

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

Councilmen present: Steinkamp, Nuetzman, and Schroeder. Riedell is absent.

Visitors: Curtis Bloes.

Stieinkamp made the motion to approve the agenda. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Nuetzman made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 9th meeting as presented. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Schroeder made the motion to approve the bills with the addition of a bill from Blue Space Creative and additional hours submitted by Sarah Koenen as presented upon approval by Riedell. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Riedell joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The Clerk informed the council that the city received a letter from a resident concerning a tree which they feel is a hazard and needs to be removed. The Clerk informed the council that the tree is on the removal list but as to when it gets removed has yet to be determined. Schroeder's 4<sup>th</sup> Addition has a pile of dirt from where a contractor is building a home. The Clerk suggested moving it to the West side of the street. The Clerk informed council that if the city wanted to have the excess dirt removed there is a person interested in it. Steinkamp suggested a new roof at the REC over the concession/fitness center to fix existing leaks. Riedell suggested a slanted roof if the city were to look into repairing or replacing. The Clerk asked Steinkamp about the REC selling commercial equipment from the kitchen and feels that the City Council should have a say in what happens to the equipment. The Clerk would like to check with 60+ Meals to see if they need anything replaced at meal site.

Discuss/Approve Dog Park: Nothing new to report but the council would like to keep on the agenda.

Discuss/Approve Comet Room in City Hall: The Clerk discussed moving the Comet Room to the room that was used previously as the fitness center. It has windows and more room to display memorabilia. Previously it was discussed with SETD about using part of that room and connecting it with the medical equipment room. The clerk feels that space would be adequate office space for Public Works.

Discuss/Approve Insurance Policy review: The Council would like to meet with Travis Knobbe or an ICAP Representative to ask some questions regarding our coverage. The goal is to streamline the policy to insure only what is absolutely required.

Discuss/Approve AFR second look: The Clerk explained further where some of the revenues and expenses totals in the report come from.

#### Business and Operations Update

- Tree trimming and the Ash Tree List: The guys have a few more trees to trim before being finished. Tree removal may take longer due to the contractor catching up on jobs that were delayed due to weather.
- Update on Blue Space: Blue Space is requesting a list of 12-15 residents, employers, leaders in our community that they can interview regarding living in Wall Lake and what they'd like to see in the future for Wall Lake?

Discuss/Approve Schroeder's 4<sup>th</sup> Addition Lots 6 & 7 purchase: Greg Schroeder made an offer to purchase Lots 6 & 7 in Schroeder's 4<sup>th</sup> Addition. Council discussed the offer at length then suggested a counter offer of \$8000.00 per lot.

Discuss/Approve Building Permit(s) and the Requirements thereof: Steinkamp made the motion to approve David Simmons building permit. Nuetzman seconded. carried. In addition, moving forward a building permit will be necessary for demolition or construction as stated in our zoning ordinances. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Nuisance Letters list: Schroeder feels that the city cannot be lenient in regards to getting the nuisances taken care of. He feels its important for the letters to be sent out but that the city needs to do more to get the problem at hand resolved. He feels it's important to keep the City of Wall Lake cleaned up and looking nice. Schroeder made the motion to approve the list for nuisance abatement letters. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve FY 2025 Year End and resolution 2025-23 a resolution to transfer funds for year- end: Schroeder made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-24. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call vote: Schroeder;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve timeframe to finish house move: The City will continue to monitor progress on the completion.

Discuss/Approve Mayor Appointments: The Mayor has discussed the cemetery sexton position with Hoppe. Hoppe would like to be paid for officially acting as sexton. Riedell made the motion to approve the Mayors appointments as presented. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/ Approve Resolution 2025-24; a resolution to set a public hearing to sell property: The city is unable to give property away, paying for the cost of the legal documents from CBT will be the consideration for the additional land. Schroeder made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-24. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call vote: Schroeder;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve NW Iowa League of Cities: The Clerk feels that city council members first priority should be Community Club meetings. It was agreed that the City of Wall Lake will not renew NW Iowa League of Cities dues.

Discuss/Approve Blake Slater was hired with the understanding that he would receive pay increases as he passed Apprentice levels. We need to discuss the increases and levels further. There are 5 levels of tests and 7000 hours of OJT that Blake needs to complete to become a Certified Lineman. Riedell would like the Clerk to contact REC and other towns to see how they compensate. Schroeder would like this tabled until next meeting in order to think about bonus vs. raise when each level is completed.

Schroeder asked about on street parking and some reported hazards. Nuetzman asked about number of parking spaces allowed for a resident.

Adjourn

Schroeder made the motion to adjourn. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Attest

Lynn Grosely  
Deputy Clerk





