

Wall Lake, Iowa

November 9, 2015

Wall Lake City Council met in session at 4:30 p.m. in council chambers presided by Mayor Steven Druivenga.

Councilmen present: Albert Schwanz, Gary Faber and Rob Germann. Riedell and Lahr are absent.

Visitors: None.

Germann moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Schwanz. Ayes: All. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Faber moved to approve the October 26 minutes as presented, seconded by Germann. Ayes: All. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Council discussed the bills to be paid as presented and asked questions. An additional bill was added from Rick Hoppe for two grave openings. Germann moved to approve paying the bills with the additional bill pending approval from Riedell. Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Annual Financial Report FY2015: After some discussion, Germann moved to approve the Annual Financial Report for FY 2015. Faber seconded. Roll call vote: Germann: Aye, Faber: Aye, Schwanz: Aye. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2015-04; An ordinance amending title 6 chapter 5 section 4 of the 2013 Wall Lake Code of Ordinance, specifically utility bill payment and late fees. Faber made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2015-14, seconded by Schwanz. Roll call vote: Germann: Aye, Faber: Aye, Schwanz: Aye. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Sealed Bid Opening: Clerk reported that only one bid was received from relation of his. Clerk stated that he has had several people ask about submitting a bid after the closing date. Clerk suggested reopening the bidding until Friday the 20th to allow these interested parties to submit a bid.

Discuss Landfill Building and probable rate increase: Schwanz relayed information to council members from the Landfill meeting. Schwanz reported that bids for the new building went out and are due by December 14. The Landfill committee will then have a meeting on December 15. Schwanz said they are anticipating a 25% increase per capita in cost. For Wall Lake, that amounts to approximately \$6.25 per person or approximately \$5100 a year. Completion of the new building is expected to be around August of 2016.

Discuss Electric Net metering: Clerk informed the council that MEAN is working on a policy to have in place for communities to adopt. This policy will outline Wall Lake's rules and regulations regarding solar array power customers. Clerk said the city will need to start looking at how to bill solar array customers. Clerk told council he thinks it would be a good idea to have a policy in place for the future.

Discuss/Approve Resolution 2015-13: a resolution stating the Wall Lake City Council intends to apply for a street sign grant through the Iowa DOT: The DOT has money available each year through grants for replacing street signs. The City Clerk and Rick Hoppe found 15 that need replacing. Approximate cost for the signs and poles is estimated at around \$1300.00. The Clerk will apply for the grant next year. Roll call vote: Germann: Aye, Faber: Aye, Schwanz: Aye. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve HB980 Breaker or jackhammer from Haleys: After much discussion the council decided to rent instead of purchasing at this time.

Discuss/Approve Building Permit Chris Rodman garden shed: Schwanz made the motion to approve Chris Rodman's building permit upon approval by Jim Herring. Faber seconded. Ayes: All, Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Liquor License-Kimmes C-Store: Germann made the motion to approve a liquor license for Kimmes C-Store, Schwanz seconded. Ayes: All, Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2015-05; an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 5, Section 10, of the 2013 Wall Lake Code of Ordinance, specifically Sewer Rates: The ordinance read previously that sewer would be 75% of the water charge with a \$8.25 minimum. The new ordinance reads that the sewer charge will be 100% of the water charge with an \$11.00 minimum. So basically whatever is charged for water will also be charged for sewer. Faber made the motion to introduce and approve the first reading of Ordinance 2015-05. Schwanz seconded. Roll Call vote: Germann: Aye, Faber: Aye, Schwanz: Aye. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2015-06; an Ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 5, Section 12, Item number 1 of the 2013 Code of Ordinance, specifically Residential Electric Rates: Clerk said none of the wording has changed with the exception of the first 1000 kWh-.0935 per kWh, the next 1000 kWh -.0735 per kWh, over 2000-.0695. This is an increase of \$.0025, a quarter of a cent. Schwanz made the motion to approve Ordinance 2015-06, Faber seconded. Roll call vote: Germann: Aye, Faber: Aye, Schwanz: Aye. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2015-07; an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 5, section 12, item number 2 of the 2013 Wall Lake Code of Ordinance, specifically Commercial Rates: Clerk said none of the wording has changed with the exception of the first 1000 kWh-.0935 per kWh, over 1000 kWh -.0695. This is an increase of \$.0025, a quarter of a cent. Germann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2015-07, Schwanz seconded. Roll call vote: Germann: Aye, Faber: Aye, Schwanz: Aye. Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2015-08; an ordinance amending Title 6, Chapter 5, section 9 of the 2013 Wall Lake Code of Ordinance, specifically Garbage Rates: After much discussion council decided to table this topic until we get more information regarding garbage cost increases.

Public Forum: This Thursday, November 12, 2015 is the NWILC meeting. Wall Lake is hosting the meeting at the new shelter house at 6:30. Schwanz reported that replacing the tree donation plaques at the cemetery is coming along. Schwanz suggested enclosing the cemetery directory area by the shed. He said it would be nice to have an enclosed area for people to look at the map to locate grave sites during inclement weather.

Adjourn: Germann made the motion to adjourn, Faber seconded. Ayes: All, Riedell and Lahr are absent. Motion carried.

Attest:

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk