

Wall Lake, Iowa

March 10, 2025

Wall Lake City Council met in council chambers at 5:30 p.m. presided by Mayor Pro- Tem Nuetzman. Mayor Rohlf is absent.

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

Visitors: Stephanie King, Segna Birkhofer and Curtis Bloes.

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

Riedell made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 24th meeting as presented. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Public Forum: Nuetzman thanked the city guys for their hard work removing snow and clearing the roads after last week's blizzard. Steinkamp said he has been getting questions and comments on the plan for Play Country at the school.

Discuss/Approve Library Quarterly Report and Budget Request: This was skipped for now, Steph King is not currently at the meeting. King joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and reported on library attendance, programs and material check out totals. Segna Birkhofer praised Stephanie King for the great job she is doing as head librarian.

Discuss/Approve Final Look FY 2026 Budget: The Clerk reviewed the budget that included some re-estimating. The Clerk reviewed revenues, expenditures, estimated project costs.

Discuss/Approve meeting with TWA update: The Clerk gave an update on the committee meeting between TWA and an architect that specializes in renovating care centers or nursing homes. Improving the structure and the nursing home's efficiency is the goal. A market study will be done to identify the community's needs.

Discuss/Approve REC By-Laws: The Clerk presented a generic example of by laws that included term limits and how voting should go. Schroeder would like to table this for now and let council review the information further.

Discuss/Approve Pool Manager re-hire: Lindsay King is willing to manage the pool again. Steinkamp made the motion to hire Lindsay King as the pool manager for the 2025 season. Riedell seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve February 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 Clerk's Report. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Spring Cleanup Days: The Clerk will check with Rudd Sanitation and report back next meeting if this date works.

Discuss/Approve 2025 Electric Reliability Plan and letter: Steinkamp made the motion to approve the Electric Reliability Plan and letter. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/ Approve Airport land rent bids: The city only received one bid from Nutrien for \$200 an acre. The South end will be used (4 acres). Schroeder made the motion to approve the bid of \$800. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Proposed Property Tax Levy and Resolution 2025-10; a resolution to set budget levy rate and set a date for a public hearing on the budget levy rate: Public hearing will be on March 24th at 5:30 p.m. for the budget levy rate. Following the public hearing, there will be another agenda to approve a resolution to hold a public hearing to approve the total budget. That public hearing will be April 14th. Steinkamp made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-10. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve accept bids for Airport Hangar: The city received one bid for the middle and North sections from Jerry Lapel for \$200 each section. The Clerk will talk to Lapel about expediting moving the building due to dirt work beginning in the near future. Schroeder made the motion to accept the bid from Jerry Lapel for \$400. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Properties to cleanup using 657A: This is an Iowa Code that can be used to take possession of properties in order to clean up, improve or develop the location. Riedell made the motion to approve using Iowa Code 657A to cleanup properties in Wall Lake. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss Letter received from Citizen about the 125 Center Street Property: The City of Wall Lake received a letter from a local citizen stating that they are in the process of buying this

house and the city needs to halt any process to acquire the house. The city went through the legal process and there were no legal documents from interested parties when a lien and title search was done. The Clerk informed the council that the city acquired the house legally and already owns it and can move forward.

Discuss Sac County Bike Ride; The Prairie Pedal May 10: The Clerk presented the council with a map of the upcoming bike ride. This will be an annual ride and the host city will change each year.

Discuss/ Approve Resolution 2025-11; a resolution (1) approving the minimum development requirements competitive criteria, and procedures for disposition of certain property located within the urban renewal plan area; (2) determining that the proposal submitted by Horsley Operations satisfies the offering requirements and (3) declaring the intent of the city to enter into a purchase agreement by and between the city of Wall Lake, Iowa and Horsley Operations in the event that no competing proposals are submitted; and (4) soliciting competing proposals: Competing bids will be accepted until April 11th, there will be a public hearing on April 14th. Riedell made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-11. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Nuetzman mentioned that the American Legion would like to complete their project at the cemetery and Nuetzman stated that the city could contribute to the project.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely

Deputy Clerk

