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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, September 6, 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 August 15th, 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 August 12 to August 25, 2022, as printed, seconded by Councilman Duncan,

Councilman Plank questioned the Haier plumbing bill related to the East End Project. He stated that so far there have been seven change orders totaling about \$100,000. Councilman Plank asked if the council had approved those change orders. Interim City Manager Steve Palen said that they were not approved by council. Councilman Plank asked if there were more change orders expected and asked what the policy was to approve change orders. Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated that he did not expect any more change orders and that typically approval from council is not sought unless it is more than 10% of the contract. Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated that previous City Council had not requested to have any approval for change orders. Interim City Manager Steve Palen also mentioned that change orders are done in real time, and it may be difficult to wait until council meets to approve the change order. Councilman Plank stated that if the City had a policy then contractors could plan accordingly. Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated that there should be no more change orders as the project is almost complete. Councilman Plank stated that there is \$461,000 remaining for the project and it is now a \$1,900,000 project and he is concerned that there will be more change orders. Interim City Manager Steve Palen stated that the amount of change orders varies and that is not an unusual amount for a project that size.

the bills were approved by the following vote:

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

1ST QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of the 1st quarter investment report for the period May 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Rogers stated that he spoke before the Council at the City Council meeting on July 5, 2022 to voice his opposition to an officer's promotion. He said he stands by his statement and that in 2017 the officer cited him for impeding the flow of traffic when he stated he was stopped at a 4 way stop sign. Bill Rogers stated that the officer was argumentative and eventually lost the case. Bill Rogers stated that the officer continued to stalk and sexual harass him after the loss of the case. He stated that he reported this behavior several times and that nothing has been done. He also stated that others have complained of the same behavior. Bill Rogers stated that the officer tried again on July 14th at 9:30am, after rejecting the advances, he stated that he is now being threatened by the officer. Bill Rogers is requesting that the City Council take immediate disciplinary action up to and including termination. He stated that a former cop

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and former inspector had been fired for the same behavior and he would like to know why she is being promoted. Bill Rogers stated that unless he is paid for the ongoing history of misconduct he will sue the officer, the department, and the City.

Pastor Dave Landry stated that while walking around town he has had several people ask him about the construction at Lorena & 6th street. A new sidewalk was put in at the corner but there is still a rock section about 3 feet by 3 feet. He stated that he wanted to bring it to the Council's attention so that something could be done about it.

Bill Dettmers stated that he is glad to see the City seeking bids on the Roundhouse roof repairs. He also stated that he wanted to remind the City Council that \$160,000 is in the budget for Roundhouse repairs, not only for the roof but also for tuckpointing and other repairs. Bill Dettmers stated that it is time to get on with all the repairs to the Roundhouse.

Bill Dettmers stated that he also wanted to talk about the need for a thorough, thoughtful, and prudent process by the Council to help them develop good decisions on important matters. He stated that a prudent process would have involved a feasibility study and an economic impact study before beginning construction on a recreation center, however that was not done. He then stated that at this meeting the City will enter into a contract for a City Manager that does not use a prudent process. Instead of developing the criteria that the City wants in a City Manager and conducting a search for someone that meets the standards, the City has abandoned the process and changed their standards and ordinances to satisfy the candidate. Bill Dettmers stated that failure to execute a prudent process only puts a cloud over the Interim City Manager, Steve Palen, and leads people to question his abilities. He stated that any action that does not employ a prudent process is a threat to undermine the City.

Linda Walters stated that she tried to call Public Works three different times and could not get an answer. She stated that she just wanted to bring the pothole in the 500 block of Sotier to the Council's attention. She stated that there has been a safety device over the cone for a while, however nothing has been done with the pothole.

1) PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup presented an Appearance Award for the month of September to:

Kristal Rushing 533 Whitelaw

Mayor Stalcup presented a Certificate of Recognition to Mike Carlisle on his retirement after 20 years with the Fire Department and 25 years total with the City of Wood River including time with the Police Department.

Fire Chief Wade Stahlhut presented Mike Carlisle with a plaque for his years of service with the Fire Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 2800: SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2 E. FERGUSON (PARCEL ID NO. 19-2-08-28-08-205-011)

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of an ordinance declaring 2 E. Ferguson (Parcel No. 19-2-08-28-08-205-011) as surplus and authorize to sell seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

TABLED - ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN PALEN FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of authorizing the Mayor to sign an employment agreement with Stephen Palen for the position of City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy,

Councilman Plank made a motion to go into a closed session. Attorney Rene Bassett-Butler stated that it is not on the agenda, and she cannot recommend going into a closed session when it was not scheduled. Councilman Plank stated that he has new information that was just brought to light, and he wants to discuss the specifics in a closed session.

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

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

ORDINANCE 2801: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDING AGREEMENT NO 1278 BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA (AFL-CIO-CLC) REPRESENTING THE POLICE OFFICERS, TELECOMMUNICATORS AND RECORDS CLERK (WAGES)

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of amending Agreement No. 1278 between the City of Wood River and United Steel Workers of America (AFL-CIO-CLC) representing the Police Officers, Telecommunicators and Records Clerk (Wages), seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1975: AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CLOSE THE US BANK ACCOUNT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the authorization of the closure of the US Bank account, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1976: AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT AT CHARLES SCHWAB:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the authorization of opening an account at Charles Schwab, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1977: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL AGGREGATION AGREEMENT AS BID:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the authorization for the Mayor to sign the Municipal Electrical Aggregation Agreement as bid, seconded by Councilman Plank,

Mayor Stalcup asked Interim City Manager Steve Palen to give a couple of reasons why we need this aggregation agreement.

Interim City Manager Steve Palen explained that we have gone through this process a couple of times and Home Field Energy is our broker when they do the aggregation agreement. The day of the bid, you must sign the agreement, they will not let you carry that amount to the next council meeting so the Mayor will be authorized to sign the agreement the day of the bid.

Mayor Stalcup stated that with this agreement in place, we have saved quite a bit of money for the citizens of the City.

the resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of a resolution to release certain minutes of closed sessions, as submitted by the City Attorney and City Clerk: None, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED – ACCEPTING BID FROM RCS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR \$56,500 FOR PICKLEBALL COURTS AT 14TH STREET PARK:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve accepting the bid from RCS Construction, Inc. for \$56,500

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for Pickleball Courts at 14th Street Park, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, seconded by Councilman Tweedy,

Mayor Stalcup stated that Director Woody has done a really good job at 14th Street Park. It looks really good and we will continue with improving the park.

the bid was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – SEEK BIDS FOR ROUNDHOUSE ROOF REPAIRS

Councilman Plank moved for approval to seek bids for Roundhouse roof repairs, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, 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 STORMWATER PROJECT ON W. FERGUSON

Councilman Duncan moved for approval to seek bids for the stormwater project on W. Ferguson, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

CLOSE CITY PARKING LOT – CLEARY’S SHOES & BOOTS – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from Cleary’s Shoes & Boots located at 48 E. Ferguson to close the City parking lot behind their business from 1st Street to Wood River Avenue on Friday, September 23, 2022 from 8am to 7pm and Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 8am to 5pm for their sidewalk sale, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved with the following vote:

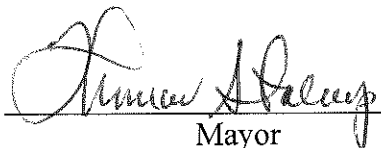
AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)


OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk