and had concerns whether the employee would actually wear them. The Clerk has had mixed feedback from the employees. The topic is tabled for now.

Discuss/Approve Entrance Signs: A couple of designs for a sign have been given to the city from Tanner King. Rohlf would like to see the two designs combined somehow. The Clerk would like to apply for Sac County Endowment Grant for the signs instead of the roof project at the school. Cost

estimate for the two signs is \$22,500.00. The project would include concrete work, landscaping work, lighting work and some prep work. November 4th is the due date for the grant application. Nuetzman asked if a revised quote was necessary. A special meeting will be necessary for approval on the updated grant application letter.

Discuss/Approve SCEF Grant application approval and letter: A special meeting is going to be held so no approval necessary on this.

Discuss/Approve Library Quarterly Report and Fiscal Agent letter: Jody Fischer gave information on attendance and programs. The Clerk asked what digitized newspaper program is, Fischer explained that area newspapers, current and past are digitized and accessible by computer. The library is applying for a grant to replace the columns and soffit at the library. They did not receive the Gil Renze grant for the project so are applying for Sac County Endowment Grant to try and get some funding towards the project.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2022-05; an ordinance amending the Solid Waste Rate: The base residential rate will be changed from \$14.90 to \$19.00 in order to cover cost increases from Rudd Sanitation. Commercial rate will not change. The new rate will go into effect after 2nd, 3rd readings and public hearing is held. Rohlf made the motion to introduce Ordinance 2022-05 and approve the 1st reading Ordinance 2022-05. Mott seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve September 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. Nuetzman made the motion to accept the clerks report. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Lot Discussion Options: The family that owns land to the North would be willing to work with the city for development. They would like to see a sidewalk that goes from town to the cemetery, the clerk will reach out to the land owner to see if they would be willing to work with the city on developing to the East. Nuetzman commented that he likes Meister's ideas but feels like for the benefit of the city the landowners to the North and East should be contacted.

Discuss/Approve Warning Siren Bids: The city received two bids, RC Systems installed our last siren and they did good work. RC Systems submitted the low bid for \$27,400. Nuetzman made the motion to accept the bid from RC Systems. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Utility Pickup purchase: The Clerk went to the State's website and talked with Hoppe. The Clerk suggests ordering a pickup now because it will be at least a year until the city receives it. Rohlf made a motion to purchase an extended cab ¾ ton 4X4 Chevrolet pickup. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Liquor License Kimmes Country Store: Rohlf made the motion to approve the liquor license for Kimmes. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk