

September 12, 2022

A special meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 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.

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS: None

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (1)), seconded by Councilman Duncan and approved by the following vote:

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

The Council recessed at 5:31 pm and reconvened at 5:59 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

REMOVE OFF THE TABLE – AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN PALEN FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to remove an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign an employment agreement with Stephen Palen for the position of City Manager off the table, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2802 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN PALEN FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER:

Councilman Duncan moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign an employment agreement with Stephen Palen for the position of City Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman,

Councilman Plank stated that due to the exceptional nature of the contract and it not being consistent with prior practice, he intends to vote no on the contract.

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to amend the severance package on page 8 in paragraph A of the contract. Changing “employee sees fit equal to 12 months then current aggregate salary” to “employee sees fit equal to 20 weeks then current aggregate salary”, seconded by Councilman Duncan and amended with the following vote:

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

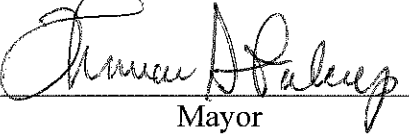
the contract ordinance was then approved, with the amendment, by the following vote:

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

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NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk