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A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 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:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2022, 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 Tweedy moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period December 30 to January 13, 2022, as printed, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of the financial statement ending December 31, 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:

Pastor Dave Landry stated that he is offended. He has been attending the Council meetings and does not understand why nothing is discussed before it is voted on. The voting citizens were clear and he feels their voice is being highjacked. Citizens need to get together and get rid of those that do not support them. He mentioned that the citizens were duped when the pool was constructed many years ago. He does not understand the blank looks on Council's faces during meetings. Citizens should have a voice.

PRESENTATION:

Mayor Stalcup presented a Certificate of Recognition to Deputy Chief Chris Johnson on his retirement after 25 years with the Police Department. Mayor Stalcup congratulated Deputy Chief Johnson and his wife and thanked them for the years of service to the City.

TABLED – ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 113:
AMUSEMENTS TO INCREASE THE YEARLY LICENSE FEE FOR VIDEO
GAMING

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of amending the City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 113 Amusements, Section 113.42 Application; Fee to increase the yearly license fee for each video gaming terminal to \$250, seconded by Councilman Hagaman,

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Mayor Stalcup stated he has heard from a few business owners regarding the increase and he suggests that the increase take place in increments.

Mayor Stalcup moved to table this ordinance, seconded by Councilman Plank,

Councilwoman Hagaman asked what the incremental increase would look like.

Mayor Stalcup suggested \$100, \$150 and \$200 over a few years

Councilman Plank asked the amount of the current fee

Mayor Stalcup stated it is \$25 per machine per year.

the ordinance was tabled by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

TABLED – ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH ICE MILLER REPRESENTING THE CITY AS BOND/DISCLOSURE COUNSEL FOR FINANCING THE REC CENTER:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of authorizing a letter of engagement with Ice Miller representing the City as Bond/Disclosure Counsel regarding the financing of the Recreation Center, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan,

Councilman Plank asked for clarification on the process to add items to the agenda.

City Manager Schneider stated that items are added as needed. The Finance Director requested this item.

Councilman Plank feels there is not enough time to consider the items presented. He suggests that items such as this should be discussed and considered at a later time.

City Manager Schneider stated this item could be tabled.

Mayor Stalcup explained the Finance Director feels this is the best company to work with and has the least cost. He has done his research.

Councilman Plank moved to table this ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and tabled with the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE 2763 AGREEMENT 1315 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHEPPARD MORGAN & SCHWAAB FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF OLD ALTON EDWARDSVILLE RD:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve authorizing a professional services agreement with Sheppard Morgan and Schwaab for the reconstruction project of Old Alton Edwardsville Rd from Rt 143 to Rock Hill Rd, 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)

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RESOLUTION 1961: 2022-2023 MFT MAINTENANCE:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of a resolution approving the 2022-2023 MFT Maintenance Program as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Mayor Stalcup asked for clarification on the use of MFT funds.

Public Services Director stated it is used to purchase road salt, replace signage and general street expenses.

the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION 1962: AMEND RESOLUTION 1960 ACT GRANT FOR DEVELOPING A BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN:

Councilman Plank moved for approval of a resolution amending resolution #1960 in support of the application for an Agency for Community Transit (ACT) grant to help offset the cost of developing a pedestrian and bicycle trail master plan, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank stated he is looking forward to utilizing this valuable asset.

Mayor Stalcup explained that this trail will be the connecting piece to bring the trails in Alton and Edwardsville together.

the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION 1963: AUTHORIZE 2022 MADISON COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT APPLICATION:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of authorizing the application for the 2022 Madison County Sustainability Program Environmental Grant for \$15,000 to replace external doors at City Hall, as submitted by the Park & Recreation Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Mayor Stalcup explained this is a grant the city applies for each year.

the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION 1964: RELEASE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a resolution to release certain minutes of closed sessions, as submitted by the City Attorney and City Clerk, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

EASEMENT #152: TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM WW TRANSPORT FOR PARCELS 19-2-08-28-07-201-026.001 & 19-2-08-28-07-201-027.003

