

Wall Lake, Iowa

October 28, 2024

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

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

Visitors: None.

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

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

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

Public Forum: Mayor Rohlf asked about when to give notice to people renting space at the airport to get their storage items removed. Will we take it down ourselves or have someone take it down? This will be an agenda item to discuss at the next meeting.

Discuss/Approve condominium of abandoned school East side: After much discussion it was decided that the council would like to ask the City Attorney to attend a future meeting to discuss rules and regulations and answer some questions.

Discuss/Approve dog ordinance and request to deny fence construction: Mott made a motion to rescind Heather Luchtel's permit to build a fence until her neighbor Ben Smith has built his fence since Smith has a valid permit. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Nuetzman reported that he talked with our City Attorney regarding Pit Bulls and our Attorney stated that singling out a specific breed is lost in court more often than won. Mott stated that the breed isn't the issue, the issue is whether or not the animal is vicious. Wall Lake does have an ordinance prohibiting vicious or dangerous animals.

Discuss/Approve Ordinance 2024-04; Third reading of an ordinance amending the electric rate in Wall Lake Ordinance: Nuetzman made the motion to approve and pass the final reading of Ordinance 2024-04. Mott seconded. Roll call vote: Schroeder;yes, Mott;yes, Riedell;yes, Steinkamp;yes, Nuetzman;yes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Second Look Annual Urban Renewal Report: Riedell made the motion to approve the second look at the Annual Urban Renewal Report. Steinkamp seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Baby Pool Project: Schroeder reported that he thinks the swimming pool is important in a small community. He feels that there needs to be more community involvement as far as fundraising. He would like to see more people at the Community Club meeting to share ideas for fundraising and ideas regarding the pool in general.

Discuss/Approve Change order #1 water/sewer extension at Airport: The City needs to extend water and sewer at the airport pad. We will do a change order rather than taking bids. Empire Excavation will be able to buy the material and store it and start the project in the Spring. Nuetzman made the motion to approve change order #1. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve electric low voltage on October 2nd: Mid American had some electric issues that affected Wall Lake. Mid American will not pay for any claims for damaged equipment due to power interruption or failure. The question is whether or not the City of Wall Lake is responsible for replacement of equipment that was damaged by an power failure or low voltage issue. The council agreed that the city will not be not consider claims for damaged equipment either.

Discuss/Approve water service issue for Rural customers-this is an issue because in most cases we are responsible for the main and curb stop, the customer is responsible for the service line from the curb stop to the home. Rural customers do not have curb stops and some have hundreds or thousands of feet for service line: The Council suggested talking with our city attorney to determine how to handle the issue.

Discuss/Approve unfinished fence near the alley at 302 West 3rd St.: After much discussion, the council agreed that the city will haul and dump dirt in as soon as possible due to the ground freezing soon.

Discuss/Approve Option to purchase land East of the pool: Riedell made the motion to not purchase land East of the pool. Nuetzman seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve TIF Certification: The city will certify \$44,882.00 for Residential TIF and \$110,157.00 for Commercial TIF. Steinkamp made the motion to approve the TIF certifications. Schroeder seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Council meeting time change: The Mayor and the Council would like to change council meetings to 5:30 p.m. The Clerk will look into what needs to be done in order to change that.

Discuss/Approve Change order #2 and Pay App #4 for Schroeder's 4th addition: The change order #2 was for boring instead of digging and replacing concrete. Pay application #4 is for Empire Excavation for \$33,354.50. Schroeder made the motion to approve change order #2 and pay app #4. Riedell seconded. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Next regular Council meeting November 11th – Veteran's Day: The next council meeting is scheduled on Nov. 11th and the City offices are closed that day for Veteran's Day and the Stag is also scheduled on the 11th. Council agreed to move the council meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn

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

Attest

Lynn Grosely
Deputy Clerk

