

November 1, 2021

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 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.

Mayor Stalcup asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of fallen Pontoon Beach Police Officer Tyler Timmins who was killed in the line of duty on October 26. Officer Timmins began his law career as a Cadet with the Wood River Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 2021, as printed, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman 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 October 15 to October 28, 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:

Linda Walters stated as a resident she has been trying to participate and attend as many meetings as possible. She thanked Chief Wells on the potential for a bike trail as she is in support of that. She has a hard time understanding the process that councilmembers go through to approve items and make decisions. She is frustrated as it seems they never discuss anything before voting. She was once berated by a former councilmember for asking questions. She feels citizens will have a sense of belonging if they ask questions and get answers.

Bill Dettmers gave the Mayor and Council a verbatim handout of his comments. He is concerned because two council members voted last meeting to only pursue loans and not bonds for the Rec Center. He believes they do not want to give citizens the opportunity to vote. He is concerned that other projects are more urgent than the Rec Center and they should be handle first before a Rec Center. He does not believe these council members are representing the interests of the community as a whole. He also stated they voted against holding town hall meetings. He believes the council has misled the public regarding not tearing down the Roundhouse. He wants Council to give citizens the right to vote on financing the Rec Center.

Mayor Stalcup stated the Halloween Party at the Roundhouse was held on October 25<sup>th</sup> and had to be moved inside due to the weather. Attendance was down this year. He stated the downtown merchants held a trick or treat night on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the event was well attended. He thanked the Fire Department for putting on a wonderful Halloween Parade on October 30<sup>th</sup>. There was a large crowd and lots of floats. He reminded everyone that the annual PD 5K registration is open and the event will be held on Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> which is the same day as the Downtown Christmas Festival.

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ORDINANCE 21-09 AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE I: GENERAL PROVISIONS:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve an ordinance amending city code 90-7, Title I: General Provisions for verbiage updates, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2749 AGREEMENT 1305: LOAN AGREEMENT WITH IEPA FOR THE EAST END DETENTION PROJECT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve authorizing a Water Pollution Control Loan Program agreement with the IEPA for the East End Detention Project, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank asked for the interest rate.

Director Palen stated around 1.11%

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2750 AGREEMENT 1306: LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH OLIN WINCHESTER FOR THE SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve authorizing a license agreement with Olin Winchester for the State Street Sewer Separation project, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2751 LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AMEREN:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve authorizing a letter of understanding with Ameren to grant secondary access to their gas regulator station through City owned property, 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)

ORDINANCE 2752 AGREEMENT 1307 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HEARTLANDS CONSERVANCY FOR A BIKE TRAIL MASTER PLAN:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve authorizing a Professional Services Agreement with Heartlands Conservancy for development of a Bike Trail Master Plan, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilwoman Hagaman asked what specific grants will the City apply for and if the project will need to be fully paid for before reimbursement. She is also concerned with making it difficult for the Parks and Rec Director if he is looking to apply for the same grant money for other projects.

Chief Wells explained one grant is the Metro East Park District grant and they have limited funds. The ACT/MCT grant application period starts January 1<sup>st</sup>. He is cognizant that the parks department also applies and if this project is smaller he would not want to hamper their opportunities for the same funds.

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Councilman Plank asked if property agreements will be needed for the bike trail.

Chief Wells stated this will all be discussed in the planning phase. There are different possible routes. The Mayor will need to assemble a citizen committee for input.

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2753 AGREEMENT 1308 SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SHEPPARD MORGAN AND SCHWAAB FOR THE WOOD RIVER AVE PHASE 1 & 2 PROJECTS:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve authorizing a Supplemental Agreement for preliminary/construction engineering services with Sheppard Morgan and Schwaab for the Wood River Ave Phase 1 & 2 Project, 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 1953: AUTHORIZE MFT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR \$51,400 FOR THE WOOD RIVER AVE PHASE 1 & 2 PROJECT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a resolution authorizing MFT Supplemental Funding for \$51,400 for the Wood River Ave Phase 1 & 2 Project, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1954: DECLARE STRUCTURES AT 30 COUNTRY LN (19-1-08-23-00-000-009.004) AS UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval of a resolution to declare the structures at 30 Country Ln (19-1-08-23-00-000-009.004) 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)

RESOLUTION 1955: AUTHORIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a resolution authorizing the Finance Director to submit registration to participate as a subdivision in the settlement of national opioid litigation, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Mayor Stalcup explained this is necessary to participate in receiving potential funds from a class action national settlement.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

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KENNEL LICENSE 20 VAUGHN DR - APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from David Woodress, 20 Vaughn Dr, for a Special Use Permit for a Kennel License to keep three dogs at his residence, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

REQUEST TO WAIVE ROUNDHOUSE RENTAL FEE – EAWR JUNIOR OILER LEAGUE:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of a request from the EAWR Junior Oiler Football and Cheer League to waive the rental fee for the Roundhouse on December 4, 2021 for a banquet, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Councilwoman Hagaman asked if the requested date is available.

Director Woody checked the calendar and stated that it is

The request was approved by the following vote:

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


OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNED: There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Clerk