

Wall Lake, Iowa

May 23, 2022

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

Councilmen present: Rohlf, Mott, Riedell, Steinkamp. Nuetzman is absent.

Visitors: Jess Steinkamp.

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

Rohlf made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 9th meeting as written. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Public Forum: Iowa Utilities Board sent out a letter saying that there is a high probability that MISO (our electric group) will not have enough electric generation to serve the load they have this summer. Part of this is due to switching from coal to sun and wind to generate electricity. IUB would like utility companies to have a plan to get information out to our customers if this were to happen. The Clerk does not believe this will be an issue for Wall Lake but wanted to inform the council of the possibility. The Clerk told the council he posted some information about the public meeting that was discussed in a previous meeting. June 26th is the date, a place and time needs to be discussed. The city did not receive the AARP grant for the sidewalk at school.

Discuss/Approve Electric Cost Increase Options: The clerk presented to council a table showing electric cost increases (2023-2025) He would like to keep the meter charge similar between the residential, commercial and industrial classes to be fair and would like a fee escalator so that the increase is more manageable for customers.

Discuss/Approve Zoning Ordinance Amendments: The Clerk explained the special exceptions verbiage of the Zoning Ordinance. Special exceptions are reviewed by the Board of Adjustments and typically approved in certain circumstances. For example a ramp for a handicapped individual that might otherwise be denied. The Clerk will send to Region XII for review.

Discuss/Approve Comet Room discussion with REC Board: The Clerk asked for feedback from the REC Board regarding the layout of the building. This information will be useful for a grant application that is due in July. After some discussion about restrooms, window and door locations the clerk told the council he will get information to LV Lumber for CAD drawing and begin material list to estimate costs.

Discuss/Approve Police contract with Lake View-Nuisance Vehicles: Police Chief Jochims was going to attend meeting but is ill. Chief Jochims wanted to introduce himself and talk to council about how to handle nuisances.

Discuss/Approve Center Street Overlay in 2023-Sidewalk Specs: The Clerk informed the council that Nick Buse estimated the project to be between \$150,000 to \$200, 000. The Clerk would like the council to think about what we want done so plans are ready for contractors to begin Summer of 2023. Concensus was to get bids for the sidewalk project and overlay.

Discuss/Approve April employee vacation, utility rec., budget status, clerks report: Bank account balances, checks, receipts, proprietary accounts, and taxes were discussed. During the presentation council asked questions. The Clerk would like to pay extra on a loan before interest rates increase. Riedell made the motion to approve the April Clerk's report. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve CD investments: A CD that matured in April was put in savings. The city could put the money into a CD at Westside for 13 months at 1% interest. If \$250,000 was put into a CD the city could get 1.25% interest. The Clerk asked the council if they would like to put the money into a CD or pay down some debt. Steinkamp asked if there is anything major that needs to be done with the wind turbine. Steinkamp would like to save some of the money for turbine expenses if needed and to pay down debt with some of it.

The Clerk opened cemetery map and showed the council an area on the map where roads are plotted, the clerk doesn't think there will ever be a road put in and that we could sell lots there. The clerk will talk to Schwanz and Hoppe regarding this.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk

