

January 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 N. Wood River Avenue, with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll and reported that the following members were:

PRESENT: Leroy Duncan
 Sonya Hagaman
 Jeremy Plank
 Scott Tweedy
 Tom Stalcup

and that a quorum was present and in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
 NAYS: None (0)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period December 17 to December 29, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
 NAYS: None (0)

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Chuck Johanson stated he has never been against the Recreation Center but is against the location. He feels it should be on the east end of the city. His friends do not shop here and do not come into the city. The City says it will not be that big of a building but it will block sunsets for those on Whitelaw. He did his research on the construction and it will be built as a tilt-in wall and that is not safe. It is a pole barn that is not going to withstand a tornado. It says there will be two gyms with no bleachers. People expect a facility with all the amenities. It needs to be safe.

City Manager Schneider explained that the City is struggling with higher than usual COVID numbers. There are a number of employees still waiting on results.

Mayor Stalcup explained that City Hall will still lock the doors from 3-5pm due to staffing shortages. This time helps the employees catch up. Citizens can always drop water payments outside in the night drop.

OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Stacy Ehrman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Probationary Police Officer Tyler Tharp.

RESOLUTION 1958 APPLICATION FOR DOWNTOWN & MAIN STREETS

GRANT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the application for a Downtown & Main Streets grant, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Mayor Stalcup explained this grant is for a potential of \$3,000,000 and if received will be used to renovate downtown city owned property.

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the resolution was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION 1959 APPLICATION FOR METRO EAST PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT (MEPRD) GRANT TO OFFSET THE COST OF DEVELOPING A PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE MASTER PLAN:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the application for a MEPRD grant to offset the cost to develop a pedestrian/bicycle trail master plan, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Mayor Stalcup thanked the staff for working hard to find ways to offset the cost of developing the pedestrian/bicycle trail master plan. It all helps to move the City forward.

the resolution was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Plank (1)

RESOLUTION 1960 APPLICATION FOR AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY TRANSIT (ACT) GRANT TO OFFSET THE COST OF DEVELOPING A PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE MASTER PLAN:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the application for an ACT grant to offset the cost to develop a pedestrian/bicycle trail master plan, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

CHANGE MEETING DATE:

Councilman Duncan moved to change the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to Tuesday, January 18, 2022, due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Duncan moved to recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)), seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman and approved by the following vote:

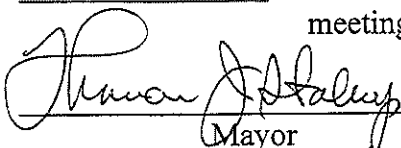
AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

The Council recessed at 7:15pm and reconvened at 7:25pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.


Mayor


City Clerk