

Wall Lake, Iowa

January 10, 2022

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

Councilmen present: Rohlf, Mott, Riedell, Steinkamp, and Nuetzman.

Visitors: Jody Fischer, Segna Birkhofer and Curtis Bloes.

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

Riedell made the motion to approve the minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Discuss/Approve Tractor Lease: The Clerk and council have discussed the need for a new tractor. Doug Mott and Doug Herrig both work for companies that lease/sell tractors. The Clerk got Herrig on speaker phone so the council could ask specific questions regarding size, specifications, lease cost, etc. Mott will also get information together for the council to review. The council will continue to discuss in future meetings.

Discuss/Approve Police contract with Lake View: The City of Wall Lake has the current contract with Lake View Police Department until June 2023. Currently the city pays \$48,000 per year for police services. The cost for Police services will increase from \$3931.00 to \$4617.00. Riedell and Rohlf would like to see more tickets written in order to address the speeding vehicles on Center Street. Riedell would like this to remain on the agenda for future meetings.

Discuss/Approve FY2023 Budget First Look: The Clerk explained the different components of the budget to the council. Several factors combine to equal property tax costs. City Levy, School Levy, County Levy, College Levy and property valuation. Wall Lake property owners will not receive an increase from the city's levy rate. The Clerk pointed out that the levy rate decreased from 9.49 to 9.46. The Clerk went through each page and explained where the budget figures come from. The Clerk pointed out where possible costs could be cut and explained the difference between GO Bonds and non GO Bonds. The Clerk encouraged the council to look over the FY2023 Budget handout and to contact him if they had comments or questions.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2022-01; a resolution setting employee wages and bonuses: Rohlf made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Riedell seconded. Roll Call Vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

The annual review of salaries and hourly compensation of city employees came before the council. In the January 10, 2022 City Council meeting a list of the current salary rates was presented to each councilperson. A discussion ensued regarding any changes that should be made in those compensation rates. After discussion it was moved by councilperson Rohlf and seconded by councilperson Riedell that the following resolution be adopted showing the current salaries of salaried employees and the hourly rates for hourly employees and the new compensation rates for each. The ayes and nays were called and councilpersons Rohlf, Mott, Riedell, Steinkamp, Nuetzman voted aye and councilpersons NONE voted nay. Councilman N/A\_\_\_\_\_ is absent. Thereupon the mayor declared the resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-01**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Wall Lake, Iowa, that the rates of compensation for the salaried employees and for the hourly employees of the city shall be those set out in the following schedule which shows both the current compensation and the new rates of compensation for each.

	2021 wage	Increase	2022 wage
Lynn Grosely	\$ 16.70	\$.55	\$ 17.25
Chris Rodman	\$ 65,000	\$1,950	\$ 66,950
Rick Hoppe	\$ 25.06	\$.75	\$ 25.81
Chris Lawler	\$ 20.88	\$1.62	\$ 22.50
Joe Herrig	\$ 18.00	\$1.00	\$ 19.00
Nancy Herrig	\$ 31,251.99	\$962.01	\$ 32,214
	Grants Received		Bonus
Chris Rodman	\$247,715		\$14,075.50

Discuss/Approve RFP and Procurement policies: This is a policy required by the Federal government in order to receive FEMA grants to ensure the project is cost beneficial. Riedell made the motion to approve the RFP and Procurement policies. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Roads to resurface: Riedell and Nuetzman volunteered to inspect city streets and alleys to determine which are in need of repair. Fifth Street will need to be finished, the Clerk recommends a couple of years of seal coating streets and overlaying alleys in order to build the Road Use account balance back up.

Discuss/Approve Life Insurance Policy: A life insurance policy is now available to redeem, the Clerk needs the council's approval in order to do so. Riedell made the motion to approve redeeming the life insurance policy. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call Vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2022-02; a RESOLUTION (1) APPROVING THE MINIMUM DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS, COMPETITIVE CRITERIA, AND PROCEDURES FOR DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AREA; (2) DETERMINING THAT THE PROPSAL SUBMITTED BY JAMIE SCHONEBOOM SATISFIES THE OFFERING REQUIREMENTS AND (3) DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WALL LAKE, IOWA AND JAMIE SCHONEBOOM IN THE EVENT THAT NO COMPETING PROPOSALS ARE SUBMITTED; AND (4) SOLICITING COMPETING PROPOSALS: Jamie Schooneboom, dba JDS Construction has submitted a bid of \$15,000.00 for the lots. Steinkamp made the motion to approve Resolution 2022-02. Rohlf seconded. Roll Call Vote: Rohlf;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Baseball Field Lots and Sewer Options: The level of the sewer system and the level at where a basement would be constructed on a home aren't on the same level, the sewer would need to be pumped by a lift station for homes on the proposed lots. The lift station would be an estimated \$100,000 plus maintenance costs. The engineer suggested homeowners installing a grinder pump in the basement of the homes, which the Clerk is certain a homeowner would not want to do. Hoppe would like to lower the North Melrose Street sewer and replace the orangeburg which is a material that is not durable and will eventually disintegrate. Another option would be to build up the ground before building, or have the home builder install a grinder pump outside the home rather than inside. That being said, the Clerk would like to know if Council is interested in even building there. The Clerk would like to give the public an opportunity to give their opinion on whether or not to build at the baseball field. The Clerk will post something on the City of Wall Lake's Facebook page.

Public Forum

NWILC meeting is in Rolf on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn

Riedell made the motion to adjourn. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Mayor Druivenga reminded the council that receipts from meetings need to be turned in so they can be reimbursed.

Attest

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk