

Wall Lake, Iowa

January 27, 2025

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

Councilmen present: Mott, Nuetzman and Steinkamp. Schroeder and Riedell are absent.

Visitors: Lee Wuebker and Curtis Bloes.

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

Mott made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 14th meeting as presented. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mott made the motion to approve the bills as presented with additional bills from Tammy Smith for \$30.00 for cleaning and ICD for \$150.00 for computer maintenance. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: Dorinda Wehde will be here next week to discuss a problem gambling proclamation. The Clerk would like to invite the REC board to a council meeting to discuss objectives and goals for the REC center and upcoming changes to the board. The Clerk informed the council that a new appointee is needed for the Wilma Gosch trust board. The Clerk asked the council to think about an individual that would be beneficial to serve on the Wilma Gosch trust board.

Discuss/Approve Business center sale price and lease price discussion: The Clerk had nothing new to report to the council. The Clerk will continue to schedule a meeting between council and Drost Physical Performance.

Discuss/Approve Baby Pool Project: The Clerk has reached out to an architect/engineer to visit the pool site to give the city an opinion on whether the pool should be remodeled or if it needs to be rebuilt entirely. The Clerk is waiting to hear back on a date to meet.

Discuss/Approve Pool Green Space: Council inquired about building size and type. Wuebker said the goal is to clean up the concrete slab by the pool but that a building design is not settled. The Clerk suggested meeting with Wuebker and putting flags up to map out where the building would go and to avoid any existing water valves at the site.

Discuss/Approve Second Look FY 26 Budget: The General Property Tax pays for the Community Building and for city amenities such as the swimming pool, library and parks. Usually, we can take money from the Electric Fund to pay the amount Property taxes doesn't but since we have to pay for the electric upgrade our Property Tax Levy is very important. The Clerk said we need to look at where we are today and where we're comfortable going. The Clerk presented three different amounts to the council and suggested that we do not set the total amount below \$165,000.00 with a levy rate of 11.3%. A decision is needed by March 1st to the auditor, he would like to see all 5 council members discuss at a meeting before making a decision.

Discuss/Approve Lots at the airport-will cost about \$5800 to have platted: Snyder & Associates would survey and plat the lots. The Clerk suggested splitting the costs of surveying and platting, etc. between the five lots and adding it to the cost of the lot. Mott made the motion to approve having Snyder & Associates move forward on the lots and then the city will charge accordingly for the lots. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Liquor License Doc's Place: Mott made the motion to approve the liquor license for Doc's. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Marketing Position and Twilight meeting Feb 18: The Clerk said we should have a committee meet with TWA rather than all of the council, Mayor and Clerk. Mott suggested Schroeder and Riedell along with the Clerk and Mayor. An idea was brought up at the last meeting about a marketing professional coming in to help promote Wall Lake and what our city has to offer. More work is required before we can hire a Marketing Professional.

Discuss/Approve consideration of sealed bids for airport hangar space: A bid was received over the weekend for spaces. A new notice for sealed bids will be put in the paper to let the public know of their availability and to allow consideration for the bid received before the new closing date.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2025-02; a resolution to set a public hearing date and inform public of final action upon the proposal from Jamie Rohlf: Nuetzman made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 and set the public hearing date for February 10, 2025 to finalize. Steinkamp seconded. Roll Call vote: Mott;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/ Approve Perrin Drilling Pay Request 9: Perrin finished the line going to the South, the pay request is for \$66079.63. Steinkamp made the motion to approve pay request 9. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Empire Excavation Pay Request 6: This payment is for material that will be used to put in utilities. Steinkamp made the motion to approve payment 6 for Empire for \$40735.96. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve consideration for Fiscal Agent request: The City of Wall Lake will act as the Fiscal Agent for Quilts of Valor, a non-profit organization. Doing so will enable donors to write off their donation at tax time. Nuetzman made the motion to approve acting as the fiscal agent for Quilts of Valor. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

