

Wall Lake, Iowa

February 22, 2021

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

Councilmen present: Schwanz, Rohlf, Riedell, Lahr and Steinkamp.

Visitors: Randy Nuetzman, Rick Hoppe, and Curtis Bloes.

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

Lahr made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Discuss/Approve Summer Help: Council agreed May or June would be a starting month for summer help. Hoppe would like to see a help wanted ad put in the paper. The council thought an April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to turn in an application would be sufficient.

Discuss/Approve 2022 budget third look, public hearing March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.: There were no comments or questions. Riedell made the motion to set the public hearing for the 2022 Budget at the next council meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Lahr seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Electric Project construction award: The city received bids from nine contractors for the electric project. Perrin out of Cherokee submitted the lowest bid. Riedell made the motion to approve the electric project award to Perrin for \$784,031.95. Steinkamp seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-04; a resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on a proposal to enter into an Electric Revenue Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000: Steinkamp made the motion to set March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. as the date for the public hearing on the proposal to enter into the Electric Revenue Loan Agreement not to exceed \$1,500,000. Rohlf seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve LED Lighting Program for TWA: Steinkamp made the motion to pay \$583.75 which is half of the material cost. TWA will install new LED lights as part of the LED lighting program. Lahr seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Gifting a lot for a new home: Council is in agreement that this should be looked into further. Gifting a lot to someone in order to build a home would result in revenue for Wall Lake and would bring new people to Wall Lake.

Discuss/Approve Utility Rate Increases and City Rate Protection: Many different factors are driving the anticipated projected increase in utility bills including: high demand, freeze offs at wells, and power outages during record cold temperatures nationwide. The city will not know how much bills will increase until the end of the month.

Discuss/Approve January budget status, clerks report, employee vacation, utility rec.: employee vacation, utility rec., fund finances: Bank account balances, checks, receipts, proprietary accounts, and taxes were discussed. During the presentation council asked questions. Riedell made the motion to approve the January clerks report. Steinkamp seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

#### Public Forum

Sac County League Meeting will be in Odebolt on March 11th. Randy Nuetzman addressed the council and asked the city to halt the school demolish because he is working to get it registered as a historical site. The Clerk asked where the money comes from to preserve it. Nuetzman would like to work out a deal to work for the city mowing the cemetery and to move to Wall Lake. Nuetzman is also interested in buying the bus barn from the school.

#### Adjourn

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

#### Attest

Lynn Grosely  
Deputy Clerk

