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AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 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: David Ayres
Bill Dettmers
Jeremy Plank
Scott Tweedy
Tom Stalcup

and that a quorum was present and in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Tweedy moved for approval of the bills submitted for payment for the period April 28, 2023, to May 11, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers questioned the gift cards for Boards & Commissions totaling almost \$3,000.00 under the Legislative Department on the bills submitted for payment. He is curious what those are for.

Mayor Stalcup explained that the gift cards are for the residents on the various boards and commissions within the City.

Councilman Dettmers asked the amount of each gift card.

City Clerk Danielle Sneed answered \$40.00 per gift card.

Councilman Dettmers asked if the gift cards are subject to income tax reporting.

Finance Director Chris Sobrino stated no, they are not subject to income tax reporting.

Councilman Ayres stated the City used to have an annual dinner for the boards and commissions.

Councilman Dettmers questioned the expense of monthly gift cards under the Belk Park Golf Course.

Director Jason Woody explained this is a monthly fee to be able to have the service to offer gift cards for purchase.

Councilman Dettmers asked if the Council approves the Library's bills even though the Library Board has its own taxing body.

City Manager Steve Palen stated the Library is a separate taxing body and they are an autonomous group, and the City does not control their day to day operations but their bills do come before Council to be approved.

The bills were approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Councilman Dettmers moved for approval of the Financial Statement ending April 30, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Sonya Hagaman stated she understands that when campaigns are run on manufactured outrage and half-truths you must follow through. She feels it is time for egos to be put away and for Council to start thinking about the future of the City. Staff Members of the City are available for the Council to ask questions before Council meetings not just during the meetings. The truth will come out.

Kristen Burns stated volunteerism is the foundation of a community and it offers a chance for residents to be involved, be included, and gives a sense of pride in Wood River. Volunteers take time from their families, hobbies, and other activities to make the City better and a great place to live and call home. The vote last meeting was an insult to every volunteer on the boards and committees. Many of these volunteers have lived here their entire lives and have dedicated countless hours to volunteering. Some are employees who show what integrity looks like by not only working for this community but also volunteering to make it better for all residents. She hopes that in the meeting tonight the Council will approve these amazing individuals that volunteer their talent, time, and love for Wood River. She stated she and Dr Ayres toured the new Recreation Center and she hopes that he can now see the opportunities and possibilities that this brings to the community. She hopes that Councilman Ayres will help to promote the programs that the Recreation Center will offer to the community. She explained that she has emailed Councilman Plank numerous times without any response. She feels as a citizen of Wood River he should give her the same respect that she gave him when she voted for him for City Council. She said members of the Council have questioned her morals, integrity, and her character. The work she does for her community is because she cares, and she wants a great place for her kids. She was taught at an early age to use her talents for good, to volunteer, to speak up for the little people, and to get her hands dirty to make things better. This attack on her is defamation of character. If the Councilmembers thought that she would disappear after the election, they do not know who she is. She will continue to speak up for everyone that supported her, and she will continue to volunteer her time to better her Wood River and she will push back on the bully behavior that members of the Council are exhibiting. She is disgusted and she is hurt. She hopes the current Council will represent all citizens, not just the 680 that voted for them. She hopes that they look at others that want good for this City like she does.

Dave Landry stated light expels darkness and truth reveals deceit. It is time to stand up to the bully tactics of Jeremy, Dave and Bill and take our City back from the outsiders who never grew up in Wood River and never had any interest in Wood River's success. He is not afraid to show up. He is not scared of bullies, and he is not scared of their money, their tactics, or the anger that they stir up. There are good things happening in this City. City Manager Steve Palen in a short time has put six months of reserve income into the City's account and that is a big deal for our City. Our Mayor has a deep passion to see our City grow and bring in new revenue which will help lower taxes for everyone. He asks all citizens of Wood River to call the City Manager and the Mayor to find out what great things are happening in our City. The angry three have no clue and haven't even asked what great things are being developed in Wood River, only their own personal agendas. The councilmembers are being referred to as "the angry three". Maybe there should be signs that say "Stop the Recless, Angry Three" to stop the City Council from destroying Wood River. In spite of their angry rhetoric, Director of Parks & Recreation Jason Woody has completed all of the repairs to the Roundhouse. Even issues that are on the list from citizens are going to be addressed. Projects are going to be completed including sewer and water separation, sidewalk and street repairs, retention and detention ponds, restoring downtown, and bringing in new businesses. This could all stop because of "the angry three" scaring off the developers. He asked what happened to their promise of five minutes to speak under citizen comments, stating he could use a couple more minutes. Let's stand and say no to these recless, angry three. Say no to them, creating an atmosphere of fear and adding stress to our City employees who are wondering if the list the Council is wanting to develop to fire people, are they going to be next for doing their job. Say no to their ridiculous plans of stopping re-appointments of volunteers who are not paid who are serving the Mayor's Boards and Committees. Say no to tearing down the Rec Center with millions spent already. Say no to stopping the 9th Street detention pond that will take citizens out of the flood zone.

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Councilman Ayres commended the City Manager, Department Heads, and City Staff for delivering the council packets on Thursday evening instead of Friday evening. It allowed council members to have time to ask questions on Friday.

Councilman Plank also thanked City Staff.

Mayor Stalcup stated he agrees, it was an extra ordinary amount of work that the Staff put in to get the packets out and he appreciates it.

Mayor Stalcup announced that this Saturday, May 20, 2023, is the Wood River Police Department 5K Run with registration beginning at 12pm and the race beginning at 1pm. After the race is the Summer Kickoff Event from 2pm to 8pm downtown with food trucks, music, and vendors. He thanked everyone for coming out to the Peace Officers Memorial honoring the two Wood River Police Officers who lost their lives in the line of duty. Wreaths were laid for Chief Samuel Thompson who died in 1912 and Officer John Phillips who died in 1915. A moment of silence was taken to honor these officers.

OATH OF OFFICE: City Clerk Danielle Sneed administered the oath of office to newly appointed Probationary Police Officer Nicole Morris.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-13: AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 112: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 112.25 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF LICENSES, (B) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF LATE LICENSES IN DISTRICT 2 FROM FIVE (5) TO THREE (3)

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 112: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 112.25 Limit on Number of Licenses, (B) changing the number of late licenses in District 2 from five (5) to three (3), seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2855: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF EAST ALTON:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of East Alton, seconded by Councilman Ayres.

City Manager Steve Palen stated there are shared water and/or sewer services within Wood River and East Alton. Some properties get their water service from East Alton, but Wood River provides the sewer service. This agreement will allow for outstanding water and/or sewer services to be shut off until all service accounts have been paid in full.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2008: DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 901 E. LORENA AVENUE (PARCEL ID 19-2-08-27-08-202-025) UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION:

Councilman Ayres moved for approval of a resolution declaring the structure(s) located at 901 E. Lorena Avenue (Parcel ID 19-2-08-27-08-202-025) unsafe and a public nuisance and authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with legal action, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2009: DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 434 KORRECK AVENUE (PARCEL ID 19-2-08-28-11-202-024) UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION:

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Councilman Dettmers moved for approval of a resolution declaring the structure(s) located at 434 Korreck Avenue (Parcel ID 19-2-08-28-11-202-024) unsafe and a public nuisance and authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with legal action, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2010: DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 409 MADISON AVENUE (PARCEL ID 19-2-08-27-06-105-033) UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION:

Councilman Ayres moved for approval of a resolution declaring the structure(s) located at 409 Madison Avenue (Parcel ID 19-2-08-27-06-105-033) unsafe and a public nuisance and authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with legal action, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2011: DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 575 HAMILTON AVENUE (PARCEL ID 19-2-08-22-13-303-021) UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION

Councilman Dettmers moved for approval of a resolution declaring the structure(s) located at 575 Hamilton Avenue (Parcel ID 19-2-08-22-13-303-021) unsafe and a public nuisance and authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with legal action, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012: DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 68 THOMPSON STREET (PARCEL ID 19-2-08-21-12-201-032) UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION

Councilman Ayres moved for approval of a resolution declaring the structure(s) located at 68 Thompson Street (Parcel ID 19-2-08-21-12-201-032) unsafe and a public nuisance and authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with legal action, as submitted by the Building & Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Tweedy.

Mayor Stalcup thanked Chief Brad Wells and the Building & Zoning Department for their hard work on getting these properties taken care of.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED - REQUEST FROM KATHY & STEVE TWICHELL TO CLOSE COTTER STREET:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from Kathy & Steve Twichell to close Cotter Street at the entrance of Wood River Donut to the alley that is west of No Man's Land for a special 80th Birthday Celebration at No Man's Land on Sunday, June 11, 2023, from 12:00pm to 7:00pm, seconded by Councilman Dettmers.

