

Wall Lake, Iowa

January 18, 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, Steinkamp and Lahr.

Visitors: Matt Huegerich.

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

Lahr made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 4th meeting as written. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Rohlf made the motion to approve the bills with the addition of a payment to Wall Lake Hardware for a necessary electric upgrade located by James Meister in the amount of \$2040.63. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Agreement with the School District: The Clerk passed out a handout for the council to review before the next meeting with the school. They were asked to contact the Clerk with any questions or concerns.

At this time the Clerk suggested Matt Huegerich talking to the council about what he has come to discuss. He informed council that his mailbox had been damaged when the streets were last plowed and is asking the city to replace it. The Clerk informed Matt that the ordinance was changed regarding mail box damage/ replacement due to snow removal, and apologized that it happened. The city does not replace damaged mailboxes unless they were hit with the plow. Mailboxes damaged due to the force of the moved snow hitting it will not be replaced.

Discuss/Approve Hiring Myron Olerich: Chris Lawler needs Journeyman hours. Myron Olerich can assist Chris with getting those hours. Myron is asking for \$32.50 per hour, no vacation or benefits. Schwanz made the motion to approve hiring Myron at \$32.50 per hour. Riedell seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried. The engineer contacted the Clerk and informed him the plans for the contractor will be ready the beginning of February. Submitted bids will be opened on February 19th, 2021 and a will be voted on at the council meeting on February 22, 2021.

Discuss/Approve hiring Joe Herrig February 1st at \$17 per hour: Riedell made the motion to hire Joe Herrig February 1st as a full-time employee with a starting wage of \$17.00 per hour. Rohlf

seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-01; a resolution approving Max Levy: The State made a law that says if you levy taxpayers more than 2% from the previous year an extra Max Levy public hearing is required. The State then decided that Max Levy resolution and public hearing will be required for increase or decrease in taxes. Wall Lake total property tax levy will decrease for the 7th consecutive year from 9.50022 to 9.49928. Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-01. Steinkamp seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve 2021-02; a resolution approving an amendment to FY 2020 Budget: Amendments to the FY 2020 Budget were made to reflect increased TIF money received and increased expense in the public works department for streets. This amendment will not raise taxes. Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-02. Schwanz seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Riedell;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Streets work in 2021; The Clerk has not received bids yet from contractors, they have not all been able to come and look at the streets. The Clerk should have 3 bids by the next meeting. Street work will be done on 5th Street and half the alley by the Lutheran Church.

Discuss/Approve December Budget status, Clerks Report, employee vacation, and 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. Schwanz made the motion to approve the December Budget status, Clerks report, employee vacation and utility rec. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve LED Lighting Program for 2021: Schwanz made the motion to approve the LED lighting program and keep the amount for the program at \$3000.00. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Library Quarterly Report: The Council commented that Jody Fischer continues to do a great job at the library and that the report looks good. Rohlf made the motion to approve the Library Quarterly Report. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum

The Clerk suggested setting a salary for Pool Manager before the next council meeting. February 26th will be the last day to accept applications for Pool Manager. NWILC meeting is Thursday the 21st at the Rec Center in Sac City.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk