

May 16, 2022

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 N. Wood River Avenue, with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Deputy 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 May 2, 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 BILLS:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period April 29 to May 12, 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:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of the financial statement ending April 30, 2022, 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:

David Landry stated he would like to promote Danielle. He has known her and her husband for quite some time and had the opportunity to marry them. He feels she will be a great asset to the City. He also at this time would like to thank Steve for assisting him with a sewer problem that ended up being someone else's problem. He thanked Steve for getting on the issue quickly. He also would like to thank the Park Director for getting on top of a situation they discussed. When things are going good, people need to be respected and know that they are doing a good job.

Bill Dettmers stated that he spoke at the last meeting about using old numbers for funding future infrastructure projects and the inflationary costs. The City has increased tax rates to cover unfunded potential liabilities every year, increasing sewer and water rates, and now have police and fire contracts coming up for renewal. The City is currently running about a \$700,000 budget and have transferred \$7,000 police department wages and benefits to the sewer fund from the general fund. The sewer fund needs money to pay for an obsolete sewer treatment plant. The general fund has a \$100,000 deficit. In the budget approval there was \$100,000 for a Rec Center Director. The Rec Center is not anticipated to be built until 18 months down the road which means there is no need to show expenses for a Rec Center Director until the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget. It looks like there were 2 opportunities to reject that expense from the budget, but it wasn't done. The Park & Rec Director was asked to provide numbers to justify the expenses and revenues for the proposed Rec Center and personally feels like the Director should not have been put in this position since the City has never done a feasibility study. Rec Center will have pickleball as its main attraction but the City is spending \$80,000 for the east end park which will have pickleball and no cost to use the facility. East Alton Keasler Center has pickle ball courts and can play for \$2-\$3 a day.

Mayor Stalcup congratulated Library Director, Lindsey Herron, and her staff on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of

Wood River Library. In honor of the anniversary the Library Foundation is sponsoring a Gala which will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Library. Tickets are on sale and you can see Kristen Burns for tickets. The food will be donated by the newest downtown business "1929 Pizza" owned by Matt and Amy Herrin. Proceeds will go towards the new lighted informational sign that will be placed in front of the Library. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, also for the Library, they will hold their Birthday Bash which is free to the public.

Mayor Stalcup also congratulated Director Woody and Golf Course Manager Mickey Sabolo for bringing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> best year out of the last 12 for sales and services.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of appointing Danielle Sneed as City Clerk to finish the unexpired appointment of prior City Clerk Stacy Ehrman, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
NAYS: Plank (1)

OATH OF OFFICE: Deputy City Clerk Kara Hill administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed City Clerk Danielle Sneed and newly appointed Deputy Fire Chief Nate Kamp.

ORDINANCE 2788: REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WOOD RIVER FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES AERIE #2773 FOR TIF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT 74 E FERGUSON:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Wood River Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2773 for TIF Financial Assistance at 74 E Ferguson Ave, as submitted by the TIF Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2789: REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH KYLE HULKER FOR TIF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT 148 E FERGUSON:

Mayor Stalcup moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Kyle Hulker for TIF Financial Assistance at 148 E Ferguson, as submitted by the TIF Committee, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED - PROCLAMATION - MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a Proclamation declaring May as Motorcycle Awareness Month as requested by A.B.A.T.E of Illinois, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED - PROCLAMATION – JUNE 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 AS STATE FARM DAY:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a Proclamation declaring June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as State Farm Day as requested by State Farm Agent, Mike Fahnestock, seconded by Councilman Tweedy,

Councilwoman Hagaman stated Mike Fahnestock is always donating to everything that the City does. She thinks they are a wonderful contribution to our City.

Mayor Stalcup asked if Mike Fahnestock would please stand in the audience. Councilwoman Hagaman thanked Mike for all of the donations.

Mike Fahnestock stated he wanted to be tied to the City and he explained it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of State Farm which is the reason for the proclamation.

Mayor Stalcup thanked Mike for everything he does for the community and stated that Mike plans to move his business downtown to find a bigger office.

approved by the following vote

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

APPROVED – ANNUAL BIKE RAMBLE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve a request to hold the Annual Bike Ramble beginning and ending at Central Park on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED - CLOSE WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY PARKING LOT FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from Wood River Public Library to close their parking lot for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Reading Program kick-off event on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED – ANNUAL YOUTH LEAGUE PARADE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request to hold the Annual Youth League Parade on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30am, as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED – SEEK BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SEWER VACUUM TRUCK:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval to seek bids for the purchase of a Sewer Vacuum Truck, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy,

Mayor Stalcup stated that the truck is on its last leg and that this is a dire need to the City.

approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED – PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE FOR \$110,350.00

Councilman Duncan moved to approve a request to proceed with purchasing a backhoe for \$110, 350.00 as approved by the Fiscal year 22/23 budget, 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)

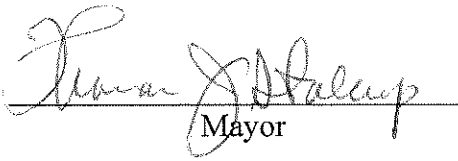
Mayor Stalcup stated there was a change to the agenda in eliminating item #17. There is no need to hold a closed session meeting.

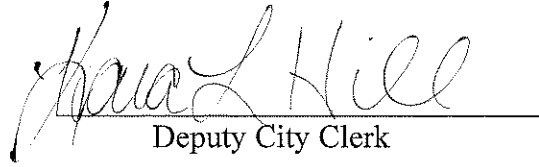
Mayor Stalcup asked Deputy City Clerk Kara Hill if there was a certificate ready for State Farm Agent Mike Fahnstock. Deputy Clerk stated there was a certificate ready and asked if that could be presented to him after the meeting. Mayor Stalcup agreed to present the certificate after the close of the meeting to take pictures.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Deputy City Clerk