

Wall Lake, Iowa

October 11, 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, Schwanz, Riedell, Steinkamp, and Lahr.

Visitors: Jim Wissler, Bill Dreessen, Jody Fischer, and Curtis Bloes.

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

Rohlf made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 27th meeting as written. Lahr seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT OF NATURAL GAS RATE IN ORDINANCE 2021-02
Mayor Druivenga opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. The Clerk did not have any comments or questions from the public. Rohlf made the motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve 2021-02 second reading; an ordinance amending the natural gas rate adding a meter charge for residential and commercial natural gas customers: Ordinance 2021-02 was read a second time. Riedell made the motion to approve the second reading, Schwanz seconded. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Bus Barn; what are we gonna do with it? Let Legion use it? Rent it? Maintain it? The Clerk informed the council that there was some interest from the American Legion in storing their wagons, flags, etc. in the Bus Barn. The Clerk said the building is in fair condition, needs some work done and that the Legion is willing to maintain the building. The Clerk suggested leasing the bus barn for \$1.00 per year to the Legion. The City will continue to mow around the building. Riedell made the motion to lease the bus barn to the Legion for \$1.00 per year. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: Rohlf, Steinkamp, and Lahr. Abstain: Riedell and Schwanz. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Library Quarterly Report: Jody Fischer presented the council with the Library's quarterly report and the annual report. Rohlf made the motion to approve the library's quarterly and annual report. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Lights On Ceremony at Fire Station: Jessica Steinkamp spoke to council about expanding the Lights On Ceremony. Last year, she and a small group of people organized some vendors in front of the Fire Station and would like to expand on that this year. December 4th is the planned date for the event, there will be hot beverages available, holiday shopping, etc. Schwanz made the motion to approve December 4th as the date for the Lights On Ceremony at the Fire Station. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve digital sign project: The Clerk presented to the council 3 bids from 3 different sign companies. Two of the companies are out of state and one is located in Iowa. Roling Signs is located in Sioux Rapids, Iowa and installed and provided maintenance on the previous sign. Riedell made the motion to approve the bid of \$30,000 from Roling Signs. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Rec Center Board: The Clerk would like council to begin thinking about organizing a Rec Center Board. The Council agreed the board should consist of 5 members. The Clerk would like to see the board established by December. There are a lot of details to work on.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-35; a Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded Wall Lake Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment: This is a resolution stating that the city is going to change our Urban Renewal area. The medical building, school, and new Lumber Yard building are areas that need to be added. Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-35. Rohlf seconded. Roll Call Vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2021-36; a Resolution Deleting Property From the Tax Increment Financing District for the Wall Lake Commercial/Industrial Urban Renewal Area: Steinkamp made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-36. Rohlf seconded. Roll Call Vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2021-03; an Ordinance Deleting Property From the Tax Increment Financing District for the Wall Lake Commercial/Industrial Urban Renewal Area of the City of Wall Lake, Iowa, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa: Rohlf made the motion to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-03. Schwanz seconded. Roll Call Vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried. Schwanz made the motion to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 2021-03 and to finally pass Ordinance 2021-03. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call Vote: Rohlf;yes, Schwanz;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Lahr;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Perrin Directional Drilling Pay Request #4: Steinkamp made the motion to approve Perrin Directional Drilling Pay Request #4. Rohlf seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. The Clerk informed the council that Perrin is approximately 63% done with the project.

Update on Water tower, Electric Project, Emergency Management Grants, Bike Trail, School, Sewer Project: The contractor is removing and replacing pipe and working on the inside of the water tower, expected to be completed in approximately 3 weeks. The city is finished converting the bank and will be working on converting the business district within the next few weeks. Perrin will begin working on alleys East of Center Street next Spring. There are 2 Emergency Grants from FEMA. One is for a siren and the other is for a generator. We have been approved for the siren grant but will take around a year to complete. The city has not heard anything on the generator grant. We are hoping to get approved for the generator grant, a generator at City Hall would be very beneficial and would enable the city to have an emergency command center in the building. The Clerk reported that the city is still seeking people to be on the bike trail committee. Rohlf informed the council that the Snowmobile club would be willing to donate time to make signs for the trail. The Clerk told the council that there are grants for snowmobile trails and that we should call it a multi-purpose trail rather than a bike trail in order to apply for grant money for the project. There is a company here to do specs for the school demolish. The city would like to have bids by December and begin demolish in January or February. There is an engineer working with the DNR on the sewer project, and should have more information at a future council meeting.

Public Forum

Bill Dreessen would like to have a time frame on when the school will have the bus barn cleaned out and to let him know when the contract is ready to sign.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

