

October 3, 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, October 3, 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 special meeting of September 12, 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 MINUTES:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 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 September 16 to September 29, 2022, 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:

Bill Dettmers stated residents have requested signs be put up for speeding on Jennings, Lorena, Penning, and Eckhard. He stated that there were attempted car break-ins over the weekend and graffiti painted on buildings between 6th & 9th Street and Madison Avenue and Ferguson Avenue. He also voiced concerns about the proposed \$900,000 artificial turf baseball field, the maintenance of the turf, and if the expense was budgeted for in the current fiscal year budget.

Mayor Stalcup stated the funding for the artificial turf baseball field is pending upon the approval of the grant Director Woody applied for which is about a 3-to-6-month process.

Councilman Plank requested that Chief Wells speak on the impact of the SAFE-T Act that will take effect on January 1, 2023.

Chief Wells addressed the council explaining the SAFE-T Act. See attached.

Chief Wells also stated that the Police Department will need to update their body cameras to coincide with the new requirements. He also voiced his concern regarding the no cash bail that the SAFE-T Act brings along with it.

Discussion ensued on probable cause hearings, the timeframe of those hearings, and the no cash bail. Chief Wells stated he is not against police reform because you can always look for ways to improve your job.

Councilman Plank asked if there are any unfunded portions the council needs to plan for. Chief Wells stated there will be mandated training which will cause an increase in overtime.

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ORDINANCE NO. 22-09: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI; BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 112: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 112.25 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF LICENSES CHANGING THE NUMBER OF TAVERN LICENSES IN DISTRICT 2 FROM TEN TO ELEVEN:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 112: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 112.25 Limit on Number of Licenses changing the number of tavern licenses in District 2 from ten to eleven seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 22-10: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, ARTICLE 7: TRAFFIC CODE. CHAPTER 76: PARKING SCHEDULES, SCHEDULE VII: DESIGNATION OF A HANDICAP PARKING SPACE AT 22 MARGUERITE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Article 7: Traffic Code. Chapter 76: Parking Schedules, Schedule VII: Designation of a Handicap Parking Space at 22 Marguerite, as recommended by the Traffic Commission, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2805: AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-2-08-28-08-205-011, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2 E FERGUSON, WOOD RIVER, IL 62095 TO W.R. HOLDINGS LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.00:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of City owned property located at Parcel ID 19-2-08-28-08-205-011, commonly known as 2 E. Ferguson, Wood River, IL 62095 to W.R. Holdings LLC, in the amount of \$1.00, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Wells explained that there was only one proposal received and it was from W.R. Holdings LLC. Discussion ensued on the plans for the building being remodeled for an innovative office space with the potential of a juice bar being added to the rear of the building.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2806: AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT DONATED PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-1-08-21-00-000-002 FROM THE WOOD RIVER DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the City to accept donated property located at Parcel ID 19-1-08-21-00-000-002 from The Wood River Drainage and Levee District, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Duncan

City Manager Steve Palen stated this property is in association with the bike path brought from Confluence Trails to Camp Dubois and then on to Downtown Wood River.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2807: GRANTING A PERMANENT ACCESS EASEMENT TO THE WOOD RIVER DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT ON PARCEL ID 19-2-08-28-10-101-021:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance granting a permanent access easement to The Wood River Drainage and Levee District on Parcel ID 19-2-08-28-10-101-021, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

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ORDINANCE 2808: VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY, CREATING A PARTIAL ALLEY, AND COMBINING FIVE CITY OWNED LOTS INTO ONE LOT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LORENA AND WOOD RIVER AVE:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve an ordinance vacating a portion of an alley, creating a partial alley, and combining five City owned lots into one lot at the southeast corner of Lorena and Wood River Ave, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman.

Councilman Plank questioned if this alley had already been vacated last spring. City Manager Steve Palen stated the previous request to vacate the portion of the alley was withdrawn to re-establish the alley. This request is now going before council for approval for 1929 Pizza & Wine Restaurant.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION 1981: AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE HGACBUY PROGRAM:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a resolution authorizing the Finance Director to apply for membership in the HGACBuy Program, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Finance Director Chris Sobrino stated this provides another avenue to purchase major capital items such as a fire truck.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – SEEK BIDS FOR SIDEWALK WORK AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the request to seek bids for sidewalk work at various locations throughout the city as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Councilwoman Hagaman and City Manager Steve Palen discussed that the request for bids is for individual sidewalks throughout the city. City Manager Steve Palen stated that the Street Department walked through and rated which individual sidewalks need to be repaired. The City is looking at using either the Contingency or 1% funds for the repairs.

The request was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 224 & 1133 AND THE WOOD RIVER ENRICHMENT NETWORK TO HOLD A PARK CLEANUP DAY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022, BEGINNING AT 9 A.M. AT VARIOUS CITY PROPERTIES.

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a request from Girl Scout Troops 224 & 1133 & The Wood River Enrichment Network to hold a park cleanup day on Saturday, October 8, 2022, beginning at 9 a.m. at various City properties, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilwoman Hagaman stated she spoke with Andy Russell with the Wood River Enrichment Network and the Mayor about the city-wide clean up. She stated this cleanup day is a leadership building and pride in their community skill for the troops and an opportunity for others in the community to get involved in improving the community. Everyone will be meeting at the Police Department at 9:00am on October 8, 2022, with a scout leading each individual group.

The request was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

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APPROVED – THE WOOD RIVER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP TO HOST A CHILI COOK OFF ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022, FROM 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M. AT CENTRAL PARK

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of a request from the Wood River Economic Development Group to host a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, October 29, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Central Park, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Kristen Burns addressed the Council stating there are 16 teams so far for the chili cook off. She also stated that there will be activities for kids and that the event is free.

The request was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED - HALLOWEEN PARADE:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve the Halloween Parade for Saturday, October 29, 2022 beginning at 10:30am, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED - TRICK OR TREAT RULES:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve rules for Trick or Treat as printed on the agenda, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

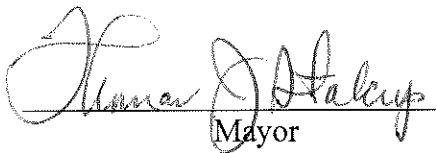
AYES: Duncan, Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Stalcup provided an update on the City's paver. There will be a delay on the repaving of roads in different areas of town due to the paver being out of service.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk