

December 6, 2021

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 N. Wood River Avenue, with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Deputy 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 November 15, 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:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period November 12 to December 2, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Dettmers gave the Mayor and Council a verbatim handout of his comments. Mr. Dettmers compared Wood River and Edwardsville and suggested that the City of Wood River needs to improve the schools to attract young families. The City needs to increase property values by focusing on increasing the owner-occupied housing percentage. He suggests using the 1% Sales Tax to give incentives to both existing homeowners and for those who build or buy a home in Wood River. He stated that taking on debt and increasing expenses for a Rec Center will not have a positive effect on property values.

Linda Walters gave her opinion on certain items on the agenda. She understands the reasoning for additional taxes regarding street and bridges and understands the Library's tax levy is probably due to COVID-19 related issues or that they didn't budget well. She feels the item for corporate purposes does not provide enough information, very open-ended, and seems retro-active back to May 1, 2021. She agrees with the previous statement by citizen Bill Dettmers.

ORDINANCE 2759 LEVYING A TAX FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER FOR FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2022:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve levying a tax for all corporate purposes for the City of Wood River for fiscal year May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank asked if the Mayor could please explain this ordinance to the audience.

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Mayor Stalcup explained we have a flat levy rate compared to last year. The increase was for the purpose of police and fire pensions. The city is assigned a certain amount of money for pensions by the State and the City is trying to get ahead of the requirement and therefore adding 2% over the state requirement.

Councilman Plank asked if this is a real estate tax.

Mayor Stalcup stated yes.

Councilwoman Hagaman provided further understanding using the example that if you pay \$364 in taxes per year then your taxes would only go up \$17 per year.

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: Plank (1)

ORDINANCE 2760 AUTHORIZING A LEVY FOR ADDITIONAL TAX FOR STREET AND BRIDGE PURPOSES:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve authorizing a levy for additional tax for street and bridge purposes seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilwoman Hagaman asked for clarification for the purpose of the levy and if it was raising anyone's property taxes.

Mayor Stalcup asked Director Sobrino to explain.

Director Sobrino stated he would have to verify with the clerk but he believes it is just a procedural issue. A component of the City's levy is for street and bridge purposes and the clerk has always broken that part of the levy out but he clarified there is not additional money going to this. It's the same as prior years.

Councilwoman Hagaman asked if an individual looked their taxes up online a percentage would show going to street and bridge.

Director Sobrino believes it just shows the City of Wood River

Councilman Plank questioned if this was the same as item #7 on the agenda.

Director Sobrino advised that was correct.

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION 1956 DETERMINING TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL .02% LIBRARY TAX:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution determining to levy an additional .02% Library Tax, as submitted by the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Mayor Stalcup stated as in item #6 on the agenda this was the same explanation.

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)

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ORDINANCE 2761 AGREEMENT 1313 SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION AT 2700 ROCK HILL RD (PARCEL ID 19-2-08-25-01-101-004):

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve authorizing an agreement with Peter Pierce for sanitary sewer installation at 2700 Rock Hill Rd (Parcel ID 19-2-08-25-01-101-004), as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Mayor Stalcup explained this is for property that Mr. Pierce is developing on Rock Hill Rd and that the City is glad to help him out with this infrastructure

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE - REGARDING FINANCING FOR THE PROPOSED RECREATION CENTER – DENIED:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance regarding financing for the proposed Recreation Center, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank stated he appreciated the City Attorney assisting with the language on this ordinance. He feels the council should do their due diligence in honoring the voters and ask the voters permission before moving on any debt financing no matter the type of financing.

the ordinance was denied by the following vote:

AYES: Plank, Stalcup (2)
NAYS: Duncan, Hagaman, Tweedy (3)

RESOLUTION 1957 APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A 2021 FEMA “ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS REGIONAL GRANT” FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the application for a 2021 FEMA “Assistance to Firefighters Regional Grant” for self-contained breathing apparatus, as submitted by the Fire Chief, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED - A RECOMMENDATION TO RENEW THE CITY’S PROPERTY, LIABILITY, WORKER COMPENSATION AND CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH IML/RMA:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the recommendation to renew the City’s property, liability, worker compensation and cyber liability insurance with IML/RMA, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Plank

Mayor Stalcup thanked Director Sobrino for the time spent on getting this information together. It will save the City quite a bit of money

the recommendation was approved by the following vote:

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

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APPROVED - A REQUEST TO WAIVE THE RENTAL FEE FOR THE
ROUNDHOUSE ON MARCH 19, 2022 FOR AN ANNUAL QUARTER MANIA
EVENT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the request to waive the rental fee for the Roundhouse on March 19, 2022, as submitted by the Lorena Avenue PTA, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

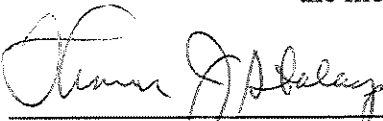
NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Stalcup stated on December 9th the Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Roundhouse at 11:00 am. On December 11th Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Roundhouse. The cost is \$3 for children and \$4 for adults.

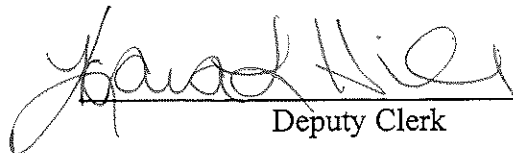
Mayor Stalcup also spoke of commendations for Sergeant Aaron Burns, Detective Evan Ford, Officer Geoffrey Fester and Office Dustin Johnson for their diligent work on the arrest of four people due to illegal activity on Tipton Avenue. The citizens of Wood River appreciate their work in stopping this nuisance to the City.

Mayor Stalcup thanked everyone that made the Downtown Christmas Festival and the PD 5K Run a big success the Saturday after Thanksgiving. He thanked the Police Association, the Appearance Committee, the Grinch, Santa Claus, the Downtown Enrichment Group, all the business owners that participated and the runners of the 5K.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk