

Wall Lake, Iowa

February 24, 2020

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

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

Visitors: Curtis Bloes, Rick Hoppe, Randy Nuetzman, Steve Nuetzman, Jeff Kruse, Rob Germann, Jay Stoltenberg, Jim Wissler, Freddie Vasquez.

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

Lahr made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 10th meeting as written. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Schwanz made the motion to approve the bills as presented with an additional payment to Chris Lawler for \$10.06 for lunch while attending a meeting. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2021 BUDGET MAX LEVY

Mayor Druivenga opened the public hearing for FY 2021 Budget Max Levy at 7:03 p.m. The city clerk did not get any comments written or verbal from the public. Riedell made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss East Sac County School Board and Superintendent to discuss school building: Superintendent Kruse spoke to the council and shared some information and asked questions regarding the elementary school in Wall Lake once it closes. Kruse stated that he hopes that the City of Wall Lake and the school board can work together. He asked if the city was interested in the building and grounds. Is there interest in the playground and various buildings? He stated that the district is interested in maintaining access to the gym. The school district would pay to rent the gym. He asked if the city would be interested in continuing improvements at the sports complex. He suggested renovating the track that surrounds the football field. Kruse suggested putting in locker room and showers at the gym. He suggested using the newer section of the school for alternative students if pre-school children were not at the school. Kruse asked if the food pantry that was once run by Amanda Miller at the High School could be located here at the elementary school. Kruse stated that the school is responsible for the building and if there was no interest he believes the older portion of the school would be demolished. There may be a use for the newer part of the school building. The clerk stated that the council will need to have a meeting and discuss further on what interest there is in the building and the financial aspects. The clerk stated that it is important to stay positive in the community regarding the school issue. Hoppe asked about a pickup point for kids. Kruse said they may go street by street and pick up kids. It will be discussed

further in the future. Steve Nuetzman thanked the city for everything the city has done at the complex. Nuetzman shared with the council that our field at the complex has won a national contest ten years straight for best field and that our field is being considered to be on the national calendar. Council thanked Nuetzman for his work on the football field. Further discussion will continue on the future of the school building.

Discuss/Approve Code of Ordinance update: The city has had some changes in zoning in Wall Lake. Freddie will bring an updated zoning map. The Clerk would like to change all reconnect fees to \$50.00, currently reconnect fees are various amounts. Freddie asked about the meter charge and the clerk said it is already in our ordinance we just need to start charging various amounts. Council will hold a public hearing then adopt the new code on March 23.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2020-02; approve this resolution again after public hearing: Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-02. Steinkamp seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Schwanz;yes and Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2020-03; A Resolution approving the TOTAL FY 2021 Budget and setting a public hearing for that approval; this resolution so we can have another public hearing to finish Budget Approval: Schwanz made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-03. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Schwanz;yes and Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2020-04; a resolution approving the Transportation Alternatives Project Grant Application for the bike trail extension: A letter was approved by council stating that the city would be responsible for maintaining the trail and would donate \$50,000 towards the trail if we received the grant. The Clerk informed the council that a resolution has to be passed stating the city's intentions regarding the trail to be considered for the grant. Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-04. Lahr seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Schwanz;yes and Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve January Clerks Report, Bank Rec, Utility Rec, and Employee Vacation: Bank account balances, checks, receipts, proprietary accounts, and taxes were discussed. During the presentation council asked questions. Schwanz made the motion to approve the January Clerk's Report. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Summer Help and Job Descriptions: The Clerk informed council that our job descriptions should include a valid driver's license. It currently does not state that. The city no longer does garbage collection so the clerk is discussing with the council how many summer help employees are necessary. This will be tabled for further discussion.

Discuss/Approve sanitary sewer flow meter rental or purchase: The Clerk presented 3 different options with different levels of cost. Hoppe and the clerk agreed that buying a meter with 2 valves (a shutoff valve and a check valve) would make the most sense and would be beneficial for the

future. King Construction has experience with installing these and council agreed that now is the time to get it done. Riedell made the motion to purchase a sanitary flow meter for under \$20,000. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Schwanz;yes and Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Street work: The Clerk told council he spoke with a company that does “fog seal” and he thought it sounded interesting. The company would first seal coat and then would follow up after a few days and put oil back over the rock. This oil seals the rock but does not come up, stick to cars, etc. It is affordable at approximately \$770 per city block. The council would like to see a street that has had fog seal done and then decide if the city would be interested.

Public Forum:

Randy Nuetzman informed the council that the trustees at Peace Lutheran are meeting regarding the church parking lot and that he would attend the next council meeting . Mayor Druivenga informed Nuetzman that he would need to request to be put on the agenda in order for anything to be voted on.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk