

Wall Lake, Iowa

August 11, 2025

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

Councilmen present: Riedell, Steinkamp and Nuetzman. Schroeder is absent.

Visitors: Curtis Bloes.

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

Nuetzman made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 28th meeting as presented.

Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the bills as presented with an additional bill submitted by Lakes Warehouse. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: The Clerk asked council for ideas on where the Comet Room should be located. Letters need to be sent out to residents that have boats and campers parked in yards or on the street. These need to be parked on cement pad or rock. There has been some concern about standing water in residential areas.

Discuss/Approve Marketing with Blue Space or Break Thru 360: After much discussion, Riedell made the motion to approve a marketing agreement with Blue Space. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Business and Operations Update

- Twilight Acres will have a meeting on Sept. 16; lets have 2 council members there.
- Sewer Main video: The Clerk is reviewing video of the city's sewer line video. There are some areas where infiltration is an issue and the clerk said that we should be able to line and repair sewer lines to minimize leaking.

Discuss/Approve July employee vacation, utility rec., budget and 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 July Clerk's Report. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve dog park idea: Nuetzman brought to council the idea of using the old softball field to the West of the High School softball field as a location for the dog park. It already has some fencing in place and is not being utilized as a ball field on a regular basis.

The dugouts would serve as seating for dog owners. Council discussed and agreed that the group that is suggesting a dog park would be responsible for mowing and maintaining the dog park. The idea will be discussed at future meetings.

Discuss/Approve Building Permit(s): None.

Discuss/Approve P & Z meeting to recommend the Commercial UR Plan A: Riedell made the motion to approve the P & Z recommendation to amend the Commercial UR Plan to add more lots to the urban renewal area. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Trade lot on Sherwood St for lot on Robin Lane: After much discussion council agreed to trade the lot on Sherwood for Lot 8 in Schroeder's 4th with the stipulation that building on Lot 8 is complete by November 1st 2028. Nuetzman made the motion to approve the lot trades. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call vote: Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, and Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Utility Deposit amount: The Clerk and council agree that the \$250.00 utility deposit amount should be reviewed and increased. The current utility deposit amount does not typically cover an outstanding utility bill when a customer decides to move out without paying a final bill that's due. This will be discussed further.

Discuss/ Approve Trick-or-Treat and Business involvement: Unless a local business has some suggestions on how to improve the business involvement for Halloween, council feels that it is has been successful. The Main Street location allows parents and kids to stop at a number of local businesses tables for treats.

Discuss/Approve Schroeder's 4th addition lot sale: A local builder has made an offer for Lot 1 in Schroeder's 4th Addition. The council has countered with an increase in the price for the lot. The Clerk will report back to council regarding the counter offer.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

