

July 6, 2021

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:08 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 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 21, 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 June 18 to July 1, 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 finished his comments from the previous Council meeting. He is concerned with possible increases in taxes due to putting the Rec Center ahead of infrastructure projects. Pension costs increased taxes last year. Increasing taxes makes it less viable to attract new people to locate in Wood River. He is also concerned that there has been a 40% increase in proposed construction costs of the Rec Center. He thinks there should be a five and twenty year plan to prioritize the needs of the City. He does not want money to be spent on projects and then raise taxes to pay for it. The City does not have final numbers on what the detention and sewer separation projects will cost. He also is not in favor of retroactively approving expenditures that go over the City budget. It is not good management. Department Heads should ask Council for approval before spending over the budget.

Sara Sladek thanked the Mayor and Councilman Plank for allowing Council meetings to be on Facebook. She wants Council to be aware there is a problem with fireworks. She was bombarded for three hours. She did not call the police for fear of retaliation if she reports the issue. There was debris all over her yard. She then stated that in a previous meeting someone on council indicated that voters were confused about what they were voting for to save the Roundhouse. She walked the City and spoke to many people on the issue and they knew exactly what they were voting for.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup presented the Appearance Awards for the month of July to:
 Mary Hobbs, 1280 Cedar
 Hornsey Moving & Storage, 360 Ferguson

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

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OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Ehrman administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Sergeant Aaron Burns.

ORDINANCE 2730 AMEND BUDGET – ENCUMBRANCES:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of an amendment to the FY 2021/2022 budget to include budget authorization for FY 2020/2021 encumbrances, seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2731 AMEND BUDGET – NO INCREASE:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the amendment to the FY 2020/2021 budget which represents no increase in expenditures for the FY 2020/2021, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2732 AMEND BUDGET – INCREASE EXPENSE CATEGORIES:

Councilman Stalcup moved to approve an ordinance amending the FY 2020/2021 budget by increasing the expense category of various budgets, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Councilman Plank is curious if these budget ordinances are passed each year. He has asked Director Sobrino to provide actual monthly expense numbers instead of waiting until the end of the year.

Mayor Stalcup stated he will speak to Director Sobrino regarding this request.

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2733 AGREEMENT 1293 – MULTI-SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T D/B/A ACC BUSINESS FOR FIBER OPTICS UPGRADE:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Multi-Service Agreement with AT&T d/b/a ACC Business to upgrade City Hall to fiber optics, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2734 AGREEMENT 1294 – LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement for the resurfacing of 6th St from the south City limits (near Tennyson Ave) north to IL Rt. 143, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

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RESOLUTION 1939 – APPROPRIATE MFT FUNDS OF \$317,000 FOR THE 6TH ST PROJECT:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of a resolution for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code to appropriate \$317,000 of MFT funds for the resurfacing of 6th St from the south City limits (near Tennyson Ave) north to IL Rt. 143, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1940 – APPLY FOR 2022 METRO EAST PARK & RECREATION DISTRICT PARK & TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM FOR \$100,000:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the application of the Fiscal Year 2022 Metro East Park & Recreation – Park & Trail Grant Program for \$100,000 towards renovating the baseball field at Emerick Sports Complex, as submitted by the Parks & Recreation Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank asked if the max amount to request is \$100,000 and could the grant include 14th Street park.

Mayor Stalcup stated \$100,000 is the max and it is only for the baseball field at Emerick Sports Complex.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1941 – AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF ALL UTILITY ACCOUNT DEPOSITS:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the release of all utility account deposits collected prior to 1987, as a bill credit, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

BID ACCEPTANCE FOR MANHOLE REHABILITATION PHASE III – APPROVED:

Councilman Duncan moved to accept the bid from Structured Solutions in the amount of \$208,025.00, as recommended by the Public Works Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved with the following vote:

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

ROADBLOCK ON FERGUSON – WOOD RIVER ENRICHMENT NETWORK – APPROVED:

Mayor Stalcup moved to approve a request from the Wood River Enrichment Network to close Ferguson from 1st Street to Wood River Ave the last Friday of July, August and September from 5:00 to 10:00pm for a Downtown Summer Concert Series, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved with the following vote:

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

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REQUEST TO UTILIZE WOOD RIVER AVENUE FOR A LABOR DAY PARADE:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor AFL-CIO to hold the Annual Labor Day Parade on Wood River Ave from the Roundhouse to the north City Limits on Saturday, August 28, 2021 beginning at 10:00am, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved with 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 7:36 pm.



Mayor

City Clerk