

June 21, 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, June 21, 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:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 7, 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 June 4 to June 17, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending May 31, 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:

Bill Dettmers spoke regarding the discussions at the recent Council work session. He reminded Council that the citizens are not in support of a Rec Center. He cautions this council to remember that Maguire and Anderson were not reelected due to their support of the center. The April 2019 referendum for the 1% sales tax is not justification for proceeding with the Rec Center, as the original plan was presented with a pool. He stated that the aquatic center did not bring people to Wood River and the city actually lost residents during its existence. People were not confused by the Save the Roundhouse referendum in November 2020. He believes that some people who voted No expressed to him afterwards that they should have voted Yes. He is not opposed to the Rec Center but there must be a feasibility study to evaluate the need. There needs to be a long-term plan with multiple phases over 10 or 20 years. Council needs to address the immediate needs of the community. He does not want the City to spend so much money that they cannot afford the infrastructure projects. The Rec Center estimated cost is now \$10.5 million and the recent quote to repair all sidewalks is \$1 million.

Mayor Stalcup congratulated Public Works Director Steve Palen on the installation of the new "Historic Downtown Wood River" sign across Wood River Avenue, made possible through a grant. He also thanked the Street Department for the repaving work on Acton and all the streets currently getting paved. He has received numerous compliments from citizens. He wants the public to know there is a lot of progress beginning downtown. He thanked the Enrichment Group and all those involved with the start of revitalizing downtown.

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PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup presented a Certificate of Recognition to EAWRHS senior athlete Hannah Sechrest for her outstanding achievements in Track & Field.

Mayor Stalcup commented that Miss Sechrest is also outstanding in cheerleading and will be attending SEMO on a scholarship for cheerleading.

OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Ehrman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Probationary Patrolman Tyler Gallaher.

ORDINANCE 2728 - MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT AT THE CORNER OF LORENA AND WOOD RIVER AVE:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of an ordinance for a minor subdivision plat vacating a portion of an alley, creating a partial alley and combining five City owned lots into one at the southeast corner of Lorena and Wood River Ave, as recommended by the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Mayor Stalcup asked Chief Wells to provide a quick recap/explanation of this ordinance

Chief Wells reminded council this ordinance will help to improve the safety of those visiting the future eating establishment at 7 Wood River Ave by relocating the alleyway and provide for an easy bid process to sell off the corner lot by combining the five small nonconforming lots into one.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2729 AGREEMENT 1292 - AUTHORIZE STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION OF DISTRIBUTED GENERATION FACILITIES W/ AMEREN ILLINOIS:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Standard Agreement for Interconnection of Distributed Generation Facilities with Ameren Illinois, as submitted by the Public Works Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Mayor Stalcup asked Director Palen to provide a quick explanation of the need for this ordinance.

Director Palen stated this agreement is required for the grant application regarding the solar project at the Police Department.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

SEEK BIDS: EAST END DETENTION PROJECT

Councilman Duncan moved to approve a request to seek bids for the East End Detention Project, as submitted by the Public Works Director, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

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REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS IN THE 800 BLOCK OF RICE FOR A BLOCK PARTY ON JULY 4, 2021:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval of a request from the residents of the 800 block of Rice St. to close the street for an annual block party on Sunday, July 4, 2021 from 6:00 to 11:00pm, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS IN THE 400 BLOCK OF 5TH STREET FOR A BLOCK PARTY ON JULY 2, 2021:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a request from the residents of the 400 block of 5th St. to close the street for an annual block party on Friday, July 2, 2021 from 6:00 to 10:00pm, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ACCEPT LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT:

Councilman Duncan moved to accept the Wood River Public Library Annual Report for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year, as submitted by the Wood River Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Mayor Stalcup

Councilwoman Hagaman praised the Library for the fantastic work they do to provide services to citizens within their budget and making every dollar stretch as far as it can. She is extremely impressed.

Mayor Stalcup also noted that the Library was on pace to have a record setting 2020 before COVID and hopes that 2021 will be just as successful.

The annual report was approved by the following vote:

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

CHANGE MEETING DATE:

Councilman Tweedy moved to change the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to Tuesday, July 6, 2021, due to the Independence Day Holiday, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

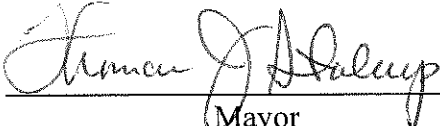
OLD BUSINESS:

None


NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.



Mayor



City Clerk