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PUBLIC HEARING
ADA TRANSITION PLAN

Mayor Stalcup called a public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. to receive citizen comments on the City's ADA Transition Plan.

Public Services Director Steve Palen presented updates at City facilities as they pertain to the plan. A copy of the plan is on file in the City Clerk's office.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 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:

Councilman Plank moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2022, 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 February 4 to February 17, 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 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of the financial statement ending January 31, 2022 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:

Pastor Dave Landry read excerpts from a letter posted on Facebook by former City employee Jeff Stassi. Pastor Landry stated this has nothing to do with Parks and Recreation Director Woody. The post in general stated that the City cannot pay for this Rec Center, that the Police Station was only possible due to money from BP, and the City could not afford the public works center. The post also stated there was a secret plan in the 80's to fund the pool when the citizens did not vote in favor of it and the funds were diverted from one department's budget to another. The days are gone when a company will build a City a pool.

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Keelan Gillian stated he thinks the Rec Center is a good thing. There is nothing for his generation. There are lots of new things and businesses coming to town. The City needs to keep younger families here in Wood River. He thinks the City should ask "What is the vision for our community and how far to take that vision". The City needs something here for younger people. East Alton has ice skating and Edwardsville has a movie theater. This City is beautiful and the candy store and Burger Bar are great additions.

Bill Dettmers stated he spoke to a resident recently and she compared Wood River to Washington DC. He wants to know what is in it for the people. They are upset with the current Council representation. He believes they are self-serving. He stated Councilman Duncan is making decisions for self-dealing. He stated Councilwoman Hagaman is back-door scheming with a prior elected official to control this council. He stated Councilman Tweedy is not being open-minded. He wants to know why these three councilmembers did not vote to have a town hall meeting and hear what the citizens want. He stated there is no consideration of fiscal responsibility.

Chris Slusser stated he has been a resident of Wood River for 11 years and he intends to stay. He believes the Rec Center sounds great however you must take the emotions out of the decision. It is not a fiscally good decision. He knows that a prior City Council voted against a feasibility study at some point and against a bond issue vote. He stated the Rec Center will give something for the kids to do. When he is excited about a project he sometimes has blinders on. He stated the voters wanted change and that is why they elected Mayor Stalcup. The agenda of the former mayor was voted against. He believes a recession is likely and then where will the money come from to support the Rec Center.

Chuck Johansen stated that councilmembers took an oath to serve the people, not the people that left the council. He asked councilmembers to listen to the people that voted them in to office. He does not understand why you would appoint someone from within for the City Manager. He believes they need to get an outside candidate and need to be responsible to the people of Wood River. Plans are in place at the next election to get rid of the City Manager form of government. He stated that nepotism stops growth in an organization. He is on the Wood River Levee Board and they have changed everything without nepotism. He believes this is not an income problem but it is a spending problem. He stated that if Council does not listen to the people then the next election will be worse than the last.

RESOLUTION 1965- APPLICATION FEE FOR EAST WEST GATEWAY OF GOVERNMENTS 2022 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR EDWARDSVILLE RD PHASE 2 PROJECT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve using MFT funds to pay for the application fee for the Edwardsville Rd Phase 2 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)

RESOLUTION 1966- APPLICATION FOR 2022 PARK ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FROM MADISON COUNTY FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to authorize the application for the 2022 PEP grant from Madison County for the installation of pickleball courts at 14th Street Park, as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Plank (1)

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RESOLUTION 1967- ENDORSE THE GREAT RIVERS AND ROUTES TOURISM BUREAU:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve endorsing the Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau as the State Certified Bureau for this region, seconded by Councilman Plank and approved by the following vote:

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

TABLED- RESCIND ORDINANCE #2646 AN ORDINANCE THAT AMENDED ORDINANCE #2619, AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A 1% NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILER'S OCCUPATION TAX AND NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX:

Councilman Plank moved to rescind Ordinance #2646 an ordinance that amended Ordinance #2619, an ordinance imposing a 1% Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailer's Occupation Tax and Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax

Mayor Stalcup moved to table this request for further consideration, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank explained that Ordinance #2646 was a self-imposed use of the tax only on capital projects.

the request to rescind was tabled with the following vote:

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

SOLICIT – EAST ALTON WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS – APPROVED:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from the East Alton Wood River High School Cheerleaders to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Ave & Penning on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8am to 4pm, in accordance with City policy, seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved with the following vote:

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

SOLICIT – VFW POST 2859 – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from the VFW Post 2859 to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Ave & Penning on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 8am to 4pm, in accordance with City policy, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman and approved with the following vote:

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

SOLICIT – EAST ALTON WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL- FOOTBALL TEAM – APPROVED:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from East Alton Wood River High School – Football Team to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Ave & Penning on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8am to 4pm, in accordance with City policy, seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved with the following vote:

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

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SOLICIT – MARINE CORP LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT 488 – APPROVED:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve a request from Marine Corp Ladies Auxiliary Unit 488 to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Ave & Penning on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 8am to 4pm, in accordance with City policy, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman and approved with the following vote:

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

SOLICIT – EAST ALTON AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – APPROVED:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve a request from East Alton American Legion to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Ave & Penning on Saturday, September 3, 2022 from 8am to 4pm, in accordance with City policy, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman and approved with the following vote:

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

WAIVE RENTAL FEE AT BELK PARK – ALTON ROAD RUNNERS CLUB – APPROVED:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from the Alton Road Runners Club to waive the rental fee for a pavilion at Belk Park from 7am to 11:30am on Saturday, June 18, 2022 for a Family Run, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank asked if there is a City policy on waiving these fees.

Mayor Stalcup explained that it is at the discretion of City Council.

the request was approved with the following vote:

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

WAIVE RENTAL FEE AT THE ROUNDHOUSE – AMARE – APPROVED:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from Amare to waive the rental fee for the Roundhouse on Friday, April 22, 2022 for a Trivia Night Fundraiser, seconded by Councilman Duncan and approved with the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for a closed session to discuss matter pertaining to Personnel (5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)), seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved with the following vote:

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

The Council recessed at 7:24 pm and reconvened at 8:51 pm.

APPOINT INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

Mayor Stalcup moved to extend the appointment of Interim City Manager Wade Stahlhut to March 8, 2022 at 9:00am, seconded by Councilman Plank and approved with the following vote:

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

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OLD BUSINESS:

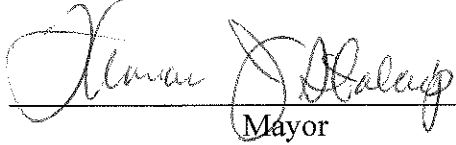
Councilwoman Hagaman asked for an update on the ability of the City to broadcast the Council meetings online.

City Clerk Ehrman explained that the vendor installing the system stated they are waiting on a final piece of equipment. She will contact the vendor this week for an update.


NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Stalcup stated that two wrestlers from EAWR High School placed 3rd and 5th at State. They will be recognized at a future Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55pm



Mayor



City Clerk