Mayor Stalcup wished Don Cobb a Happy Birthday.

The request was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED - REQUEST TO CLOSE WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY PARKING LOT:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a request from Wood River Public Library to close their

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parking lot for two to three weeks in the month of June 2023 for the installation of solar panels, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS:

REMOVE OFF THE TABLE – APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR STALCUP TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Plank moved to remove off the table the Approval of a Recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint the following individuals to various Boards and Commissions, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED - RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR STALCUP TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve the recommendations from Mayor Stalcup to appoint the following individuals to various Boards and Commissions, seconded by Councilman Tweedy.

Councilman Dettmers moved to amend the motion to exclude appointment of any individuals to the Planning Commission at this time, seconded by Councilman Plank.

Councilman Tweedy asked when this will be discussed further.

Councilman Dettmers stated that it is his understanding that Councilman Ayres and the Mayor are working on the appointments.

Mayor Stalcup stated that several things have been discussed regarding the appointments of Board & Commission Members and suggestions have been made including City Employees being withheld from Boards & Commissions and their spouses.

Councilman Tweedy asked if they will vote on the Planning Commission members at a later date.

Mayor Stalcup stated yes. Everything would be passed except for the Planning Commission members.

The amendment was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

APPOINTMENTS BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

The approval of the recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint the following individuals to the various boards and commissions was approved, with the amendment, by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

TRAFFIC COMMISSION (3 years)

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Jonna Palmer, 1705 Miland	Re-appointment	May 2026
Mark St. Peters, 774 N. Wood River Ave.	Re-appointment	May 2026
OPEN		May 2026
Chairman: Joe Freeman		
Ex-Officio: Councilman Bill Dettmers		

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (5 years)

Sheila Angel, 336 E. Edwardsville Rd.	Re-appointment	May 2028
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Robert Lewis, 1805 Vista Chairman: John Smith Ex-Officio: Councilman Jeremy Plank	Re-appointment	May 2028
<u>FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION (3 years)</u>		
Steve Alexander, 646 Mildred Chairman: Adam Tassinari Ex-Officio: Mayor Tom Stalcup	Re-appointment	<u>Term Expires</u> May 2026
<u>PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (5 years)</u>		
Robert Kasten, 175 Grand Charlotte Anderson, 217 Shawnee Chairman: Robert Kasten Ex-Officio: Councilman Scott Tweedy	Re-appointment Re-appointment	<u>Term Expires</u> May 2028 May 2028
<u>LIBRARY BOARD (3 years)</u>		
Karen Weber, 435 5 th Street Steve Scroggins, 532 E. Edw. Rd. Stacy Tierney, 441 Woodland Carolyn Angleton, 202 S. 7 th	Re-appointment Re-appointment Re-appointment New appointment (Replacing Rhonda Breslin)	<u>Term Expires</u> May 2026 May 2026 May 2026 May 2025
President: Nick Aguinaga Ex-Officio: Councilman David Ayres		
<u>POLICE PENSION BOARD (2 years)</u>		
Chris Sobrino, 22 Jennifer Dr, Glen Carbon	Re-appointment	<u>Term Expires</u> May 2025
<u>FIRE PENSION BOARD (3 years)</u>		
None		
<u>STORM WATER COMMISSION (3 years)</u>		
Eugene Hartman, 718 Berry Chairman: Eugene Hartman Ex-Officio: Councilman Scott Tweedy	Re-appointment	<u>Term Expires</u> May 2026
<u>AIRPORT AUTHORITY (5 years)</u>		
None		
<u>APPEARANCE BOARD (3 years)</u>		
Maggie Dillinger, 360 12 th Street OPEN Chairman: Valerie Freeman Ex-Officio: Councilman Jeremy Plank	Re-appointment	<u>Term Expires</u> May 2026 May 2026
<u>VAUGHN HILL CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 years)</u>		
Dianne Blasa, 1018 Poplar Gene Blasa, 1018 Poplar Ex-Officio: Councilman David Ayres	Re-appointment Re-appointment	<u>Term Expires</u> May 2026 May 2026

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Dettmers moved for approval of a recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to Purchase or Lease of Real Property (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)), seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

The Council recessed at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Ayres requested the rules and procedures for making an agenda.

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Councilman Dettmers requested that the Open Meetings Act Training be completed annually by all Board and Commission members and requested ethics training for all employees and contractors.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk