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A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:38 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 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:

Mayor Stalcup moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilman Plank, 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 April 30 to May 13, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank asked why the list of large bills is no longer on the agenda and why this list in the past did not include all the large bills being approved.

City Manager Schneider explained the bills listed on the agenda were done as a courtesy to a former councilmember. He asked City Clerk Ehrman to explain further.

City Clerk Ehrman explained that in the late 1980's a councilmember did not want to have to look at the long list of all the bills to be approved and requested the Clerk to list the large uncommonly paid bills on the agenda. Clerk Ehrman explained that since this is not required per State Statute the City Manager asked to remove the listing from the agendas and all approved bills will be listed on the City website after each Council meeting.

the bills were approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve the Financial Statement for the period ending April 30, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Dettmers asked about the resignation of former Councilman Chris Stanley. He feels the resignation was not tendered legally.

Councilman Plank asked for clarification on the submittal of the resignation.

City Manager Schneider asked Clerk Ehrman to explain how the resignation was received.

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City Clerk Ehrman explained the resignation was received on Thursday, May 22nd. Once it was discovered that the resignation must be notarized the City Attorney consulted with the Illinois Municipal League attorney. The IML attorney recommended that Mr. Stanley return on Friday, May 23rd and attest in writing, the date and time he submitted the resignation, and have that statement notarized.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup presented a Proclamation to recognize East Alton Wood River High School Superintendent John Pearson on his retirement. City Clerk Ehrman read the proclamation for all to hear. Mayor Stalcup congratulated Mr. Pearson on his dedication to the school district.

Mayor Stalcup presented a Certificate of Recognition to Kaylee Melton for her high school accomplishments including numerous scholarship awards. Mayor Stalcup congratulated Miss Melton on all she has accomplished.

OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Ehrman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Sergeants Jeremiah Buerke and Brenton Rombach as well as Probationary Firefighter Jacob Palen.

ORDINANCE 2725 AUTHORIZE LOAN AGREEMENT W/ FIRST MID BANK FOR THE IRRIGATION CONTROL SYSTEM AT BELK PARK GOLF COURSE:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing a loan agreement with First Mid Bank & Trust for the irrigation control system at Belk Park Golf Course, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank asked why this council is approving a loan when this item was approved by a previous council.

Director Woody explained that the bill was just received and the loan needs to be approved to pay it.

Mayor Stalcup explained the irrigation system was outdated and desperately needed to be replaced.

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1936 AUTHORIZE SIGNERS ON PLEDGING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS AT FIRST MID BANK:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the Finance Director and City Clerk to pledge deposit accounts at First Mid Bank and Trust, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1937 DECLARE 53 & 55 W. FERGUSON AS UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of a resolution to declare 53 & 55 Ferguson as unsafe and a public nuisance, as submitted by Building and Zoning, seconded by Councilman Duncan,

Councilwoman Hagaman asked if this structure is both the residence upstairs and the bar on the first floor

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Clerk Ehrman stated yes.

the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION MEMBER:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint Steve Kochan of 504 N. 2nd Street to the Fire & Police Commission, replacing Jason Eggebrecht, with a term expiring May 2022, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

REQUEST TO HOLD BIKE RAMBLE:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval to hold the Annual Bike Ramble at Central Park on Friday, June 11, 2021 at 7:30pm, as submitted by the Parks and Rec Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

REQUEST TO HOLD POLICE DEPARTMENT 5K & DOWNTOWN CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval to hold the Police Department 5K & Downtown Christmas Festival on Ferguson Ave from 1st Street to Haller and on Wood River Ave from Lorena to Ferguson on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 6:00am to 10:00pm, as submitted by the Police Chief, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

REQUEST TO CLOSE WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY PARKING LOT FOR THE SUMMER READING KICK OFF EVENT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval to close the Wood River Public Library parking lot for the 7th Annual Summer Reading Program kick-off event on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 9:00am to 2:00pm, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Stalcup thanked Susan Lile for alerting the City to the issue with numerous streetlights broken on Wood River Ave. Councilman Tweedy was instrumental in calling Ameren to get these fixed. There were 9-12 lights repaired.

Councilman Duncan asked why the 1% Sales Tax Project signs were removed from each project location. He would like the signs put back in place.

Mayor Stalcup explained that he had the signs removed and once each project begins construction the signs can be put back in place.

Councilman Plank asked if the signs had been voted on previously.

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NEW BUSINESS:


Councilman Plank would like council to consider rescinding water rate increases.

Mayor Stalcup stated this will be discussed and brought up at another meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: . There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk