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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 Monday, June 20, 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  
Jeremy Plank  
Scott Tweedy  
Tom Stalcup

ABSENT: Sonya Hagaman

and that a quorum was present and in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16, 2022, as originally printed, with no amendments, seconded by Councilman Tweedy.

Mayor Stalcup stated that he originally had wording transposed in the meeting. What was originally printed was the correct wording therefore no amendments were made to the minutes.

The minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mayor Stalcup moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2022, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period June 3 to June 16, 2022, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

2<sup>ND</sup> CLOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING APRIL 30, 2022:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of the 2<sup>nd</sup> close financial statement ending April 30, 2022, as printed, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING MAY 31, 2022:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval of the financial statement ending May 31, 2022 as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT MAY 1, 2021 TO APRIL 30, 2022:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of the annual investment report for May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022 as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

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CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Dave Landry stated there is a deception of darkness trying to influence the nation, states, cities, and government. Moral integrity of what was always right is being judged as wrong. The only thing that will solve this is common sense. He stated he was upset with the council chambers being emptied at the last meeting because Councilwoman Hagaman kept interrupting Councilman Plank. He feels she should be held accountable to the same standards as the citizens. He stated Councilwoman Hagaman should conduct herself in the same manner as Councilman Plank during meetings. Council should want to know about complaints and any other issues. He has known Steve for many years but feels the bidding process needs to be looked at and made fair. If something was done wrong in the bidding process it needs to be corrected and not covered up with rude outbursts. The integrity of leadership in Wood River is important which is why he is going to run for City Council.

Bill Dettmers stated the action taken at the last meeting regarding changes to the nepotism policy did not really solve anything. He spoke on the creation of the committee of the Mayor, City Attorney, and Human Resources Director. He wanted to remind everyone that the City Manager hires and fires the City Attorney and Human Resources Director. Pigs gets fat and hogs get slaughtered which is what is going to happen at the next election.

Linda Walters stated she applauds Dave Landry and Bill Dettmers. She was told that the street sweeper has no schedule because it gets done when there is time. She is thankful they come around, however; with no schedule she does not know when to move her cars. Therefore, her street does not get swept in front of her house. She has watched the street sweeper go down the middle of the road which is a waste of gas.

Mayor Stalcup reminded everyone of the upcoming Ice Cream Social on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Central Park from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

Mayor Stalcup asked Kristen Burns to come up and give a recap of the City of Wood River's Facebook page and website. Kristen stated the Facebook page is set up and working for live streaming. She hopes to launch the website August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. It will be user friendly with lots of pictures and showing how great Wood River is. There will also be a monthly newsletter. There will be a sign up for the newsletter on the Facebook page and the website. Mayor Stalcup stated it has a lot of information.

Interim City Manager Steve Palen asked Kristen to speak on the Economic Development tab that is also a part of the website. Kristen advised there is a Economic Development tab that will have information regarding opening a new business as well as additional information for permits, etc.

Interim City Manager Steve Palen provided updates on Public Works projects. The 9<sup>th</sup> street project is an ongoing design. There have been issues with the amount of dirt removal, but it is becoming more constructable. The East End detention pond work has started back up after hindrances due to weather. The city is getting 3.5 million dollars for the sewer separation project, phase 1. This will consist of the placement of the large pipe under Wood River Avenue which will allow for continuation of the street project that has been postponed. He also directed the council to the 5-year paving program documents provided in their packet. He stated the cost of asphalt has increased. The estimated cost is about \$240,000 for this year's program. Discussion will have to be had on whether to cut a street out of the program. The sidewalks on the streets will also be evaluated and repaired if needed.

Director Woody spoke up and stated the Ice Cream Social is from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, not 7:00pm.

ORDINANCE 2791 AMEND BUDGET – ENCUMBRANCES:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of an amendment to the FY 2022/2023 budget to include budget authorization for FY 2021/2022 encumbrances, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2792 AMEND BUDGET – INCREASE EXPENSE CATEGORIES:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance amending the FY 2021/2022 budget by increasing the expense category of various budgets, as submitted by the Finance Director,

seconded by Councilman Duncan.

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Councilman Plank is curious about the items listed concerning OSHA expenses. He stated he asked the Finance Director to send him the list of expenses for that and it totaled somewhere around \$78,000.00 as well as the reports related to OSHA. He stated he did not receive the report but apparently the report itself is rather large.

Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated he emailed the report to the Mayor and Councilman Plank. Councilman Plank stated he did not receive the report. Interim City Manager stated the report was around 450 pages and that OSHA came, unannounced around September of last year.

Councilman Plank asked if there were other departments reviewed besides the Public Works Department. Chief Stahlhut stated OSHA was at the Fire Department about 3 months after the visit to Public Works.

Councilman Plank asked for explanation on the items that were chlorine related, which was around 40% of the OSHA costs. Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated that we used to be allowed to keep 2500 pounds of storage chlorine at the water plant. The new OSHA inspector stated we could only keep 1500 pounds which made our chlorine expenses double. A new process was created called a Process Management Plan which takes from beginning to the end the flow of chlorine including the valves and pipes involved.

Councilman Plank and Interim City Manager Steve Palen continued to discuss the other OSHA related costs including light bulbs covers that were missing, extension cords being used, etc. Councilman Plank was not understanding why the Council was not made aware of the 400+ page OSHA document in response to the OSHA inspection. Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated he provided the report to the City Manager at the time of receiving the report but was not sure what was or was not provided to the Council at that time.

Mayor Stalcup asked Chief Stahlhut if OSHA's inspection caused any changes in the Fire Department. Chief Stahlhut stated not particularly and that they try and prepare ahead of time because they know what to expect. He stated there is a pre-inspection checklist that can be downloaded to look at potential violations.

Mayor Stalcup asked Interim City Manager Steve Palen if the city was allowed to go back to storing 2500 pounds. Interim City Manager responded with yes.

Ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2793: REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH KYLE HULKER FOR TIF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT 153 E FERGUSON:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Redevelopment Agreement with Kyle Hulker for TIF Financial Assistance at 153 E Ferguson, as submitted by the TIF Committee, seconded by Councilman Duncan.

Mayor Stalcup stated Kyle Hulker agreed to a 2-year payment plan for the \$55,000 TIF funds.

Ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2794: AMEND ORDINANCE 2711 TIF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROCESS TO INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & ZONING:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval amending Ordinance 2711, TIF Financial Assistance Process, to include the Director of Building & Zoning as part of the TIF review committee, seconded by Councilman Duncan.

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Councilman Plank questioned the necessity of adding the Director of Building and Zoning to the review process. Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated the City Manager, Public Services Director, and the Director of Finance are the three on the committee, which at this point and time is only two people. To have a third person on the committee it was decided to add the Director of Building and Zoning.

Ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1974: IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE TO APPROPRIATE \$420,000 OF MFT FUNDS:

Mayor Stalcup moved to approve a resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code to appropriate \$420,000 of MFT funds for the resurfacing of 6<sup>th</sup> Street from the South City limits (Near Tennyson Ave) North to IL Route 143, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED – ACCEPTING BID FROM KILIAN CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$580,146.97 OF R SOUTH 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET IMPROVEMENTS:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve accepting the bid from The Kilian Corporation in the amount of \$580,146.97 for the South 6<sup>th</sup> Street improvements, as submitted by the Public Services Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS IN THE 800 BLOCK OF RICE FOR A BLOCK PARTY ON JULY 4, 2022:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval of a request from the residents of the 800 block of Rice St. to close the street for an annual block party on Monday, July 4, 2022 from 6:00 to 11:00pm, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ROADBLOCK ON FERGUSON – WOOD RIVER ENRICHMENT NETWORK – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from the Wood River Enrichment Network to close Ferguson from 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Wood River Ave on Friday of July 15, 2022 from 5:00 to 10:00pm for a Downtown Summer Concert, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved with the following vote:

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

REQUEST TO HOLD ICE CREAM SOCIAL:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval to hold the Annual Ice Cream Social at Central Park on Sunday, July 10, 2022 from 3:00 – 6:00pm, as submitted by the Parks and Rec Director, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

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CHANGE MEETING DATE:

Councilman Tweedy moved to change the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to Tuesday, July 5, 2022, due to the Independence Day Holiday, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Stalcup moved for approval of a recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters of Personnel, Possible Litigation, and Collective Negotiating Matters, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Duncan, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

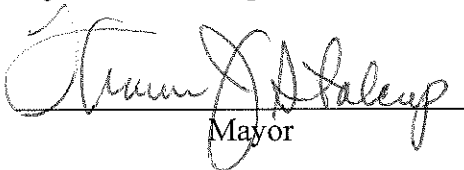
NAYS: None (0)

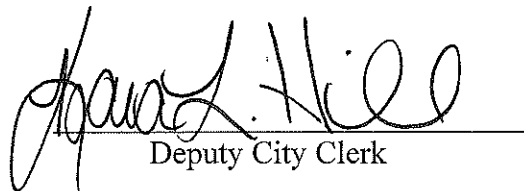
The council recessed at 7:28 pm and reconvened at 7:45 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Deputy City Clerk