

December 5, 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, December 5, 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:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 21, 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 November 18 to December 1, 2022, as printed, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

2nd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2022 TO OCTOBER 31, 2022:

Councilman Duncan moved for approval of the 2nd Quarter Investment Report for the period August 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup presented a Certificate of Recognition to Steve Russell on his retirement after 10 years with the City of Wood River.

Mayor Stalcup presented a Certificate of Achievement to Timothy Charles Melton, a member of Boy Scout Troop 16, for receiving his Eagle Scout Rank.

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Dettmers stated that a couple of months ago there were questions about the East End Detention Pond with regard to the erosion. The public was told that there were 7 change orders made to improve the situation. About a month ago after more erosion, the public was told that the project was close to completion and a punch list was created listing the items that still needed to be completed. He received communication from Facebook regarding the project. It was stated that the City knew that the ground at the location was sandy and not suitable for the work that had been authorized for the construction of the detention pond. The contractor told the engineers that the plans were insufficient and there would be additional work to properly complete the project. There are claims that the City went on the cheap. Another comment stated that the pump is going to have problems operating because anytime there is a flood, it will continue to blow out. The engineers should have included rip rap around the entire project. He asked if the City was made aware of these problems before the project was approved and if any other options were even discussed regarding the construction. The City needs to look at these projects before they rubber stamp something that is given to them. He asked the City to look at this because the charges are pretty serious including the 7 change orders totaling \$100,000.

Councilman Plank asked where the City stands on the final billing for the East End Detention Pond Project.

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City Manager Steve Palen explained that a final inspection is scheduled for the week of December 12, 2022, with the EPA. Once that inspection takes place, the project will be completed. Moving forward as we see need for potential rip rap or clay fill in erosion areas, we will take care of those areas. He stated that it is silly to overdesign a detention pond full of rip rap when it is not necessary. That would have increased the cost by roughly \$250,000 to \$300,000. Regarding the change orders, most of the change orders were not for the erosion control. The change orders were for other items that needed to be addressed.

Councilman Plank asked if the original design included any rip rap. City Manager Steve Palen answered no. Councilman Plank asked if it was added later. City Manager Steve Palen explained that the part that is rip rapped in the ditch area that leads up to the actual pond was in the original design. As we see the need for more rip rap on the areas where the water is localizing and gathering and causing the erosion, we are going to look into either clay fill or rip rap in those particular areas but at this point there is no need to rip rap the entire project.

Plank stated that it looks like erosion is beginning to take hold again.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that there are a couple areas that could be problematic where the matting is and, in those areas, the matting is probably not going to work.

Plank stated the communication and comments like the ones Mr. Dettmers read from Facebook should be checked for legitimacy.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that it is important not to over design projects and he does not have any lack of faith in the engineering company that the City has used for many years in their ability to design a detention pond.

City Manager Steve Palen congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department on receiving Best of the Best for the Belk Park Golf Course. Director Jason Woody and Micky Sabolo do a great job running the golf course.

Sonya Hagaman thanked Kristen Burns and the Wood River Police Association for the Downtown Santa and the Petting Zoo on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. She felt it was great seeing the community come together for another event.

ORDINANCE 2816: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HEARTLANDS CONSERVANCY TO UPDATE THE WOOD RIVER DESIGN GUIDELINES AKA APPEARANCE GUIDELINES:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Contract with Heartlands Conservancy to update the Wood River Design Guidelines, also known as Appearance Guidelines, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Duncan

Mayor Stalcup stated there were only two bids received for this process. Heartlands Conservancy does a great job, and the City is delighted to be working with them.

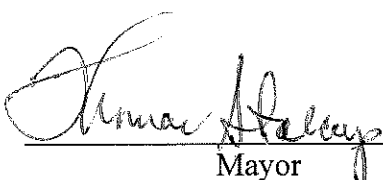
the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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 7:15 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk