

April 17, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING  
Comprehensive Plan for the City of Wood River

Mayor Stalcup called a public hearing to order at 7:00p.m. to receive citizen comments on the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Wood River.

City Manager Steve Palen introduced Emily Calderon from Moran Economic Development.

Ms. Calderon explained the process and benefits of the Comprehensive Plan. She stated that a Comprehensive Plan is a unified vision for the City for the next 20 years. When creating a Comprehensive Plan, broad goals and priorities are established for the City to use when making decisions about budgeting and prioritizing projects within the City. She explained that we got to this point with the Comprehensive Plan from having several work sessions that consisted of Planning Commission Members, Comprehensive Plan Committee Members, City Staff, and members of the staff at Moran Economic Development. There was also an online survey that citizens were able to take to help with the process. With the results from the work sessions and survey, Moran was able to set priorities in a variety of subjects. The Comprehensive Plan has several elements including neighborhoods and housing, infrastructure and mobility, local economy and jobs, community assets, quality of life, land use, and implementation. In the end, we are looking to do an annual review on implementing the Comprehensive Plan. She thanked the members of both committees and City Staff and stated they were incredible to work with.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the last Comprehensive Plan was carried out in the late 1960's and stressed the importance of having a Comprehensive Plan in place as it allows the City to receive more grants and opportunities. He then thanked Ms. Calderon and the rest of the staff at Moran Economic Development for their hard work and dedication to the City of Wood River's Comprehensive Plan.

A citizen from the audience asked what a Comprehensive Plan entails. Ms. Calderon explained that the Illinois State Statute allows municipalities to develop a Comprehensive Plan. The Zoning Code and Subdivision Codes are based on the Comprehensive Plan. It is a long-term vision that the City has and a guide for the City Council to make decisions about prioritizing funds and projects. It gives an idea to citizens and business owners of what to expect in the future. It is not a legally binding document but more of a road map for the City to follow.

Bill Dettmers asked what the top priorities are for the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Calderon explained that there are suggestions in the document about what is a short-term goal and what is high priority vs. low priority. She stated this is not a contract but more of a guiding document or a road map. There are several high priority items throughout the plan. Ms. Calderon explained the high priorities in each of the chapters.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:15 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 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 April 3, 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 31, 2023, to April 13, 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 MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the Financial Statement ending March 31, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stalcup congratulated Parks & Recreation Director Jason Woody and Micky Sabolo for having the best year financially that Belk Park Golf Course has had over the last 13 years.

Mayor Stalcup invited the community for a ribbon cutting Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10:00am for the improvements and addition of pickleball courts at 14<sup>th</sup> Street Park.

On Saturday, April 22, 2023, there will be a city wide clean up starting in the parking lot of the Wood River Police Department in conjunction with State Senator Erica Harriss' office.

Mayor Stalcup stated now that the elections are over, there was severe talk, rhetoric and insinuations that were not necessary, not accepted in our local election on candidates' character, and personal attacks that he hopes do not carry over to our Council's responsibilities as City leaders. Mayor Stalcup hopes all citizens of Wood River will be considered when this Council moves this City forward into the future. He then stated, especially in the last two years, the staff of The City of Wood River has worked very hard to take steps to improve the way of life for all citizens. To rebuild our downtown, to expand our east side, the 143 and 255 area. To correct the ongoing flooding issues on the east side and the 6<sup>th</sup> Street areas. The City has worked hard to improve our roads and sidewalks, replace waterlines, and is working to put into place the Federal Government's mandated Sewer Separation System. The City has upgraded our Fire and Police Departments, giving our Public Works Department the tools to serve this community and make our City a great place to live and call our home. This Council needs to work together. The City Manager and all the Department Heads are dedicated to making Wood River the best, most comfortable City to live and raise our families and he wants to thank and commend their hard work and dedication to our community. He asked the new Council to please look at what has been accomplished and what this City is working toward to improve our way of life to make Wood River a proud City to call home. He stated that working together, the City's new Comprehensive Plan and the Bike and Pedestrian Plan will be great working tools to help move Wood River forward. He asked everyone to look at all the pieces and plans that can be worked on and moved forward. He hopes all the work that has taken place in the last two years will not be ignored but worked on and added to. The people that work here and the citizens that have dedicated numerous hours to improvement projects deserve the Council's support to carry forward.

ORDINANCE 23-10: - AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 112: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 112.25 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF LICENSES, (A) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF TAVERN LICENSES IN DISTRICT 1 FROM THREE (3) TO FOUR (4), (A) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF TAVERN LICENSES IN DISTRICT 2 FROM ELEVEN (11) TO TWELVE (12), (B) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF LATE LICENSES IN DISTRICT 1 FROM TWO (2) TO THREE (3), AND (D) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF CLUB LICENSES IN DISTRICT 1 FROM ONE (1) TO ZERO (0):

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve amending City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 112: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 112.25 Limit on Number of Licenses, (A) changing the number of tavern licenses in District 1 from three (3) to four (4), (A) changing the number of tavern licenses in District 2 from eleven (11) to twelve (12), (B) changing the number of late licenses in District 1 from two (2) to three (3), and (D) changing the number of club licenses in District 1 from

one (1) to zero (0), seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank asked the reason for changing the code.

City Manager Steve Palen stated the changes will reflect what is going to take place downtown. The Eagles have elected to extend their hours and there will be a new gaming parlor at 29 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

TABLED - ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 113: AMUSEMENTS, SECTION 113.42 APPLICATION; FEE:  
City Manager Steve Palen requested to table this item until the next Council meeting.

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to table amending the City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 113: Amusements, Section 113.42 Application; Fee, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, the ordinance was tabled by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2845: APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve and adopt the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Wood River, as recommended by the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2846: ESTABLISHING RATES AT BELK PARK GOLF COURSE FOR THE 2023-24 OPERATING SEASON BEGINNING APRIL 18, 2023:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of establishing rates at Belk Park Golf Course for the 2023-24 operating season beginning April 18, 2023, as submitted by the Parks & Recreation Director, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2847: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE FROM MAAG HOLDINGS LLC TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-2-08-28-08-204-012, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 20 N. WOOD RIVER AVENUE, WOOD RIVER, IL 62095 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,050.00:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract to purchase commercial real estate from Maag Holdings LLC to purchase the property located at Parcel ID 19-2-08-28-08-204-012, commonly known as 20 N. Wood River Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095 in the amount of \$9,050.00, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

City Manager Palen stated the property is an empty lot adjacent to City Hall and the City intends on extending it into a parking lot for additional parking for downtown businesses.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2848: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND THE PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION #553 REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing execution of a five-year agreement between the City of Wood River and the Pipefitters Local Union #553 representing the Public Services Department, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman

Councilman Plank asked what the basic difference is between the new contracts and the previous contracts.

City Manager Steve Palen stated there was not a whole lot of wording changed for the Public Works contract. Their working hours will change but the main negotiation was the wage increases. Discussion ensued regarding the wage increases.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2849: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND THE PIPEFITTERS LOCAL UNION #553 REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wood River and the Pipefitters Local Union #553 representing the Public Services Department, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2850: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND THE LABORERS' LOCAL UNION #338 REPRESENTING THE PARK MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing the execution of a five-year agreement between the City of Wood River and the Laborers' Local Union #338 representing the Park Maintenance Superintendent, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman.

Councilman Plank stated the budget does not have the title of Park Maintenance Superintendent.

City Manager Steve Palen explained the budget has the title as Facilities Manager; however, his intentions are to correct the title in the next budget year to match the agreement.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2851: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND THE LABORERS' LOCAL UNION #338 REPRESENTING THE PARK MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wood River and the Laborers' Local Union #338 representing the Park Maintenance Superintendent, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2852: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND WOOD RIVER PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2371 REPRESENTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing execution of a five-year agreement between the City of Wood River and Wood River Professional Firefighters Local 2371 representing the Fire Department, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2853: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND WOOD RIVER PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2371 REPRESENTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilwoman Hagaman moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wood River and Wood River Professional Firefighters Local 2371 representing the Fire Department, seconded by Councilman Tweedy.

City Manager Steve Palen clarified that one Memorandum of Understanding is regarding the Deputy Fire Chief position and the second Memorandum of Understanding is regarding the Shift Breaker position.

Mayor Stalcup thanked the unions for working with the City Manager to complete the contracts.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE 2854: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND WOOD RIVER PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2371 REPRESENTING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of an ordinance authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wood River and Wood River Professional Firefighters Local 2371 representing the Fire Department, seconded by Councilwoman Hagaman, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED - RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE 2023-2024 MFT MAINTENANCE BIDS:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a recommendation to award the 2023-2024 MFT Maintenance Bids, 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)

MAYOR PRO-TEM:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve the recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to elect Councilman Scott Tweedy as Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, seconded by Councilman Tweedy.

Councilman Plank asked Mayor Stalcup if past practice was being changed. Mayor Stalcup stated yes.

The recommendation was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED – PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:

Councilwoman Hagaman moved to approve a proclamation declaring May 4, 2023, as National Day of Prayer, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk