

Wall Lake, Iowa

April 25, 2022

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

Councilmen present: Rohlf, Riedell, Steinkamp, Nuetzman. Mott joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Visitors: Tim Peters and Curtis Bloes.

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

Riedell made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 11th meeting. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the bills to be paid. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum

Tim Peters asked the council if there is an ordinance regarding feral cats, specifically feeding stray cats. In addition to the uncontrolled stray cat population they spray and it leaves an unpleasant odor. The Clerk mentioned that he has had several people complain about feral cats. Mayor Druivenga would like the council to think about this and possibly find a solution.

Discuss/Approve Electric Cost Increase Options: The Clerk presented to the council an example of a rate change ordinance to review. A rate change is inevitable due to increased energy costs. The council is discussing the best way to implement an increase without causing financial hardship for customers. Increasing the meter charge will provide monthly revenue to offset fixed costs without relying on kwh sales.

Discuss/Approve Bike Trail Update: The Clerk gave the council a timeline of events outlining bike trail planning. The biggest challenge has been getting a route approved by the land owners. On May 2nd there will be another meeting regarding the route and hopefully will get an agreement in writing.

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. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the March Clerk's report. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve natural gas cost pressure: The Clerk shared with the council a letter that was received from our supplier. Gas costs look as though they will remain elevated for now. The Clerk asked if council would like to hedge for the next 10 years.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2022-11 a resolution amending FY 2022 Budget: Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-11. Mott seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss /Approve Summer Help: Caiden Auen, Asher Lawler and Austin Thompson have applied for summer positions. Riedell made the motion to approve hiring Auen, Lawler, and Thompson for part time summer help at \$9.00 per hour. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Zoning Ordinance Amendments: The Clerk handed out a rough draft of zoning ordinance amendment changes. The Clerk urged the council to review and ask questions if they have any.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

