

Wall Lake, Iowa

June 12, 2023

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

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

Visitors: None.

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

Riedell made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 22nd meeting as presented. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mott made the motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a utility deposit refund for Kaleb Haney. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Public Forum: The Clerk informed the council that a grant was received in the amount of \$250.00 for equipment at the REC Center. The Clerk told council that in lieu of a employee Christmas party an annual golf outing in memory of Mayor Druivenga was suggested. Public Works employees have asked to wear shorts during hot weather. It isn't advisable according to our insurance company.

Discuss/Approve REC Board: The city does have an ordinance that states that anyone serving on a board needs to live within city limits. The Clerk suggested looking into changing that to include nearby zip codes or within a certain mile radius. Council discussed what the REC Boards role is in making decisions for the REC Center. Hiring a manager at some point and the lack of revenue to pay a manager was discussed.

Discuss/Approve Off-Road Vehicles "ATV" Ordinance: The Clerk suggested to the council that if the ordinance is changed regarding ATV's that the city should follow the county ordinance. The Clerk will make changes to the ordinance that pertain to Wall Lake and bring back to council for review. Mott made the motion to allow ATV's in city limits sunrise to sunset, similar to what the ordinance regarding golf carts states. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve elected official vacancy: Mayor Druivenga passed away on Friday, June 9th after courageously battling cancer for nearly a year and a half. Rohlf stated that he is willing to step in as Mayor if the Council would like him to. The Clerk has had someone

express interest in serving either as a council man or as Mayor that is currently employed by the city. Mott asked if that is legal. The Clerk informed the council that the city has 60 days to appoint someone as Mayor. The City can either do a special election where an individual would run for Mayor or the council can appoint someone to serve. A Resolution would need to be done, the public would have 14 days to contest an appointment. The Clerk will check to see about an employee being able to serve as Mayor and will get back to the council at the next meeting to make some decisions.

Discuss/Approve May 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. Riedell made the motion to approve the May Clerk's report. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss Approve North subdivision or next steps: The Clerk will call the engineer and get drawings of the North subdivision for council to review.

Discuss/Approve Tree Ordinance -Dead or Disease: The Clerk is looking for guidance from the council on how to determine whether a tree is dead or diseased and who's responsibility it is to take care of it. Riedell suggested having Iowa State come to Wall Lake to look at some trees and determine whether diseased or not.

Discuss/Approve Main Street Bench donation: A family would like to donate a bench and put on Main St. between Hardware Store and Bowling Alley. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the family's request to donate and place a bench on Main St. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Tobacco License Kimmes C Store: Riedell made the motion to approve the Tobacco License for Kimmes. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Liquor License: Steinkamp made the motion to approve the Liquor License for the Wall Lake Farm Festival. Mott seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Building Permit(s): Mott made the motion to approve building permits for Corbin, Jacobsen, Salsman and Kroeger. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Water Main maintenance: A water main break has resulted in the need to make repairs to the main to prevent further damage. Schmitt Construction will install one block of 6" water main on 4th Street from Stuart to Melrose.

Discuss/Approve building over drainage: A business in town would like to remove and replace a building that is currently built over drainage ditch. The business is questioning whether or not the city will allow them to rebuild over the drainage ditch again. The Clerk suggested having the county engineer come and take a look at what the best option would be for the business owner and the city.

Discuss/Approve Land Purchase by homeowner in Wall Lake (potential field trip) A homeowner by the ball field is interested in owning an additional 25 ft. adjacent to their property. The Clerk will put flags out so the council can better understand the additional property in question.

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk