

Wall Lake, Iowa

November 24, 2025

Wall Lake City Council met in council chambers at 5:30 p.m. presided by Mayor Rohlf.

Councilmen present: Steinkamp, Riedell and Schroeder.

Visitors: Kevin Bieret and Steph King.

Schroeder made the motion to amend the agenda to discuss and approve the REC Center quarterly report and then to approve the agenda. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Riedell made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 10th and the 17th meeting as presented. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY SALE TO JOHN MICHAEL LAWLER

The Mayor opened the public meeting at 5:34 P.M. There were no comments or questions from the public. The Clerk has not received any comments or questions regarding the sale. Schroeder made the motion to close the public hearing at 5:35 P.M. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR UTILITY DEPOSIT ORDINANCE

Mayor Rohlf opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. There were no comments or questions from the public. The Clerk has not received any comments or questions. Steinkamp made the motion to close the public hearing at 5:35 p.m. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: There was nothing in the Public Forum.

Discuss/Approve third reading Ordinance 2025-05; an ordinance amending the Utility Deposit: The clerk reviewed the changes to the ordinance which included adding gas and electric to the ordinance wording. A portion of the deposit may not exceed 60 days usual cost of electric and gas usage. Deposits will not be returned until customer moves from Wall Lake and all outstanding charges are paid in full. The required deposit amount will increase from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for both renters and homeowners requesting utility service. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the third and reading and finally approve Ordinance 2025-5. Schroeder seconded. Roll call vote: Schroeder;yes, Riedell;yes and Steinkamp;yes. Motion carried.

Library Quarterly Report: Steph King presented to the library the annual report and gave council program attendance totals, material checkout totals, totals for grants received and the library's ideas for future programs. The council thanked King for her hard work and the great job she is doing as the Library Director.

REC Center Quarterly Report: Steinkamp made the motion to approve Megan Drost and Robert Klein to the REC Board. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. The REC board would like to have wooden doors and stage curtain replaced. The Board would like council's approval for the clerk to start getting cost estimates for these. Riedell made the motion to approve the REC Center quarterly report. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve TIF Certification: Schroeder made the motion to approve TIF certification as presented. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Street Committee: Nuetzman and Riedell have been the street committee in previous years, Riedell will check with Nuetzman to see if he would like to look at some streets.

Discuss/Approve Wage Recommendation: Tabled until next meeting with Nuetzman being absent tonight.

Discuss/Approve Annexation of Property East of Wall Lake: The Clerk does not feel this is something that is beneficial right now. The clerk is concerned with the cost of having to maintain the roads if we annex now.

Schroeder asked what the normal timeline it is to get land annexed. Schroeder's concern is that development opportunities or bike trail developments may come into play and the city would have to take the time for the annexation process. The clerk will talk to the city attorney to get more information regarding annexation.

Discuss/Approve December second meeting-are you OK with not having one? Riedell feels that one meeting in December will work.

Discuss/ Approve Bike Trail: This was discussed earlier when annexation was discussed.

Discuss/Approve Fines for not cleaning up properties: Schroeder stated that he feels we need to take pride in our town. The clerk says if a person gets a nuisance letter it states clearly what the nuisance is, what needs to be done and a timeline to get it done. If a person requests a hearing they can have one. Infractions are assessed when no action is taken to

remedy the nuisance and or no hearing has been requested. There are people that don't like to be told they need to clean up a property but Schroeder believes that the City of Wall Lake is reasonable and is willing to have a conversation with property owners. The clerk and the council also agreed that no one is getting picked on or harassed, there are rules that need to be followed and the city must enforce the rules.

Discuss/Approve Ash Tree treatment costs: Riedell made the motion to approve the cost to treat the Ash trees. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Professional Services Agreement with Snyder and Associates: The clerk informed the council that the lift station project South of town needs to get started. The clerk is concerned with the cost for the engineer services for the project since receiving grants is not guaranteed. Schroeder expressed interest in getting other bids for the project.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