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Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve acceptance of a temporary construction easement for Parcel IDs 19-2-08-28-07-201-026.001 & 19-2-08-28-07-201-027.003, owned by WW Transport, as part of the State Street Sewer Separation project, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Mayor Stalcup explained these easements are necessary for the sewer separation project the easement was approved by the following vote:

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

EASEMENT #153: PERMANENT SEWER EASEMENT FROM WW TRANSPORT FOR PARCELS 19-2-08-28-07-201-026.001 & 19-2-08-28-07-201-027.003

Councilman Duncan moved to approve acceptance of a permanent sewer easement for Parcel IDs 19-2-08-28-07-201-026.001 & 19-2-08-28-07-201-027.003, owned by WW Transport, as part of the State Street Sewer Separation 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)

APPROVED – SEEK BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RECREATION CENTER:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve seeking bids for the construction of the Recreation Center, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Discussion ensued regarding the final design and cost estimate as follows:

Public Services Director Palen (Parks and Recreation Director Woody was not in attendance) explained that AAIC has just delivered final plans today. It will be at least a week before getting a final cost estimate from the engineers. He assured Council that the structural engineers take into account storms and snow loads and what the current building codes dictate as requirements. He also explained that the design now includes a 12-inch water line loop that will help with fire protection at the High School and at the Rec Center, as well as add to the future expansion of the water lines in the Wood River Ave area. This was done at the Fire Chief's request. The added water line increased the cost of the project by about \$75,000.

Fire Chief Stahlhut explained that the additional water line provides adequate water flow and will be beneficial in many ways.

City Manager Schneider explained the cost estimate will be an engineering estimate only. The hard figure will not be known until going out for and receiving the bids back from contractors. He explained that Directors Palen and Woody are in constant contact with the architects and engineers.

Councilman Plank would like to see the final design and cost estimate before authorizing the bid process. He is concerned there could be change orders and that is expensive. He feels the bidding is premature. He would like to make sure the construction is safe after the recent tornado that destroyed the Amazon facility in Edwardsville. He would also like to see the final construction cost estimate and determine if design changes are necessary before accepting bids.

Councilwoman Hagaman asked if anything has changed in the design since the Council last looked at the information. She supports authorizing bids because it will get the hard dollar figure that Council needs to make a decision on moving forward with the project.

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She believes there is no drawback to going out for bids. The design of the project will need to remain the same in order to stick to the grant requirements from the DCEO. She is aware there have been price increases and the bid process will give the best estimate. The bidding process is not a commitment to build the Rec Center.

Councilman Duncan would like to keep moving forward with the Rec Center.

Mayor Stalcup asked what has changed in the design since the original. He is concerned with the projection of increased cost. The original estimate was \$7.5 million and the last estimate from the design phase was over \$10 million.

Councilman Tweedy stated that cost numbers seem to be stabilizing.

seeking bids was approved with the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Tweedy (3)

NAYS: Plank, Stalcup (2)

APPROVED – SET ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON CITY’S ADA TRANSITION PLAN:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve setting the annual public hearing on the City’s ADA Transition Plan for Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 7:00pm before the regularly scheduled Council meeting, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilwoman Hagaman asked what the ADA plan is for and if Council has been given a copy.

City Clerk Ehrman explained the plan started in 2015 and is updated annually with any improvements made to City facilities. The 2021 update was just finalized and she will provide a copy of the plan in the next Council packet.

the public hearing date was approved with the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

CLOSED SESSION

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)), seconded by Councilman Tweedy, all ayes, motion passed.

The Council recessed at 7:39pm and reconvened at 8:04pm.

APPROVED – WADE STAHLHUT NAMED INTERIM CITY MANAGER FROM FEBRUARY 4 AT 5:00PM TO FEBRUARY 23 AT 8:00AM:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve naming Wade Stahlhut as interim City Manager for a term beginning Friday, February 4th at 5:00pm and concluding on Tuesday, February 23rd at 8:00am, seconded by Councilman Duncan and approved by the following vote:

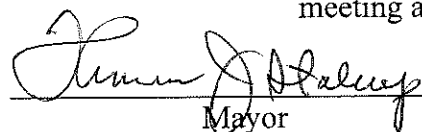
AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.


Mayor


City Clerk