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A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021 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:

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period September 17 to September 30, 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:

Pastor Dave Landry expressed his concern over comments made at the last meeting regarding the Parks & Rec Director not doing a good job. He feels the Director is doing a good job and all City employees are doing an excellent job. He is not attacking the individuals that stand up for their principles but holding the Council responsible. The Roundhouse roof has been leaking. If Council cares about the City like their homes then the leak would already have been fixed. There is a mistrust in what the Council says and does. The new playground is being installed because of the Rec Center not because of the Roundhouse. The East Alton Rec Center is only open minimal hours. They have no community support or use. Roxana is the same and they are looking at the YMCA for help. Taxpayers will not be deceived. They may use the facility when it is first opened.

Mary Roberts clarified that the citizens voted to keep the Roundhouse and maintained as is. She keeps hearing that the Roundhouse will not be torn down and possibly turned into a gazebo. Clarification is needed. She would like to see a town hall meeting held for citizens to speak.

Bill Dettmers referenced the national political scene and the decisiveness between republicans and democrats is also reflected here locally. The policy that is causing distrust is the manner in which citizens are allowed to speak. It is an attempt to stop people from participating. The three minute timeframe is the bare minimum. It only encourages people not to attend meetings. The solution is simple. Hold town hall meetings so citizens can speak and Council can respond. If Council wants to be understood then they need to communicate.

Mayor Stalcup thanked First Mid Bank and Trust for the \$10,000 donation towards a new sign at the library. These funds will make the project a reality in time for the library's 100th anniversary next year.

Mayor Stalcup also updated those present on the renovations at Emerick Sports Park. The baseball field is being completely redone and a new concrete backstop is being constructed. All the updates will be ready for next season.

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ORDINANCE 2746: REMOVE 535 6TH ST (IRONWORKS AUTO SALES) OUT OF TIF #3

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve removing 535 6th St (Ironworks Auto Sales) out of TIF #3, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Councilman Plank asked for the purpose of the removal.

Mayor Stalcup explained the owner of Ironworks Auto Sales, Bryan Grieve, requested the removal in order for him to combine this lot with another lot for the purpose of constructing an accessory building. The second lot was not in the TIF and therefore the easiest and cheapest way to correct that was to remove 535 6th St. out of TIF #3

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2747 AGREEMENT 1303: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RIVERBEND FAMILY MINISTRIES AT 144/146 E. FERGUSON FOR TIF ASSISTANCE:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Riverbend Family Ministries for 144/146 E. Ferguson (Parcel ID 19-2-08-27-05-105-009) for TIF Financial Assistance, as submitted by the TIF Committee, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1950: OBJECT TO PROPOSED REDUCTION OF ASSESSED VALUATION AT 395 E. EDWARDSVILLE RD:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a resolution objecting to the proposed assessed value reduction at Foxes Grove located at 395 E. Edwardsville Rd, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank asked if this is standard policy.

The City Attorney explained it is standard policy when it deals with commercial properties asking for a large reduction in assessed value. Typically reductions in the \$100,000 range.

the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1951: OBJECT TO PROPOSED REDUCTION OF ASSESSED VALUATION AT 19-2-08-23-00-000-023, 025, 030, 031, 035, 037 & 044:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a resolution objecting to the proposed assessed value reduction of seven empty lots owned by Koch Wood River LLC located at 19-2-08-23-00-000-023, 025, 030, 031, 035, 037 & 044, seconded by Councilman Duncan and approved by the following vote:

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

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RESOLUTION 1952: DECLARE STRUCTURES AT 11 THROUGH 19 E. FERGUSON (19-2-08-28-08-203-035.002) AS UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of a resolution to declare the structures at 11 through 19 E. Ferguson as unsafe and a public nuisance and authorize the City Attorney to proceed with legal action, as submitted by Building and Zoning, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

EASEMENT #151: STORMWATER DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR PARCEL 19-1-08-26-02-201-024.001

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve acceptance of a stormwater drainage easement for Parcel ID 19-1-08-26-02-201-024.001 and owned by Vartu LLC as part of the East End Detention project, as submitted by the Public Works Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan and approved by the following vote:

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

SEEK RFP FOR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT OF SEVEN PARCELS IN THE ENVIROTECH BUSINESS PARK:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve a request to seek Request For Proposals for the possible development of seven parcels of land located in Envirotech Business Park with Parcel ID#s 19-1-08-20-00-000-012 & 012.001, 19-1-08-21-00-000-001 & 001.001 & 001.002, 19-1-08-28-00-000-001 & 19-1-08-29-00-000-005, seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved by the following vote:

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

HALLOWEEN PARADE – APPROVED:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the Halloween Parade for Saturday, October 30, 2021 beginning at 10:30am, seconded by Councilman Plank and approved by the following vote:

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

TRICK OR TREAT RULES – APPROVED:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve rules for Trick or Treating as printed on the agenda, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilwoman Hagaman asked why the age limit is 12 years old

City Manager Schneider stated that has always been the policy

the rules were approved by the following vote:

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

CLOSE CITY STREETS FOR ANNUAL PD 5K – APPROVED:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a request to close certain streets for the PD Annual 5K to be held Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 8:00-11:00am, as submitted by the Wood River Police Association, seconded by Councilman Duncan

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Councilman Plank stated he is looking forward to the 5K and needs to begin his preparation for the run

Mayor Stalcup stated it should be an exciting weekend with all that is planned

closing the streets was approved by the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

The Council recessed at 7:19pm and reconvened at 7:40pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

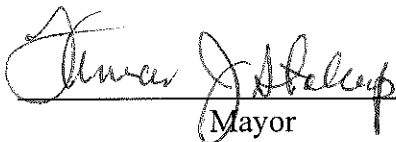
NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Plank asked for a vote on the next Council agenda to hold a town hall meeting with questions and answers that go beyond three minutes in order to listen to citizens.

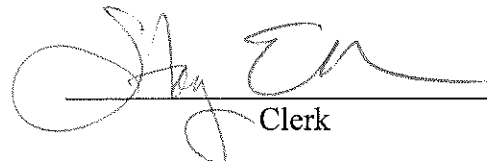
Discussion ensued on adding the item to the agenda. There is no vote tonight to add the item simply a request by a Councilmember.

Councilman Plank clarified the agenda item would be to approve a town hall meeting for questions and answers with no specific date.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk