

Wall Lake, Iowa

December 14, 2015

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

Councilmen present: Albert Schwanz, Gary Faber, Rob Germann, Francis Riedell and Ron Lahr.

Visitors: Richard Blum, Ken McClure, Dean Stock and Jamie Rohlf.

Schwanz moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Riedell. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Schwanz moved to approve the November 23 minutes with a correction on paragraph 4. It should say final approval 2015-4 instead of 2015-14, seconded by Lahr. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Council discussed the bills to be paid as presented and asked questions. Riedell said the Jamboree Foods amount needs to be changed to \$105.52 because the Library has already paid its bill out of their NOW account. Faber questioned whether we need to have an outside party look over the Clerk's reconciliation. The Clerk informed the council that Joe had stated that he no longer had the time to look over the reconciliation. Clerk informed the council that the auditor's suggest having an outside party look over reconciliations. Lahr made the motion to approve paying the bills. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss Pool Project; Clerk presented a bid from Pool Tech, a company out of Cedar Rapids. Estimated costs are \$95,000 which includes a sand filter, piping, valves, a new heater, chemical controller. This is a budget estimate which is put together to give customers an idea of costs. Clerk informed the Council that Woodruff out of Fort Dodge is going to take a look at the pool next week. The City Clerk will report back to the council and report on any new information. Schwanz made a comment about looking into a new trend-saltwater pools. The clerk said he would look into that and see what he could find out about it. Clerk told the Council that we have to pay attention to the timeline for grants. Some grants that are awarded have to be used within a certain time period.

Discuss Net Metering Policy: The Clerk gave the Council an example of a contract to examine. The Clerk reminded Council that the City should have a policy in place for the future, so the City can correctly charge a solar array customer for electric service.

Mayor Druivenga chose to have Doc Blum address the Council before the Clerk's Report is given. Doc Blum is here to discuss an electric meter for his garage. Doc said he doesn't care what it costs just get it done. Council suggested getting in there as soon as it freezes and get it done.

Mayor Druivenga chose to have Jamie Rohlf address the Council before the Clerk's Report is given. Jamie Rohlf is here to discuss snowmobile routes in Wall Lake: Jamie is proposing a route for snowmobiles to get into Wall Lake. He would like to see a route mapped out starting at the alley behind Chris Grotes, south down the alley to Brody Steinkamps, West to the stop sign, South to the alley by C-Store and West up to Doc's. Germann and Schwanz are concerned about people zipping down the alley at high speeds. Jamie said there would be stop signs put up so they would have to stop at the end of each alley. Mayor Druivenga was concerned about any public complaints that might arise and who would handle those. Jamie said he would inform the group of snowmobilers that they have to stay on the trail and obey the signs. As far as enforcement, he couldn't do anything but the city could ticket or tow if the rules aren't followed. Riedell was concerned about people not abiding by the rules and what the city could do about it. Council decided to discuss/approve the plan that Jamie presented at the next meeting.

Discuss/Approve Clerk's Report: Bank account balances, checks, receipts, proprietary accounts, and taxes were discussed. During the presentation council asked questions. Riedell made the motion to approve the Clerk's Report. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve gift of 60'x 60' lot from Virtus Pittman: Virtus wanted the lot to only be used for a park. Due to the size of the lot and the location and grade of the lot council decided to decline the gift and let Wayne Pickhinke have it. Schwanz made the motion to decline the gift and return the lot to Wayne Pickhinke. Riedell seconded. Roll call vote: Germann; yes, Faber; yes, Riedell; yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2015-9; an ordinance amending Title 3, Chapter 3, section 3, of the 2013 Wall Lake Code of Ordinances, specifically parking during snow removal: Council discussed leaving the ordinance as is with the exception that if a car is parked on the street while snow is falling or being removed that a warning will be given once that they are violating the city ordinance, if it happens again the vehicle will automatically be towed. Lahr made the motion to introduce Ordinance 2015-09 and approve the first reading. Roll Call vote: Germann; yes, Faber; yes, Riedell; yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried. Riedell made the motion to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 2015-09. Schwanz seconded. Roll Call vote: Germann; yes, Faber; yes, Riedell; yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried. Germann made the motion for final approval of Ordinance 2015-09. Riedell seconded. Roll Call vote: Germann; yes, Faber; yes, Riedell; yes, Schwanz; yes, Lahr; yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Official Election Results: Gary Faber got 44 votes, Rob Germann got 54 votes, and Francis Riedell got 64 votes. Councilmen will be sworn in right after the new year with the exception of Gary Faber who will be sworn in before he goes South.

Discuss/Approve Sale of Beer Coolers: Clerk asked Council what they would like to do with the beer coolers. The Clerk suggested doing a sealed bid for the coolers. He knows of a couple of interested parties.

Discuss Charges and Rates from WAPA and MEAN: Clerk presented information regarding how many kilowatt hours we use compared to what we are charged for demand. We always use what we are allocated from WAPA. Council was concerned with what we were being charged for demand from MEAN. The Clerk reported that we received an estimate from MEAN showing a current charge of \$121,000 a year. Next year we will be charged \$113,000 because our load is decreasing.

Discuss/Approve Employee Salaries: Mayor Druivenga passed out employee evaluation reports to the council members for review. Riedell made the motion to increase salaries 2% across the board for all employees. Chris Rodman's yearly salary would increase to \$50,397.18, Myron Olerich's hourly wage would increase to \$25.50, Rick Hoppe's hourly wage would increase to \$20.65, Daryl Lamaak's hourly wage would increase to \$17.18, Chris Lawler's hourly wage would increase to \$14.28, Lynn Grosely's hourly wage would increase to \$14.28, and Nancy Herrig's yearly salary would increase to \$26,520.00. Schwanz seconded. Roll Call vote: Germann; yes, Faber; yes, Riedell; yes, Schwanz; abstain, Lahr; yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Police Contract for service: Sheriff Ken McClure presented a formula used for service based on taxes, population, etc. The rate for Wall Lake would be \$27,600. Sheriff McClure assured the council that we would get a detailed report monthly showing patrol hours and reasons they were here, etc. Sheriff McClure told council that we would not get charged for extra hours and we would know what our contract cost would be once their budget was approved each year. If we do not like the job Sac County Sheriff's department is doing for the community we do not renew the contract. Council thanked him for the presentation and will discuss the information. Council discussed what they want from the Lake View Police Department. We want the same services provided in our contract but feel that we are being charged too much. Council would like to see what Lake View has to offer and discuss further.

Public Forum

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

Attest: Lynn Grosely, Deputy Clerk