

Wall Lake, Iowa

May 10, 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: Myron Olerich

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

Rohlf made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 26th meeting as written. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALE OF CITY OWNED LOT ON POOL DRIVE

Mayor Druivenga opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. The Clerk informed the council that no action can be taken on this resolution due to the fact that a sewer line runs through the property. In addition Jeff Reiter was promised use of the lot years ago. This matter needs to be looked into further. Riedell made the motion to close the public hearing. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR USDA GRANT/LOAN FOR SEWER PROJECT

Mayor Druivenga opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. The Clerk informed the council that upon further discussion during a manager's meeting via zoom, he was informed that securing a USDA grant/loan may not be the best route to finance the sewer project. The Clerk will look into further. Lahr made the motion to close the public hearing. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR USDA GRANT/LOAN FOR FIRE TRUCK

Mayor Druivenga opened the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. The Clerk informed the council that buying equipment with a USDA loan would be a good option. Rohlf made the motion to continue with the USDA grant/loan for a fire truck. Riedell seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried. Rohlf made the motion to close the public hearing. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-16; a resolution approving signatories on bank accounts: A Venmo account has been created for the Wall Lake Farm Festival. Lahr made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-16. Schwanz seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Letter of support for School RAC project and grant application: The Clerk is applying for two grants, one from Wellmark and the other from Bank Midwest. When applying for grants a letter of support from the community is ideal. The letter states Wall Lake will provide \$11520.00 of in-kind labor and a \$500.00 cash towards the project. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the letter of support. Riedell seconded. Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell; yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Urban Renewal Area: A lot of projects in the Urban Renewal Plan have been completed, the city needs to think about some potential new projects.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-17; a resolution conveying property to George Flurey: This was covered earlier in the public hearing.

Discuss/Approve update electric upgrade: Myron addressed the council and Mayor on the progress of the electric upgrade. Perrin has been doing the boring and setting of the cabinets and that is going well. Myron informed the council that the primary is almost complete, and showed the council which areas are complete and which are next. There have been some comments about the placement of cabinets in front yards. Myron explained why the engineer designed it this way and pointed out that the cabinets are easier to service in the front yard in the event of a problem.

Discuss/Approve lifeguard hiring: The shortage of lifeguards has been an issue, sharing guards with Odebolt and Sac City has been discussed. The council recommends letting Halle Hemer do her job. Shorter pool hours may be a possibility if there are not enough guards to cover all shifts.

Discuss/Approve update Bike trail: The Clerk informed the council that one of the landowners would like to meet with the other landowners in the proposed bike trail area to discuss a plan. Fundraisers were discussed.

Discuss/Approve Lot request from SETD: The Economic and Tourism Department is discussing the purchase of a prison built home, putting it in Sac County and then selling it. They are looking for a donated lot to put the home on. The City of Wall Lake has two available lots by the substation. Steinkamp stated that tax revenue would be made by donating the lot and that not everyone can afford a \$400,000 house. The Council would like the Clerk to proceed and look into this further. Riedell would like to have the stipulation that a two car garage would need to be attached to the house.

Public Forum

Sean Lawler assured the council that the lot he is working on is a work in progress and that he has been working hard to clean it up and make it look better.

Adjourn

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

Attest
Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk