

Wall Lake, Iowa

August 9, 2021

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

Councilmen present: Rohlf, Steinkamp, Riedell. Mayor Druivenga and Lahr are absent.

Visitors: Jody Fischer, Cathy Geake, Joe Herrig, and Curtis Bloes.

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

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the minutes from the July 26th meeting as written. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Schwanz made the motion to approve the bills to be paid as presented with the correction on a bill from Austin Parmalee for \$172.35, should be \$20.55. There are also 3 additional bills that have been submitted. Schmitt Construction is submitting a bill for \$17986.07, Jim Herrig submitted a bill for \$75.00 and Steve Nuetzman has submitted a bill for \$83.85. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the bills with the correction and additions. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALE OF PROPERTY IN THE FIRST ADDITION TO WALL LAKE
Mayor Pro-Tem opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. for the sale of the music room at the school to the WLCIC. The Clerk did not have any comments or questions from the public. Riedell made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Library Quarterly Report: Jody Fischer presented to the council the quarterly report. Covid has presented challenges but Jody reported that Zoom is being used for story time for kids and they are able to pick up activity bags due to being unable to meet in person. The council thanked her for the report and for doing a great job at the public library.

Discuss/Approve 6 month review Joe Herrig and Hire Ty Harrison possible closed session pursuant to 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. Steinkamp made the motion to go into closed session to discuss 2 employees. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Rohlf made the motion to come out of closed session at 7:15 p.m. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Rohlf and Schwanz commented that Herrig is doing a good job. After some discussion, Riedell made the motion to increase Herrig's hourly wage from \$17.00 per hour to \$18.00 per hour. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes. Motion carried. Riedell made the motion to hire Ty Harrison at \$15.00 per hour with prorated

vacation and personal days. Ty declined insurance through the city. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-29; a resolution authorizing City officials to convey property to WLCIC : This resolution will finalize the sale of the music room to the WLCIC for \$15,000.00. Steinkamp made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-29. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve WAPA Letter and PCA Language: WAPA is one of the companies we purchase electricity from. Twice a year WAPA sends out a letter to inform us whether or not there will be an increase in rates. As of now there is no change, the Clerk is informing the council that he believes a rate increase is imminent in the future partly due to the past and current drought conditions. The city has not raised its rates in over 10 years but will have to do so if our cost increases. The PCA language is referring to the high gas costs in February due to the extreme cold. Customers in another nearby state received extremely high electric bills, in the event this were to occur again in the future the Clerk would like to have language in our electric rate ordinance that would indicate that if our cost increases the customer costs would also increase. Steinkamp made the motion to approve PCA language #1. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve new housing addition update from engineer: The Clerk told the council that the engineer informed him the street(Melrose) will have a little angle to it and one of the lots will be a little smaller than the others on the proposed street due to a law that's in place regarding connecting existing streets with proposed streets. The Clerk will have more information on the other two proposed areas which currently are cornfields at the first meeting in September. Right now the area that is currently the baseball field looks like the best choice for a new development area.

Discuss/Approve Water Tower Bids: The city received 4 bids, K & W and Viking are close, replace pipe, touch up inside and paint the outside. If the pipe does not need replaced Viking is less expensive. Rohlf made the motion to accept the bid from Viking. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Building Permit(s): Riedell made the motion to approve building permits for Nepl, Ziegmann, and Leland. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Perrin Directional Drilling Pay Request #3: Riedell made the motion to approve Pay Request #3 from Perrin Directional Drilling for \$64,045.20. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve 2021 TIF certification projects-labor from Perrin: The Clerk believes Perrin will have some labor projects that are completed in our TIF area downtown that will qualify for TIF certification.

Public Forum

Rohlf was approached by a citizen that would like their street on the list for street repairs. The Clerk would like to have July of each year “spruce up month” for Wall Lake. Rohlf mentioned a yard on Center St. that needs cleaning up.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk