

January 3, 2023

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 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 December 19, 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:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period December 16 to December 29, 2022, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup and Fire Chief Wade Stahlhut presented a Certificate of Recognition to Jacob Palen for completing the National Accredited Christian Hospital Northeast Paramedic Academy.

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Dettmers stated effective April 2023, he will offer free advertisement for City of Wood River businesses every month on the billboard on Illinois Route 143. The value is around \$400 a month. Mr. Dettmers stated to contact him or the Mayor's Office if businesses are interested.

Mayor Stalcup stated that he and City Manager Steve Palen spoke with Republic Services regarding current issues with the trash pickup. Republic Services stated they are working on correcting the issues and apologized to the citizens.

Mayor Stalcup commended the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for keeping the City of Wood River safe and running during the recent inclement weather.

Mayor Stalcup thanked Bill Dettmers for offering the billboard advertising.

ORDINANCE 23-1: AMENDING THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER'S ZONING CODE 96-14, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4-9, DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT – BD AND SECTION 4-13, WOOD RIVER BUSINESS PARK – WRBP LIMITING THE NUMBER OF OPERATING CANNABIS DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE CITY TO ONE:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance amending the City of Wood River's Zoning Code 96-14, Article 4, Section 4-9, Downtown Business District – BD and Section 4-13, Wood River Business Park – WRBP limiting the number of operating cannabis dispensaries within the city to one, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank asked what the current ordinances are within the City regarding dispensaries.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the Zoning Code allows dispensaries in Downtown Business District and Wood River Business Park.

Councilman Plank asked if the facility on Edwardsville Road is a cannabis facility.

City Manager Steve Palen stated no.

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Councilman Plank stated his opinion would be to allow zero dispensaries and changing the ordinance to have one operating dispensary gives the impression that it is a government sponsored monopoly.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that the ordinance can always be changed to increase the number of dispensaries down the road. The City's thought was to limit it to one dispensary to see how it goes.

Conversation ensued regarding the number of liquor licenses allowed within the City. Councilman Plank stated that the City does not restrict liquor licenses to one, but the City wants to restrict the cannabis dispensaries to one.

Councilman Plank moved to table this ordinance, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, who stated that she feels this is a good first step and it is a good idea to start with one operating dispensary.

Conversation ensued regarding number of gaming machines in the City. Conversation then continued regarding the State of Illinois releasing more cannabis dispensary licenses and the current interest in opening a dispensary in the City of Wood River. Councilman Plank stated there would be no competition if we limit the number of operating dispensaries to one and questioned the rush of passing this ordinance.

A vote was then taken on the motion to table the ordinance amending the City of Wood River's Zoning Code 96-14, Article 4, Section 4-9, Downtown Business District – BD and Section 4-13, Wood River Business Park – WRBP limiting the number of operating cannabis dispensaries within the city to one, and was not tabled by the following vote:

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

A vote was then taken to approve an ordinance amending the City of Wood River's Zoning Code 96-14, Article 4, Section 4-9, Downtown Business District – BD and Section 4-13, Wood River Business Park – WRBP limiting the number of operating cannabis dispensaries within the city to one, and the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1984: AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT FOR \$300,000:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the application for the City of Wood River Downtown Revitalization Grant for \$300,000, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Duncan, and approved by the following vote:

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

CHANGE MEETING DATE DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to change the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to Tuesday, January 17, 2023, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

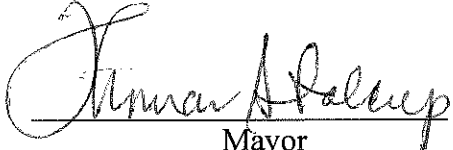
Councilman Plank asked for an update on the 5<sup>th</sup> street sewer smell and a timeline on addressing the issue.

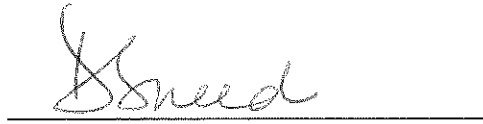
City Manager Steve Palen explained that area is combined sewer and there are several sources that could be causing the smell and residents should consider having traps and backflow prevention to help alleviate the smell.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk