

Wall Lake, Iowa

August 28, 2023

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

Councilmen present: Mott, Riedell, Nuetzman and Steinkamp. Germann is absent.

Visitors: Curtis Bloes and Jim Wissler.

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

Steinkamp made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 14th meeting as presented. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Public Forum: Steinkamp spoke about a convenience store in Wall Lake.

Discuss/Approve Annexation and lots agreement with landowners: The Clerk informed the council that a landowner has turned in signed paperwork. Publications and discussion with the county will need to be done to proceed.

Discuss Mayor and Council papers: 3 seats are up: Steinkamp, Riedell and Germann (4 yrs.) plus the Mayor's seat. The person running for Mayor would serve 2 years and then that seat will be on the ballot again. Election candidate papers are available at the city clerk's office and are due before 5 p.m. 21st of September.

Discuss/Approve Ash Trees do we treat? Treating Ash trees costs between \$15-\$20 per tree for chemicals. Removing trees could cost up to \$400,00.00. There are no grant funds available for treating or removing trees. Removing a lot of trees will be unsightly and expensive. Steinkamp made the motion to begin treating the Ash trees next Spring rather than removing. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve July 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. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the clerk's report. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/ Approve Daycare Update: The Clerk reported that there are a couple of good locations for day care sites. The Clerk is meeting with a for profit group tomorrow and will have more information at a future meeting.

Discuss/Approve Jonathan Arter next steps-what do you want to see for Jon's future? Jon is progressing well working alongside Chris Lawler. The Council would like to see him begin an electric apprentice program.

Discuss/Approve Historical Society sign: The Historical Society would like to get new signage and would also like to get signage for the depot. This is only informational.

Discuss/Approve Building Permits: Riedell made the motion to approve the building permit for Bonnie Millard. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Trick-or-Treat and business involvement: Steinkamp thinks Main St. should be blocked on the North and South for safety reasons. Council decided to check with local businesses and see if Monday the 30th would be better than Tuesday the 31st.

Discuss/Approve agreement for building over drainage: The Clerk informed the council that the agreement approved August 14, 2023 does not set a precedent for future projects of similar concern. Each project will be considered separately.

Discuss/Approve Ahlers and Cooney 28E agreement: Agreement was amended to state that the city of Auburn would be responsible for paying all the firms legal fees. The Clerk spoke with Auburn city clerk and agreed to pay a portion of the fees afterwards and that the City of Wall Lake would not pay over \$1500.00. Mott made the motion to approve the Ahlers & Cooney 28E agreement. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk