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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, June 19, 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 Dettmers moved to amend the minutes of the regular meeting of June 5, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

The amended minutes were 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 June 1, 2023, to June 14, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres.

Councilman Plank stated there were expenses related to the Recreation Center that were allocated to the non-home rule sales tax fund as well as the Recreation Center fund. He asked for clarification as to why the expenses were allocated this way.

Finance Director Chris Sobrino indicated the debt certificates were solely for the purpose of construction.

The bills were approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING MAY 31, 2023:

Councilman Ayres moved for approval of the financial statement ending May 31, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT MAY 1, 2022, TO APRIL 30, 2023:

Councilman Dettmers moved for approval of the annual investment report for May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Jason Thompson stated he came to this area in 2010 and invested his time with VFW 1308 in Alton because of their work with Veterans. He stated that less than 10% of the registered voters in the City of Wood River voted at the 2023 Spring Election. In 2014, he started a foundation called U.S. Veterans Association. He stated that in six months and one day, he is going to file a recall election

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and will have Councilman Dettmers and Councilman Ayres removed from the City Council.

Dave Landry apologized for getting angry at the last City Council Meeting but stated he is not apologizing for the following statement. He is so upset over the agenda that the "reckless, angry three" have chosen. He always thought the "reckless, angry three" were nice guys until they stabbed him in the back. He stated that they could have chosen to continue with the success that the City has started to experience like new businesses, restoration of City streets and sidewalks, retention ponds, sewer and water separation projects, and six months of cash reserves in the City's account due to the work of the City Manager Steve Palen and Mayor Tom Stalcup. According to the County Clerk, the City of Wood River is now worth 12 million dollars more this year than it was last year. The councilmembers' unwillingness to work positively with the City, choosing a path of destruction, angry practices of going after people's jobs and positions, nepotism which most companies allow, and angrily attacking citizens who just want to serve the City they love to live in. He asked how many people have served the Boards and Commissions over the last 10-20 years without receiving a salary for it. He stated that making reckless spending cuts to the City is personal to the law-abiding citizens. He stated that Councilman Dettmers has cost taxpayers \$25,000 to \$30,000 in his lawsuit against the City and that is not even including the 1% sales tax lawsuit. He thinks it is time for the citizens to have a recall election and drive the "reckless, angry three" out of Wood River politics.

Jim Lavite stated that he is in attendance tonight to express his concern about human rights. He thinks that by turning people's water off, the City is violating human rights. He stated that the City should not turn people's water off that pay their bills. He also stated that he has an issue with the Police Chief also being the Building & Zoning Administrator and that it is not right that Building & Zoning Inspectors and Police Officers can go into people's homes without a warrant just because they have an occupancy permit. He stated that the Lord is coming to the City of Wood River.

Jeff Cooper stated that he looked over the agenda tonight and he would like to think that everyone in Wood River has an equal opportunity to serve, either elected or volunteer, and this is at least the third meeting that we have not ironed out the committees yet. He would like to propose that each individual volunteer be voted on instead of the group for a little more clarity on what is going on. He then asked the Mayor if we had reached the point where families cannot serve Wood River.

Mayor Stalcup explained that there have been conversations about changing the rules, how the committees are put together, the number of committees, and the terms of the committees. The Council is in discussion about these items. The Mayor stated that if you are a City employee, you will not be able to be on a committee in the near future and their spouses will not be eligible either.

Mayor Stalcup stated the Pie in the Face Contest at the Library raised \$1,700.00. The funds will be used for tables, chairs, and other miscellaneous items at the library. He also thanked Director Jason Woody for a successful Bike Ramble.

Mayor Stalcup asked Director of Parks & Recreation Jason Woody to come forward to explain Item #10 on the agenda, a Professional Services Agreement with Sportsman Solutions, L.C. for naming rights and sponsorships. Director Woody explained that the City has been talking about potentially entering into a contract for naming rights and sponsorships to help offset some of the costs for the Recreation Center. After reviewing a couple different contracts, he feels that this one is the best for the City because there is zero cost upfront, no retainer fee, the City does not pay the company until the City physically accepts money, and the City retains 100% authority as who is a potential sponsor. He also explained that Sportsman Solution, L.C. will do all the outreach, phone calls, zoom meetings, contract creation and contract negotiations. The City's only requirement is to review the agreements and make the decision to move forward. Due to the relationship between Sportsman Solutions, L.C. and Gator Baseball Association, the City will receive a discount on the services. The revenue generated from sponsorships will help be a good steward of citizen's dollars and help offset expenses in relation to the Recreation Center. Also, using Sportsman Solutions, L.C. as a third party is a great firewall protection between the sponsor and the City, so the sponsor doesn't expect any business in return. City Councils change every few years, but Sportsman Solutions, L.C. will invoice the sponsors on a year-to-year basis and remain on top of the sponsors and keeping them happy, so they are not coming to the City directly with their questions or concerns. The services that Sportsman Solutions, L.C. provides will also help provide revenue to other City assets that we are currently working on specifically the potential of a dog park downtown, the baseball field renovation project at 6th Street Park, and exercise and workout equipment for the Recreation Center.

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Councilman Tweedy asked if the City were to get a sponsor on their own and not go through Sportsman Solutions, L.C., would Sportsman get a cut of the money and Director Woody answered yes, it is based on a percentage. Councilman Dettmers asked how long the contract is and Director Woody stated there is not a term limit on the contract. Councilman Plank asked for clarification on Page 13 of the contract regarding the tiers. Directory Woody stated that it is based off a dollar amount. Conversation ensued regarding the different percentages that Sportsman Solutions, L.C. will get based of which tier and there was discussion regarding the one-year term limit which Director Woody explained that if there are projects that last longer than one year, Sportsman Solutions, L.C. will be willing to work with the City on those projects. Director Woody stated that this is a good opportunity for the City to offset some revenue and potentially give people an opportunity to be involved in our wonderful project and help get their name out there.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-15: AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 112: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 112.25 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF LICENSES, (I) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF GAS STATION LIQUOR LICENSES IN DISTRICT 2 FROM TWO TO THREE:

Councilman Tweedy 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, (I) changing the number of gas station liquor licenses in District 2 from two to three, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2859: AMENDING THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO INCLUDE BUDGET AUTHORIZATION FOR 2022-2023 ENCUMBRANCES:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance amending the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget to include budget authorization for 2022-2023 encumbrances, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank asked about the amount of \$17,665.23 related to the remaining Vac Truck money.

City Manager Steve Palen explained the funds are being used at the garage at 14th street which is being reconstructed to store the Vac Truck.

Councilman Plank asked if any funds have been used reconstructing any City buildings to store the truck to date.

City Manager Steve Palen stated no funds have been spent. The project is not complete at this time and the City is waiting for the garage door itself to be delivered and installed.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2860: AMENDING THE FY 2022-2023 BUDGET BY INCREASING THE EXPENSE CATEGORY OF VARIOUS BUDGETS:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve an ordinance amending the FY 2022-2023 budget by increasing the expense category of various budgets, as submitted by the Finance Director, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2861: AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SPORTSMAN SOLUTIONS, L.C. FOR NAMING RIGHTS AND SPONSORSHIPS:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Sportsman Solutions, L.C. for Naming Rights and Sponsorships, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved

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by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014: DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT 915 E. LORENA AVENUE (PARCEL ID 19-2-08-27-08-202-021) UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a resolution declaring the structure(s) located at 915 E. Lorena Avenue (Parcel ID 19-2-08-27-08-202-021) unsafe and a public nuisance and authorizing the Prosecuting 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. 2015: TO APPLY FOR THE ILETSB CAMERA GRANT, PHASE II – DATA STORAGE:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution to apply for the ILETSB Camera Grant, Phase II – Data Storage, as submitted by the Police Chief, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION TO RELEASE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a resolution authorizing the release of certain executive session minutes, as submitted by the City Attorney and City Clerk: None, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH SECURING A SALES AGREEMENT FOR PART OF PARCEL NUMBER 19-1-08-23-00-000-001:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request for the City Manager to proceed with securing a sales agreement for part of Parcel Number 19-1-08-23-00-000-001, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST TO HOLD THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT CENTRAL PARK ON SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023, FROM 3:00PM TO 6:00PM:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request to hold the Ice Cream Social at Central Park on Sunday, July 9, 2023, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM RESIDENTS OF THE 800 BLOCK OF RICE TO CLOSE THE STREET BETWEEN 800 AND 838 RICE ON TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023, FROM 6:00PM TO 11:00PM FOR THEIR ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a request from residents of the 800 block of Rice to close the street between 800 and 838 Rice on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm for their annual block party, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

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APPROVED: RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR STALCUP TO APPOINT SARAH MINER OF 843 HAWTHORNE TO THE LIBRARY BOARD TO REPLACE JEN TRASK WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 2025

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint Sarah Miner of 843 Hawthorne to the Library Board to replace Jen Trask with a term to expire May 2025, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR STALCUP TO APPOINT LAUREN FRIESE OF 334 E. LORENA TO THE WOOD RIVER COMMUNITY APPEARANCE BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 2026

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint Lauren Friese of 334 E. Lorena to the Wood River Community Appearance Board with a term to expire May 2026, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL TO REMOVE OFF THE TABLE THE APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR STALCUP TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Councilman Dettmers moved to remove off the table a recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR STALCUP TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Mayor Stalcup stated there have been some adjustments to the recommendation. He stated Sheila Angel and Shelly Fitzgerald have stepped down from the Planning Commission and he would like to recommend David Watts and Steve Erslon to the Planning Commission.

Councilman Plank moved to amend the recommendation, seconded by Councilman Dettmers

Councilman Dettmers asked if the two individuals are coming off the Planning Commission because they are on other committees. Mayor Stalcup stated yes. Councilman Dettmers asked if the number of members for the Planning Commission is still thirteen, but we will only have eleven at this time. Mayor Stalcup stated that is correct.

The amendment was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: AMENDED RECOMMENDATION FROM MAYOR STALCUP TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Councilman Plank moved to approve the amended recommendation from Mayor Stalcup to appoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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PLANNING COMMISSION (5 years)David Watts, 187 Red Bud
Steve Erslon, 689 MildredNew appointment
New appointmentTerm ExpiresMay 2028
May 2028Chairman: Jesse Daniels
Ex-Officio: Councilman Bill DettmersAYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

Mayor Stalcup thanked Sara Hall and Kristen Burns for withdrawing their names from the recommendations for the Planning Commission. He also thanked Sheila Angel and Shelly Fitzgerald for working with the Council and withdrawing their names from the recommendations for the Planning Commission and understanding that the Council does not want members to serve on more than one Board or Commission. Both Sheila and Shelly will continue to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilman Dettmers spoke under Old Business stating he would like to revoke the amendment from the last meeting on June 5, 2023, regarding the Resolution that no occupancy permit for any marijuana dispensary shall be granted until certification of binding referendum of Wood River voters. The amendment was to recommend to the Planning Commission to not allow marijuana dispensaries until the referendum is complete, but Councilman Dettmers stated that the amendment is to be revoked as they will not be sending a recommendation to the Planning Commission. He stated that his understanding is that the last City Council amended the number of licenses that were available for dispensaries back in January from unlimited to one without following the proper procedure. He proposes staying with the precedent that was established in January where the prior Council amended the number of licenses for dispensaries from unlimited to one to require a vote be held at the next meeting where he will revoke the amendment from the last meeting and then go back and vote on Councilman Plank's original Resolution that was proposed on June 5, 2023.

Councilman Dettmers made a motion to have the above information placed on the next agenda, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

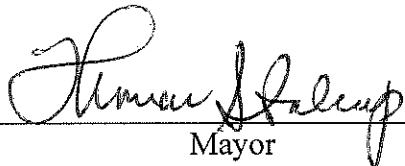
AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

Mayor Stalcup asked City Attorney Amy Gabriel how the above motion pertains to the next meeting. He asked if Councilman Dettmers' motion will be added to the next agenda. Councilman Dettmers stated that he wants to revoke the amendment to Councilman Plank's Amended Resolution from the last meeting of June 5, 2023, at the next meeting and vote on the original Resolution that was on the June 5, 2023, agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Ayres requested that the City of Wood River observe June 19th as a holiday and requested it to be on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Plank moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Ayres. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



 Mayor



 City Clerk