

Wall Lake, Iowa

June 14, 2021

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

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

Visitors: Abbie Smith, Mike Higgins, Randy Nuetzman, Heather Boger, Jim Wissler and Curtis Bloes.

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

Schwanz made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 24th meeting as written. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Rohlf made the motion to approve the bills to be paid as presented with the inclusion of two grave digging bills for an additional \$250.00. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. The Clerk did not have any comments or questions from the public. Riedell made the motion to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. Lahr seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve USDA grant for potential sewer project-SEARCH versus PPG grant: The Clerk informed the council that a PPG grant is available for \$22,500.00 instead of \$29,000. The city would need to pay the remaining \$7500.00. The Clerk asked the council if they would like to wait for the SEARCH grant, which doesn't have a timeframe of disbursement or if they would like to get started on the project sooner and apply for the PPG grant. Riedell would like to wait on the project with as dry as it has been the sewer system has been a non-issue. Steinkamp made the motion to put the PPG grant topic back on the agenda for September 13 meeting and in the meantime apply for the SEARCH grant and see if the city is awarded any grant money. Schwanz seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve School request to purchase a portion and request to purchase items within the building: The City Attorney's recommendation is to sell the contents of the school publicly. The council will decide how to advertise and arrange the sale of the items. The Clerk will get more information and get back to the council. The Commercial Industrial Corporation would like to purchase the music building and some ground around it. The council will need to decide on a price.

Discuss/Approve School request to purchase items within the building: This was already discussed.

Discuss/Approve FY 2021 Budget Amendment Resolution 2021-20: Riedell made the motion to approve the FY 2021 Budget Amendment Resolution 2021-20. Steinkamp seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-19 a resolution detailing the annexation of development property: This is a resolution stating the City of Wall Lake will annex land by the pits if it is used as development property. Schwanz made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-19. Rohlf seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Letter of Support for Andy Williams project: The porch on the North side of the house has settled into the foundation and now needs repaired. The Historical Society would like the City of Wall Lake to act as a fiscal sponsor, not to pay for repairs but to administer Gil Renze grant funds. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the Andy Williams project. Lahr seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve letter of intent to purchase lot in Schroeder's 3rd addition: Jeff Scott would like to buy lot #7 for \$7500.00 in order to build a shophouse. Mayor Druivenga would like to see Scott start building within 6 months. Schwanz made the motion to approve the letter of intent to purchase lot #7 by Jeff Scott with the stipulation he begins building within 6 months. Rohlf seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-15; 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 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY KEVIN AND SHARI BIERET SATISFY THE OFFERING REQUIREMENTS AND (3) DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT BY PROPOSALS SUBMITTED; AND (4) SOLICITING COMPETING PROPOSALS. Public hearing will be on June 28th at the next council meeting. Steinkamp made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-15. Schwanz seconded. Roll call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Building Permit: Riedell made the motion to approve the building permit for Dave Harden. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss Heather Luchtel fence near alley-Abbie Smith: Abbie addressed the council regarding a "4 ft. cliff" adjacent to Heather Luchtel's property that is next to the alley. She would like to know what the city is going to do about it. Mrs. Smith stated that it is dangerous and that nothing will be done until someone is injured. She would like to know when Ms. Luchtel's project will be finished and stated that 311 ft. of her property has already been damaged from Ms. Luchtel's project. The Mayor and Clerk stated that the city doesn't have any say in the matter, caution tape is in place to warn the public of any potential danger. This is a matter between neighbors and their attorneys.

Public Forum

Thursday, June 17th is NWILC meeting in Le Mars. Riedell told the council that the Fire Department would like to do some training at the school once it is torn down with council's approval. The council was given a real estate short form between the school and the City of Wall Lake to review. Randy Nuetzman has again approached the city about purchasing the bus barn to use a primary residence. The Clerk informed Mr. Nuetzman that the city will probably use the bus barn as storage. The Mayor explained that there are a lot of legalities involved, we can't just sell him property because he wants it.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk