

Wall Lake, Iowa

April 14, 2025

Wall Lake City Council met in council chambers at 5:30 p.m. presided by Mayor Rohlf.

Councilmen present: Schroeder, Riedell, Steinkamp and Nuetzman. Mott arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Visitors: Jim Wissler, Sean Lawler and Curtis Bloes.

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

Riedell made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 24th meeting as presented. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Nuetzman made the motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a bill from Sarah Koenen. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Schroeder asked questions about stump grinding where the trees were removed. Council would like the clerk to get some bids.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2026 BUDGET

There were no comments or questions from the public. Riedell made the motion to close the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING SALE OF LOT 5 IN SCHROEDER'S 4TH ADDITION

There were no comments or questions from the public. Steinkamp made the motion to close the public hearing at 5:42 p.m. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: The clerk spoke to council about property tax reform currently being worked on by the legislature. The way property valuations are figured will change and because of that our rate may change. More to come on this once legislation is finished.

Sean Lawler informed the council that he had a purchase agreement in place with the owner of the house the city recently acquired. When the city did a Lien search there was nothing listed for the property as far as existing contracts or agreements. Lawler is asking the City of Wall Lake to reimburse him for the down payment made and the taxes paid. The council will discuss this matter further.

Discuss/Approve TWA Update: The Clerk met with Ali Horsley at TWA and a marketing company regarding a survey being done to determine the needs and potential improvements to TWA.

Discuss/Approve Business Center lease price negotiations: The council discussed meeting Drost Physical Therapy somewhere in the middle. Schroeder would like to see a gradual increase yearly. Riedell mentioned that the business has had a year rent free to get established. Schroeder made the motion to offer \$1200 for the first year and increase from there with an auto renewal each year and 90-day exit clause. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. This will go back to Drost PT and Performance for review.

Discuss/Approve Pool Green Space: Lee Wuebker at CBT likes what the city has mapped out on the lot. The Council would like a drawing of the plans for the lot.

Discuss/Approve City Clerk additional title and duties; possible closed session code section 21.5 1 (i); to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Nuetzman made the motion to go into closed session meeting at 6:00 p.m. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Riedell moved to enter back into open session at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Mott. Ayes: All, motion carried.

Discuss/Approve March 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 approve the March Clerk's report. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2025-13; a resolution approving the FY 2026 Full Budget: Steinkamp made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-13. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2025-14; a resolution approving FY 2025 Budget amendment: Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-14, setting a Public Hearing date of April 28 at 5:30 p.m. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Wilma Gosch Committee Appointment: Rob Germann has agreed to serve on the Wilma Gosch committee. Riedell made the motion to approve Germann serving on the committee. Nuetzman seconded. Roll Call Vote: Schroeder; yes, Mott; yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp; yes, Nuetzman; yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/ Approve Resolution 2025-15; a resolution finalizing the sale of real property in Schroeder's Addition and approving associated deed: Steinkamp made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-15. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Utility Bill write-offs: Nuetzman made the motion to approve the utility bill write-offs totaling \$3511.29. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Community Betterment Survey to begin Marketing Program: This subject has been tabled.

Discuss/Approve Vacation of Alley near C-Store: This subject has been tabled.

Discuss/ Approve REC Center By-Laws: After much discussion, Mott made the motion to change the terms on the board to 4 years instead of 2 and to leave the remaining by-laws as presented. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Re-Zone property on First Street: This has been tabled for now.

Discuss/ Approve Donation to Community Ball Field: The council was approached about donating to the community ball field due to the necessary sewer repair. The Council discussed the amount to donate then Mott brought up the opinion of our Auditor on these types of donations. Nuetzman stated that he would like to abstain regarding donations to the field.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk

