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PUBLIC HEARING  
MS4 PERMIT

Mayor Stalcup called a public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. to receive citizen comments on the City's MS4 Permit.

City Manager Steve Palen explained the MS4 Permit group consists of Madison County and 30 municipalities and townships in the urbanized area of the County. The purpose is to be able to share common resources, adopt practices and enforce regulations involving the six minimum controls to reach the goal of clean water. The MS4 Permit is good for five years and an annual report is submitted to the EPA. This public hearing is part of the report.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 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: Sonya Hagaman  
Jeremy Plank  
Scott Tweedy  
Tom Stalcup

ABSENT: Leroy Duncan

and that a quorum was present and in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 21, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
NAYS: None (0)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period February 17, 2023, to March 2, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
NAYS: None (0)

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Dettmers stated he did not realize that a comment he made a couple weeks ago would be so misunderstood so he hopes he can correct any misunderstandings. He wants a prosperous city that can build a ballfield without waiting for the government to give the money before it can be built. He does not criticize the City for applying for the grant for the ballfield. He does, however, hold the City accountable for making bad decisions like not performing a feasibility study for the new Recreation Center. In addition to focusing on economic growth and infrastructure projects, he wishes the City would focus on the substandard schools and attract younger families to the community. He wants to guarantee that the Golf Course and the Water and Sewer Operations will not be sold in the future.

City Manager Steve Palen introduced Cory Jobe, President and CEO of Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau. Mr. Jobe addressed the Council regarding the proposal to better promote, market, and develop the City of Wood River.

ORDINANCE 23-6: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 110: GENERAL LICENSING PROVISIONS, SECTION 110.06 LICENSE REQUIRED TO CARRY ON BUSINESS TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR ANNUAL BUSINESS LICENSES FROM \$10.00 TO \$25.00:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title XI, Business Regulations, Chapter 110: General Licensing Provisions, Section 110.06 License Required to Carry on Business to increase the fee for annual business licenses from \$10.00 to \$25.00, seconded by

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Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)  
 NAYS: Plank (1)

ORDINANCE 23-7: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XV, LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 155: ZONING CODE, SECTION 155.01 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER'S ZONING CODE 96-14, ARTICLE 4, REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC DISTRICTS, SECTION 4-9, DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT – BD, SECTIONS 4-9.3 - SPECIAL USES ALLOWING UPSTAIRS DWELLING UNITS AS A SPECIAL USE AND 4-9.4 - RESTRICTIONS CHANGING THE RESTRICTIONS ON UPSTAIRS DWELLING UNITS:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 155: Zoning Code, Section 155.01 Adoption by Reference to include changes to The City of Wood River's Zoning Code 96-14, Article 4, Regulations for Specific Districts, Section 4-9, Downtown Business District – BD, Sections 4-9.3 - Special Uses allowing upstairs dwelling units as a special use and 4-9.4 - Restrictions changing the restrictions on upstairs dwelling units, seconded by Councilman Plank.

City Manager Steve Palen stated part of the future of downtown is to allow loft living. To create the foot traffic for restaurants and other businesses would be to allow downtown living.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2829: GRANTING A PERMANENT ACCESS EASEMENT TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON PARCEL ID 19-1-08-25-00-000-009.001:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve ordinance granting a permanent access easement to The Illinois Department of Transportation on Parcel ID 19-1-08-25-00-000-009.001, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Mayor Stalcup stated this parcel is at the corner of Hwy 143 and Hwy 255.

City Manager Steve Palen stated we are granting an easement to IDOT and they are releasing an easement to the City.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE 2830: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER FOR \$40,000.00 TO COMPLETE A LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a grant agreement with The State of Illinois, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Wood River for \$40,000.00 to complete a lead service line inventory, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

City Manager Steve Palen stated this will be a \$50,000 project but the grant will provide \$40,000. This will allow for a lead line inventory which has to be submitted in 2023 and then by April 2024, the City will be responsible for replacing any lead lines that are found within City limits.

The ordinance was approved by the follow vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION 1994: TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER BUSINESS OWNERS FOR THEIR ANNUAL BUSINESS LICENSE FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a resolution to waive the fee for The City of Wood River Business Owners for their annual business license fee for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

RECEIPT OF BUDGET:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve receipt of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank asked questions regarding the new Recreation Center funds and the \$56,997.00 being transferred from the General Fund to the Recreation Center Funds. The new Recreation Center budget shows about \$31,000.00 for seasonal wage purposes and he is assuming the rest of the funds would be for office supplies and other administrative items. The budget includes interest income from the funds of the loan and he feels it should also include interest expense from the debt.

Discussion between Councilman Plank and Finance Director Chris Sobrino ensued regarding where the interest expense should be categorized in the budget.

Councilman Plank stated the City will be showing a loss in the budget for the Recreation Center Funds even with the \$56,997 transferred from the General Fund.

The receipt of the proposed budget was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

SEEK BIDS: 2023-24 MFT STREET MAINTENANCE MATERIAL PROGRAM

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request to seek bids for the 2023-24 MFT Street Maintenance Materials Program, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

SEEK BIDS: ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT AT THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request to seek bids for roof repair/replacement at the Public Works Building located at 100 Anderson, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request to accept the proposal from American Legal Publishing to recodify the Wood River Code of Ordinances in the amount of \$15,300.00, as submitted by the City Clerk and City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy.

Mayor Stalcup explained this recodification will alleviate some pressure from the City Clerk and will be beneficial for the City.

The request was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

SOLICIT – WOOD RIVER PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2371 – APPROVED:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from Wood River Professional Firefighters Local 2371 to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

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SOLICIT – VFW POST 2859 – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from VFW Post 2859 to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

SOLICIT – LORENA AVENUE PTA – APPROVED:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from Lorena Avenue PTA to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, August 26, 2023, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

SOLICIT – EAWR HIGH SCHOOL-AFTER PROM COMMITTEE – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from EAWR High School After Prom Committee to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

REQUEST – WOOD RIVER-HARTFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT #15 TO CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS THROUGHOUT TOWN FOR THE I AM, I CAN, I WILL 5K RUN/WALK:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a request from Wood River – Hartford School District #15 to close certain streets throughout town for the I am, I can, I will 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023, beginning at 8:30am, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

WAIVE RENTAL FEE AT BELK PARK – ALTON ROAD RUNNERS CLUB – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from the Alton Road Runners Club to waive the rental fee for a pavilion at Belk Park from 7am to 11:30am on Saturday, June 17, 2023, for a Family Run, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman.

Mayor Stalcup asked City Clerk Danielle Sneed if the calendar for solicitations for the year was full. City Clerk Danielle Sneed confirmed there are no other solicitations available for the year at Wood River Avenue and Penning Avenue.

The request was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)  
 NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: None

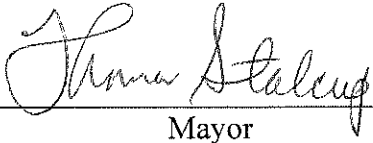
NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Plank asked for two items to be added to the agenda for the meeting March 20, 2023:

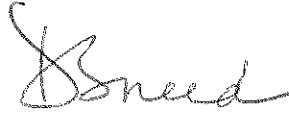
1. Rescind the ordinance approved on January 3, 2023, amending the City of Wood River's Zoning Code 96-14, Article 4, Section 4-9, Downtown Business District – BD and Section 4-13, Wood River Business Park – WRBP limiting the number of operating cannabis dispensaries within the city to one.
2. No licenses be issued until the voters can decide by referendum how the City should proceed regarding all licenses for operating cannabis dispensaries in the City of Wood River.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40p.m.



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Mayor



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City Clerk