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PUBLIC HEARING
FY 23/24 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Stalcup called a public hearing to order at 7:00p.m. with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance and to receive citizen comments on the City Manager's 2023/24 Fiscal Year Proposed Budget, as required by City Code and State Statutes. Copies of the proposed budget have been on file in the City Clerk's Office and at the Wood River Public Library.

Mayor Stalcup encouraged those citizens wishing to speak that comments should be brief in order to give all those present the opportunity to be heard. Comments must be kept directed to the budget topic only. He asked all speakers to address the Council as a whole and asked those in the audience to be courteous and respectful.

City Manager Steve Palen gave highlights for the Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 23/24. Total expenses proposed are \$36.4 million, which represents a decrease of 9.3% from Fiscal Year 22/23. Operating expenses total \$17.9 million and capital expenses total \$18.5 million. The General Fund has a projected ending reserve of \$4,344,721, which is approximately six months operating reserve. Reserves have been used to offset the expenditures in excess of revenues resulting from increased costs to manage the City, fund capital projects, and provide necessary infrastructure repairs and replacements.

Bill Dettmers stated he had several questions regarding the budget. Mayor Stalcup stated the public hearing is not a question and answer. Bill Dettmers stated he would still like to ask the questions during the public hearing.

He asked the following questions:

- Who applied for the cannabis license
- How much is the city earning on cannabis
- Is the revenue generated by the cannabis recreational
- How much is the cannabis expected to raise
- In the 22/23 budget there is \$160,000.00 budgeted for the Roundhouse, how much has been spent in the 22/23 budget, what were expenditures for, what repairs were planned for, what repairs have been done, and why weren't all repairs completed
- What expenditures are planned for the Roundhouse in 23/24 budget
- What is the \$25,000 budgeted for in the recreation department
- Is \$102,000 budgeted for equipment for the Recreation Center and if so why was it not allocated under the Rec Center budget
- Is the \$349,819 in personal service expenses for full-time or part-time wages. If it's not for wages what is it for.
- Why is the Recreation Director expenses not being allocated to the Rec Center itself
- How much has been spent out of the 1% sales tax for the Rec Center
- If the judge in his lawsuit against the City for the use of the 1% sales tax comes back and states the 1% sales tax cannot be used for the Rec Center, how does the City intend on paying the funds back

Matt Herren, as a new business owner in the City, thanked the council for the environment the City has provided.

Amy Herren thanked the council for making the City a very business friendly community.

Chris Delgado wanted to introduce himself and stated he is looking forward to opening a new restaurant in Wood River.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:16 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 N. Wood River Avenue. 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 March 6, 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 March 3 to March 16, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING FEBRUARY 28TH, 2023:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the Financial Statement ending February 28, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF 3rd QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the 3rd Quarter Investment Report for the period November 1, 2022, to January 31, 2023, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Dettmers provided a handout showing pictures of the cannabis dispensaries in Collinsville and Fairview Heights. Mr. Dettmers stated that the cannabis dispensary that is to be revisited is controversial and needs to be considered with an abundance of caution. He stated it is more to consider than just another revenue source. If revenue is the only consideration in the matter, then the City should have had a strip bar downtown years ago. He believes the community's consensus is that the dispensary should not be located downtown. He then asked the council what led them to believe that downtown would be best for this when the original plan for downtown was to be family oriented. He asked if Council had consulted other cities to see why they located their dispensaries away from downtown and family areas and instead in commercial areas by highways. Mr. Dettmers then said he believes the Council is making the same mistake with this dispensary as they did with the recreation center by rushing to judgement, with a lack of community involvement. He stated that he personally met with three businesses downtown, the first had no knowledge of the dispensary, the second knew the City was considering a dispensary but did not realize it would be next to their family-oriented business, and the third business was

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aware of the location and welcomed the foot traffic; however, he did acknowledge the controversial issue. Mr. Dettmers then said the City could not go wrong with placing this in the hands of the voters.

Bill Rogers stated he was present to speak against cannabis sales being allowed within City Limits. He stated that there was already one such business on Edwardsville Road and the City does not need another. He believes it is interesting that one is next to a nursing home and the proposed dispensary would be downtown in a family area and by a school. He then stated that if an individual wanted to dispense in that location they would be arrested and charged with a felony. According to press reports the City already gets revenue by stating they allow the businesses which shows it is just about the money, but there are some things that are more important than revenue. Mr. Rogers stated that the Council already approved the matter before hearing public comment and so he asks, what is the Council trying to hide. Mr. Rogers quoted the City Manager stating that it would take a change in the code to deny the business, but Mr. Rogers does not believe that is true. The building permit has not been approved and denying that permit would prohibit the business from opening. He then stated that the City should be bringing people in and not running them off.

Sara Sladek spoke against the cannabis dispensary coming to town. She stated she was surprised to learn in the Telegraph that the work is moving forward without citizens' approval. She then stated that she believes back-room deals have been implemented in this process. She also stated that the City has already received money from the state for hosting a pot shop. She believes this means that some of the money has been spent. She then asked when the citizens' opinion will be heard. She also mentioned that the sewer smell has returned to the corner of 5th and Beach.

Kristen Burns stated that she is running for City Council and she wanted to address the cannabis dispensary item on the agenda. She stated that she was in support of the dispensary. She stated that increased revenue would be great for the City, providing opportunity for infrastructure improvements, relieving pension debt, and offsetting costs of the recreation center. Kristen stated she believes the good outweighs the bad. The dispensary would bring added traffic that the downtown area desperately needs. Of the businesses she spoke to downtown all of them stated they would welcome the foot traffic. The proposed downtown location would provide additional taxes to two school districts, both East Alton Wood River High School and the Wood River Hartford School District. Kristen stated that she appreciated the City looking into this opportunity with open eyes. Kristen also stated that she understands there is a stigma surrounding cannabis; however, the patrons of this facility are not the undesirables that most people think, medical use is a large part of this business. She stated some people were concerned about a cloud of smoke outside of the business; however, by law you cannot consume by a dispensary so that will not be an issue. She stated others were worried about an increase in crime; however, studies show crime stays the same or in some cases goes down when dispensaries open. She then stated that Edwardsville just voted for a dispensary 5-0 next to their high school. She said it would be a shame for Wood River to lose out on this revenue. She stated that a referendum would be treading in muddy water, at what point does it end, would voters need to approve the next restaurant wanting to come to town. Instead, she believes this is a ploy to work up a group of voters before an election, what she calls dirty politics. Of the people she has spoken with during her campaign, 87% of people agreed that the good outweighs the negative and the economic boost is important to residents.

Kelly McRae works in the Missouri cannabis industry and is a field marketing manager. She has seen communities, that dispensaries are in, grow with new people coming to see their businesses. Downtown currently has no reason for people to visit. Opening a restaurant and other businesses near a dispensary would be beneficial and the City needs to look into it.

Matt Herren stated he would like to speak about the cannabis dispensary. The proposed business would be next door to his new bagel shop, and he said the likelihood of dispensary customers being more of a problem than bagel customers is negligible. He stated that it will bring people to his businesses, encouraging him to open a third restaurant.

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Amy Herren spoke in support of a cannabis dispensary. She said as a business owner downtown she believes this is a blessing, adding a vibrant and viable retail establishment. She believes this will be a great addition to downtown. This opportunity reiterates the progressive and business friendly environment the City has worked hard to create.

Chris Delgado stated that he came to the meeting in support of the cannabis dispensary. He stated that he has been to other cities with dispensaries and they help out the community by bringing foot traffic from miles away. He believes this is an opportunity the City would be missing out on.

David Landry stated that for two years Jeremy Plank has portrayed the City as failing and making constant bad decisions. Mr. Landry stated that this is not true, and that people ought to be supporting and not trying to destroy the good work by using partial truths. Mr. Landry stated that he is a Pastor, and the people had no problem stabbing him in the back. He also stated that they have several lawsuits in the works, so they don't mind suing the citizens that they claim they want to serve. Mr. Landry urged residents not to be fooled by wolves in sheep clothing. Cannabis sales could fund the pension plans, and go as far as helping with water, sewer, and trash services. They said \$150,000 for repainting the water tower is wasteful spending, but their plan could have cost the City \$300,000. The retention pond on 9th street will remove homes from a flood zone saving homeowners money. Getting better water and sewer flow on State Street will happen soon with the sewer separation project. Why are these people not telling us about what is good. They are using half-truths and not giving the people the honest truths. They have come to steal, kill, and destroy everything the City is doing to make the City great and better again. Mr. Landry reiterated that the City has a whole lot of good things going on downtown.

City Manager Steve Palen asked for the developer John Barnerd of the dispensary to provide a brief synopsis of the business.

John stated he was instrumental in getting the dilapidated KC Hall refurbished as well as getting the Pride Fitness facility going. He feels the dispensary will provide more revenue and traffic to the City. The dispensary is a highly regulated business by the state and is highly secured.

Mayor Stalcup stated there is a misconception that the dispensary is a pot shop.

Mr. Barnerd stated the dispensary is not a lounge and not a consumption area. Customers come in, purchase what they need, and then leave. Every single transaction is regulated by the state and tracked.

Councilman Plank asked if there were any studies done regarding the location of the dispensary. He asked how the location was determined for the dispensary.

Mr. Barnerd stated there were traffic studies completed through the Riverbend Growth Association. He chose the location because it would bring other businesses along.

Councilwoman Hagaman asked how certain people will be kept out of the business. She wanted to know if you must be 21 years of age to enter the building.

Dan Welsh, an associate of John Barnerd, explained that the floor plan of the business is designed with a specific room with a staff member who is in charge of taking photo id's and ensuring the patron who is entering the facility is allowed under the regulations. There will be an intake room, a lobby, and then the sales room.

Councilwoman Hagaman asked what kind of marketing and facade will be on the business.

Dan Welsh stated the facility will fit into the upcoming growth within the community.

City Manager Palen stated the appearance guidelines for downtown will stipulate the outside appearance of the business.

Councilman Plank asked if there were any other competing applicants for the license in Wood

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River and how it was determined that this developer would be receiving the one license available.

Mr. Barnerd stated they approached the City and have been working through the process with the City.

Councilwoman Hagaman asked Mr. Barnerd if he was aware of any other cities that have a limit of one license.

John explained that the City of Edwardsville has two licenses. Alton has two licenses, but they are only allowed in certain places. Collinsville facility is not in the same category of the other dispensaries.

Police Chief Brad Wells understands his duty is to enforce the laws not to make the laws. He hopes that Illinois does not allow for the smoking lounges. There was a Planning Commission meeting in January 2020 where the public was allowed to provide comments. He was happy when someone local, from the area, was willing to take this project on. If the checks and balances were put in place at liquor stores like those that are put in place at dispensaries, under-aged drinking would significantly reduce. He contacted the Chief of Police in both Fairview Heights and Collinsville and neither had any bad reports on the dispensaries in their cities. The dispensary is a good community partner.

Councilwoman Hagaman stated she spoke with City of Collinsville Mayor, John Miller, and he informed her the dispensary was a great boost for the community and they give back to the community.

Councilman Plank asked if there were any other applicants or a public notice to request an application for the license.

Police Chief Brad Wells stated that this group is the only group he has discussed the plans for the dispensary with and that there was not a public notice made regarding the application for the license. He also explained that the State of Illinois stair stepped the licenses allowing for more licenses to be issued recently so during that time, he took a few phone calls from interested parties wanting to open a dispensary, but nothing ever transpired with those potential State license holders.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he proposes that the City use 25% of the taxes collected be allocated to the Wood River Police Pension Fund and the Wood River Firefighters Pension Fund.

Councilman Plank questioned the \$16,000 listed on the budget under cannabis use tax.

Finance Director Chris Sobrino explained that is our per capita share of taxes collected by the State for cannabis sales.

Councilman Plank asked what other revenue the City is currently receiving for cannabis.

City Manager Steve Palen stated nothing.

Councilman Tweedy reiterated the fact that allowing cannabis dispensaries into the City was done in 2020. The Planning Commission had a public hearing on the matter and sent a favorable recommendation to City Council to change the Zoning Code allowing cannabis dispensaries in the Downtown Business District and the Wood River Business Park. This has not been rushed through and no back-room deals have been made.

ORDINANCE 23-8: AMEND CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 112: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 112.25 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF LICENSES, (C) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR STORE LICENSES IN DISTRICT 1 FROM ZERO (0) TO ONE (1) AND (E) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF RESTAURANT (BEER AND WINE ONLY) LICENSES IN DISTRICT 1 FROM ONE (1) TO TWO (2):

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Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 112: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 112.25 Limit on Number of Licenses, (C) changing the number of liquor store licenses in District 1 from zero (0) to one (1) and (E) changing the number of restaurant (beer and wine only) licenses in District 1 from one (1) to two (2), seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Mayor Stalcup explained this amendment is for a new business coming to downtown.

the ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2831: AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TYLER SCHMITT FOR FARMING CITY OWNED PROPERTY ALONG 9TH STREET (PARCEL ID 19-1-08-22-12-201-001):

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing a Lease Agreement with Tyler Schmitt for farming City owned property along 9th Street (Parcel ID 19-1-08-22-12-201-001), seconded by Councilman Tweedy and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2832: AUTHORIZING A SIGN LOCATION LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OUTFRONT MEDIA LLC FOR ADVERTISING BILLBOARDS ON A PORTION OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT HWY 3 & HWY 143:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing a Sign Location Lease Agreement with Outfront Media LLC for advertising billboards on a portion of City owned property located at Hwy 3 & Hwy 143, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2833: AMENDING THE RIVERBEND ENTERPRISE ZONE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT #1120 AMONG THE COUNTY OF MADISON, CITY OF ALTON, VILLAGE OF BETHALTO, VILLAGE OF EAST ALTON, VILLAGE OF HARTFORD, VILLAGE OF ROXANA, VILLAGE OF SOUTH ROXANA, AND CITY OF WOOD RIVER

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approved an ordinance amending the Riverbend Enterprise Zone Intergovernmental Agreement #1120 among the County of Madison, City of Alton, Village of Bethalto, Village of East Alton, Village of Hartford, Village of Roxana, Village of South Roxana, and City of Wood River, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Mayor Stalcup stated this will expand the current enterprise zone and help new businesses to come into that corridor.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2834: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2434 TO AMEND TERRITORY OF THE RIVERBEND ENTERPRISE ZONE:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2434 to amend territory of the Riverbend Enterprise Zone, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

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ORDINANCE 2835: APPROVING REIMBURSEMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT COSTS WITH HAGOPIAN PROPERTIES, LLC FOR TIF ASSISTANCE AT 48 52 E. FERGUSON:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance approving reimbursement of redevelopment costs with Hagopian Properties, LLC for TIF assistance at 48 52 E. Ferguson, as submitted by the TIF Committee, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Mayor Stalcup complemented Cleary's Shoe Store with the re-bricking the front of their building.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2836: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A 3-YEAR AUDIT AGREEMENT WITH CJ SCHLOSSER & COMPANY, LLC:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a 3-year Audit Agreement with CJ Schlosser & Company, LLC, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2837: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DELEGATE AGENCY CONTRACT BETWEEN MADISON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 360 GRAND:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Delegate Agency Contract between Madison County and the City of Wood River for the demolition of 360 Grand, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Plank (1)

ORDINANCE 2838: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH GREAT RIVERS & ROUTES TOURISM BUREAU TO PROVIDE TOURISM PROMOTION AND PROGRAMMING:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement with Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau to provide tourism promotion and programming, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Mayor Stalcup stated the City is looking forward to working with Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau because they have done a great job marketing our area.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2839: AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER TO BORROW FUNDS UP TO \$10,000,000 FROM THE ILLINOIS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE STATE STREET SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the City of Wood River to borrow funds up to \$10,000,000 from the Illinois Water Pollution Control Loan Program for the State Street Sewer Separation Project, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank asked how much would potentially be borrowed, what the interest rate would

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be, and what the payment would be.

City Manager Steve Palen stated it would be around 4 to 5 million and the interest rate would be 0.9%.

Finance Director Chris Sobrino explained it would be borrowed over 20 years and the payment would be somewhere around \$250,000 per year.

Councilman Plank stated this payment as well as the Rec Center payment would both be coming from the 1% sales tax which would be around 2/3 of the revenue in that fund.

City Manager Steve Palen stated a little over half and that it is at 1.75 yearly now.

Mayor Stalcup stated this project should start sooner than what was expected.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2840: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GONZALEZ COMPANIES, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES ON THE STATE STREET AREA SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Gonzalez Companies, LLC for constructing the engineering services on the State Street Area Sewer Separation Project, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman.

Councilman Plank asked of the City went out for bid on this project.

City Manager Palen stated no.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1995: AUTHORIZING A LINE OF CREDIT FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT FUND TO THE TIF #3 SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a resolution authorizing a line of credit from the Capital Improvements and Development Fund to the TIF #3 Special Tax Allocation Fund, as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1996: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE 9TH STREET DETENTION POND PROJECT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Fiscal Year 2023-24 Community Project Funding Application for the 9th Street Detention Pond Project, 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)

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RESOLUTION 1997: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR THE OLD ALTON EDWARDSVILLE ROAD PROJECT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Fiscal Year 2023-24 Community Project Funding Application for the Old Alton Edwardsville Road Project, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilwoman Hagaman asked for clarification on the projects.

City Manager Palen stated Congress calls these Community Project Funding. The Old Alton Edwardsville Road would be repaved from the apartments behind the car dealership all the way to Hwy 143 and it will be a complete tear out of the existing road because it's not a road that you can just repave.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1998: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION FOR PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 FOR THE WOOD RIVER BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Fiscal Year 2023-24 Community Project Funding Application for Phase 1 & Phase 2 for the Wood River Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 1999: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LOAN APPLICATION FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT FOR THE STATE STREET SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a loan application from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program for construction of sewage treatment for the State Street Sewer Separation Project, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

City Manager Steve Palen stated this is required to be able to apply for the IEPA revolving loan for this project.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION 2000: SUPPORTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution supporting Tax Increment Financing as recommended by the Illinois Municipal League, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

Mayor Stalcup stated this resolution is backing the IML to protect TIF funds from the State of Illinois.

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

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RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 23-1: 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:

Councilman Plank moved to rescind Ordinance No. 23-1 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, the motion dies for lack of second.

REQUEST THAT NO CANNABIS DISPENSARY LICENSES BE ISSUED UNTIL THE VOTERS CAN DECIDE BY BINDING REFERENDUM HOW THE CITY SHOULD PROCEED REGARDING ANY AND ALL LICENSING FOR OPERATING CANNABIS DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a request that no cannabis dispensary licenses be issued until the voters can decide by binding referendum how the City should proceed regarding any and all licensing for operating cannabis dispensaries within the City of Wood River, the motion dies for lack of second.

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MADISON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve setting a Public Hearing on the Madison County Community Development Block Grant for Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:00pm before the regularly scheduled Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Hagaman, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Plank (1)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk