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A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 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 Tweedy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSTAIN: Ayres (1)

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period November 30, 2023, to December 13, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Dettmers questioned the invoice to Kristen Burns for 10/9-10/13 and 10/15-10/20 as invoices for those dates were previously approved. He stated that he spoke with Director Weber earlier in the day and she informed him that the check was lost in the mail, and this is a re-issue. Councilman Dettmers asked City Attorney John Hackett if the expense needed to be reapproved. City Attorney John Hackett said the item did not need to be reapproved. City Manager Steve Palen asked City Attorney John Hackett if it would hurt to approve it a second time and City Attorney John Hackett said it would not.

Councilman Dettmers questioned the payment to Elan Financial Services as it had negative amounts reflected on the bill report, he stated he spoke with Director Weber earlier in the day and she informed him that the negative amounts are due to a credit received from credit card points.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he would speak about the State Street Sewer Separation Project invoice on the list of bills later in the meeting.

The bills were approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2023:

Councilman Plank moved to approve the Financial Statement ending November 30, 2023, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup presented Certificates of Appreciation to Patti Lash and Kristen Burns for their dedication honoring Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty Nationwide.

CITIZEN/CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Dwight Werts stated Werts Welding has been in business in Wood River for 66 years. Werts Welding was one of the only commercial businesses on Old Saint Louis Road when they opened. He stated that he saw it grow, then saw it die and is now starting to see it flourish again. He thanked Kristen Burns for all of her talents, time, and effort to make this possible and he strongly encourages the City Council to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the letter of intent to pursue the Main Street Affiliation. He then thanked the Council for their time.

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Christie Wooden opened by thanking the Council for giving her the opportunity to speak. She stated that she had two issues to address. The first issue is in reference to appearance awards. While she understands the program is over for this year, she feels the City should continue to encourage the beautification of Wood River and she enjoys seeing the hard work people put into their yards. She also stated that she does not believe businesses should qualify for appearance awards as she feels it is their job to be attractive to the consumers in Wood River. She suggested that the City increase the number of awards for November and December to include holiday decorations. She also suggested that a \$25.00 gift certificate to a Wood River business be awarded to the winners. She stated that she would be willing to donate the first \$100 towards this program. Her second issue is in reference to the items on the agenda regarding the tax levy. She urged the Council to vote no to any increase as her taxes have gone up hundreds of dollars and she cannot afford to pay any more. She loves Wood River, she has spent a lot of years in this City, and she is a voter. She thanked the Council again for the opportunity to speak.

Kristen Burns addressed the Council to explain Item #11 on the agenda by first presenting a video to help City Council and Citizens understand what Main Street Affiliation is all about. After the video, she talked about Main Street America, the National Organization, and stated that Main Street America has 2,000 Main Street organizations in the country. She stated that the City will apply to the Illinois Main Street which will bring the City into the National Main Street as well. She stated that Wood River Business Alliance used to be Wood River Economic Development and over the past year, they have switched gears and moved towards the four points of Main Street Affiliation. The Wood River Business Alliance promotes new and existing small businesses, provides educational workshops and funding opportunities, community engagement and volunteerism, events bringing residents and businesses together, and promotes tourism in the community. She explained the structure of the Wood River Business Alliance and what they currently do and what they will be able to do in conjunction with the City as a Main Street Affiliation Community. She also explained that Main Street is all about the four-point approach, which includes economic vitality, design, promotion, and organization. Economic vitality focuses on capital, incentives, and other economic and financial tools to assist new and existing businesses, catalyze property development, and create a supportive environment for entrepreneurs and innovators that drive local economies. Design supports a community's transformation by enhancing the physical and visual assets that set the commercial district apart. Promotion positions the downtown or commercial district as the center of the community and hub of economic activity, while creating a positive image that showcases a community's unique characteristics. Organization involves creating a strong foundation for a sustainable revitalization effort, including cultivating partnerships, community involvement, and resources for the district. The Main Street Affiliation has benefits and value for all stakeholders including property owners, local residents and consumers, retail business owners, service business owners, financial institutions, municipal government, and county government. She then explained that with the Wood River Business Alliance, there will be a campaign that provides information and provides memberships and sponsorships to the businesses in Wood River downtown and in other areas and this is where they will see their return on investment. The Wood River Business Alliance connects business owners, coordinates popular events including the Kick-Off Festival, Summer First Fridays, Movies, the Farmers Market, Wood River Chili Cookoff, Holiday Traditions Market, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Event. They will work together to create spaces for networking opportunities, facilitate trainings and workshops, foster public private collaborations on projects in the downtown district and beyond, and offer funding opportunities for streetscape beautification and facade projects.

Ms. Burns introduced Sara McGibany, Executive Director of Alton Main Street, and asked her to talk about what the benefits are for the City of Alton and how they are bringing their Main Street together. Ms. McGibany stated that the City of Alton has been a Main Street Community since 1995 and she has been the Director for 17 years. She explained how the program can help with economic development. The City of Alton has witnessed a lot of collaborations and success stories while being a Main Street Community. The four-point approach is really comprehensive, and the City needs to make sure that the community is leading and that is absolutely fundamental because a thriving downtown says a lot about a community and in order to keep everything moving and pointed in the right direction, the City needs volunteer support and for the community to be brought in to what the City is doing. Community engagement and involvement from the ground all the way up is very fundamental to Main Street and that is exactly what the members of Main Street are trained to do. Communities of the Main Street Affiliation pay to be a part of the program, but it is really because the training sessions, workshops, and conferences that the Main Street Affiliation provide are invaluable. There are 21 Main Street Communities in the state of Illinois and the directors have a Zoom call every other week to discuss best practices, share ideas, and discuss what trends are coming up. Everyone is very forthcoming with their ideas, sharing their ideas, and

helping other communities so that they do not have to start from ground zero. The Main Street Affiliation Program has done wonders for the City of Alton and the program eases the burden of city government in the economic development factor as well as eases some of the department responsibilities by having a fleet of volunteers who are ready to see the community look better and recruit new businesses and make sure that it is welcoming. The Main Street Program is a really comprehensive way to engage the community and there are a lot of benefits and the return on the investment will be pretty clear once the City gets into it.

Councilman Plank asked if the Alton Main Street was only Downtown Alton or if it encompassed any other areas. Ms. McGibany explained that it is all about historic preservation at its base. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is who created the Main Street concept so the City would have to have boundaries and have the architectural stock in that area in order to be approved and accepted into the program. It would be an area that should be dense with historic or older buildings. She explained that in the City of Alton it is from the entrance of the River Road to Fast Eddie's in that commercial area, but Alton does have a lot of businesses all over town that do become partners and invest in sponsorships because they see the benefits of a thriving downtown. Councilman Plank asked if the City of Alton participates in the program financially. Ms. McGibany stated yes, \$37,500.00 per year is what the City of Alton pays currently. The program was created by the City of Alton and the Riverbend Growth Association.

Councilman Dettmers asked what qualifies as a historical building. Ms. McGibany stated that it is not necessarily the year that the building was built but rather the architectural significance combined with something that would attract people to the town and that is unique to the City. Councilman Dettmers asked who makes the decision if the buildings qualify. Ms. McGibany stated that the State makes that determination.

Councilman Dettmers asked what was meant by the phrase "return on investment". Ms. Burns stated that she will discuss that later in her presentation.

Councilman Dettmers asked which businesses in Alton have benefited from the Alton Main Street Program. Ms. McGibany stated that since the pandemic, they have seen 20 new businesses open just in the downtown district. She stated that many businesses benefit in different ways and discussion ensued regarding what Main Street is and how they help communities. Ms. McGibany then explained more about the four-point approach that the Main Street Affiliation Program uses.

Councilman Dettmers asked how the Main Street operates and where they get their money. Ms. McGibany stated that the budget is comprised of city contributions, business dues and sponsorships. Councilman Dettmers asked how Main Street is different from a Chamber of Commerce. Ms. McGibany stated that a Chamber of Commerce is typically only for members where Main Street focuses on bringing people downtown.

Ms. Burns resumed her presentation and focused on events planned for 2024. She stated that a partnership would be \$100 annually for a business and sponsorships will also be available. Ms. Burns explained that 30 to 50% of the budget will be from the municipality, 20 to 30% will be from the business district, 30 to 40% will be from community funding, and 5 to 15% will be miscellaneous. Councilman Plank asked if the funding presented was an estimate or a requirement. Ms. Burns stated that the City does have to contribute financially to the Main Street Program. Councilman Plank asked if this would open up grant funding that would otherwise not be available. Ms. Burns stated yes, that is correct the State and National Main Street have grant funding that the City can apply for.

Councilman Dettmers asked when the Wood River Business Alliance started. Police Chief Brad Wells stated that the conversation about creating the economic development group started around the same time the pandemic started. Ms. Burns stated that the Wood River Business Alliance has been a 501c3 organization since 2021. Discussion ensued about the organizational chart for the Wood River Business Alliance and Councilman Dettmers asked when the organizational chart was put together. Ms. Burns explained that it was put together in the last year when the Wood River Business Alliance started looking at the Main Street plans. Councilman Dettmers also asked how the decision was made to include city officials, county officials, and school district officials. Ms. Burns explained that through her research she found that a lot of other communities have city officials or county officials or both on their boards in order to be more transparent and having a school district official will allow for surveys for the students and feedback from the students as well as getting the students and teachers more involved. Councilman Dettmers asked the Board Members that were present at the meeting how long they have been on the Board. More discussion ensued

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regarding how other people get involved, partnership drives, marketing for businesses, and how businesses get a return on their investment as a partner through the marketing materials, and volunteering. Councilman Dettmers asked how long the term is for the Wood River Business Alliance's Board Members. Ms. Burns stated two years and the members' terms are staggered and per their bylaws, there are nine members. More discussion ensued regarding the return on investment for businesses that are partners or sponsors and how the networking and the marketing materials make up the biggest portion of the return on investment for the businesses.

Ms. Burns explained that the City along with the Wood River Business Alliance has the opportunity to put the district lines where they want them. She stated that she will work with City Manager Steve Palen before the district lines are put in place and also look at the comprehensive plan to ensure that areas are not missed that the City would like to include in the district for the Main Street Affiliation Program.

Councilman Tweedy and Mayor Stalcup discussed how they have been going to the Wood River Business Alliance meetings since the group was established to help field questions and Mayor Stalcup stated that it is a great group of people who have the City's best interest in mind. They thanked Police Chief Brad Wells for his involvement with the Wood River Business Alliance. Ms. Burns stated that this is community and collaboration. Councilman Dettmers asked if the City will be considered a member or a sponsor for the Main Street Affiliation Program. Ms. Burns explained that the City will be a partner to the Wood River Business Alliance for the program. Mayor Stalcup thanked Kristen Burns for the presentation and explanation of the Main Street Affiliation Program.

Mayor Stalcup asked Library Director, Lindsey Herron to please come forward. Director Herron stated that the Library is currently in the voting process of "Deck the House" and encouraged everyone to vote. She stated that she appreciated the suggestion of giving a local business gift card to the winner and will make sure that the award this year is to a local business. Director Herron addressed the Council and stated that the Library has requested to increase the dollar amount of the levy in an effort to keep the rate the same. This decision was made based off of the increasing minimum wage along with the increase of the price of materials. The Library hosts many successful events that require funding. The thought of raising the dollar amount of the levy is to keep the residents' taxes the same and essentially hold the rate. Councilman Plank asked if the building fund currently has \$400,000 for capital needs. Director Herron stated yes, that is correct. Those funds are there for building repairs. She stated that the Library has the current or near future need of a new boiler and air conditioner, chair lift, and carpeting. Also, technology changes can also be a strain on the budget.

Mayor Stalcup announced that Item #12 has been pulled from the agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 2887: APPROVING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT FOR THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the City of Wood River, Illinois, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Dettmers asked if someone could please give him the Layman's explanation of what this ordinance is regarding.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that not too long ago, the State of Illinois passed a law requiring all workers to get paid leave which includes part-time and seasonal employees. Discussion ensued regarding how currently part-time and seasonal employees do not receive paid leave from the City. Councilman Dettmers asked if the City has part-time employees and if those employees currently get paid leave. City Manager Steve Palen stated yes, the City has part-time and seasonal employees but they do not currently receive any paid leave. City Manager Steve Palen also explained that the ordinance is a model ordinance from Illinois Municipal League that the City will adopt on advice from legal counsel. The ordinance does not reflect exactly what the law says but the ordinance is the way most municipalities are handling the new law. City Manager Steve Palen asked City Attorney John Hackett to expand about the ordinance and the law.

City Attorney John Hackett stated that this ordinance will bring the City into compliance with the law. There is a movement from municipalities to address the legislation as there was not an opt-out provision for municipalities like there was for other entities. What is required now is that the City complies with the law as written and that is what this ordinance will do. Councilman Dettmers stated that the City does not have an option and the City must be covered by approving the ordinance. City Attorney John Hackett stated yes, the City must be in compliance with the law and

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the important thing to note is that the City does provide leave for employees but according to the Act, the leave has to be subject to an existing municipal ordinance and that is what this ordinance will do. Discussion ensued regarding how much leave this ordinance will allow for part-time and seasonal employees. The ordinance that is awaiting approval will allow eight hours of paid time off to part-time and seasonal employees effective immediately either when they are hired or January 1, 2024, for existing part-time and seasonal employees.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2888: APPROVAL OF LEVYING A TAX FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2023, TO APRIL 30, 2024:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance levying a tax for all corporate purposes for the City of Wood River, Madison County, Illinois, for the fiscal year May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Plank stated that there are a lot of options on the table that were presented to Council and stated that him and City Manager Steve Palen discussed keeping the levy flat and he thinks most of the options do that, but he would like to get a better understanding of what City Manager Steve Palen's thinking was on the option he recommended to Council, which was Option E.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that the ordinance on the agenda was reflective of an option that increased the fire pension levy by \$25,000.00 that the police pension had added to their statutory minimum requirement. All additional funds were split evenly by the pensions. Councilman Plank stated that he preferred the option that split the difference proportionately between the funds. Councilman Plank and Councilman Dettmers then stated that they do not want to show any increase in the dollar amount levied and suggested removing the \$1,998.00 from the Library increase from another line. City Manager Steve Palen suggested that the \$1,998.00 be taken from the additional that was added to the pension lines and Councilman Plank and Councilman Dettmers agreed.

Councilman Plank made a motion to amend the approval of an ordinance levying a tax for all corporate purposes for the City of Wood River, Madison County, Illinois, for the fiscal year May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, to Option C, but also amend it to reduce the total amount given to the pension funds by the increase of \$1,998.00 from the Library fund, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and the amendment was approved by the following vote:

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

The approval of an ordinance levying a tax for all corporate purposes for the City of Wood River, Madison County, Illinois, for the fiscal year May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, with the amendment, was approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2889: APPROVAL AUTHORIZING A LEVY FOR STREET AND BRIDGE PURPOSES:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance authorizing a levy for street and bridge purposes, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2026: DETERMINING TO LEVY A TAX FOR THE MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, AND ALTERATIONS OF THE LIBRARY BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT, AS SUBMITTED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution determining to levy a Library Tax for the maintenance, repairs, and alterations of the Library building and equipment, as submitted by the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2027: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF INTENT WITH WOOD RIVER BUSINESS ALLIANCE TO PURSUE MAIN STREET AFFILIATION AND PROVIDE PARTNERSHIP AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Letter of Intent with Wood River Business Alliance to pursue Main Street Affiliation and provide partnership and financial support for a minimum of three years, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers stated that he would like to make the Council aware of some of the issues that have been brought to his attention with regard to the Wood River Economic Development and now the Wood River Business Alliance. He stated that he is in favor of what he heard earlier in the meeting, but he thinks the Wood River Business Alliance needs to work on their relationships with some of the businesses in town. He stated that he would like to give the Wood River Business Alliance an opportunity to try to work with those relationships and come back with this approval later. He then made a motion to table the resolution.

Mayor Stalcup asked Kristen Burns if the City is under a time limit for the Letter of Intent being submitted. Ms. Burns stated yes, the deadline is December 31, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. Mayor Stalcup suggested that the City sends the Letter of Intent and see where the City ends up with the request and not hold up the process.

Discussion ensued regarding what the Letter of Intent approves. It is approving the City to be included in the Main Street Program but does not bind the City financially at this time. It was decided that this will allow time for the Wood River Business Alliance to work on their relationships with other businesses in town and if the City is accepted into the Main Street Affiliation Program, the agreement will be brought in front of Council for their approval at that time.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST TO WAIVE THE RENTAL FEE FOR THE ROUNDHOUSE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024, FOR THEIR VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE, AS SUBMITTED BY THE LORENA AVENUE PTA:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request to waive the rental fee for the Roundhouse on Friday, February 9, 2024, for their Valentine's Day Dance, as submitted by The Lorena Avenue PTA, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

CHANGE MEETING DATE DUE TO THE NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAY:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve changing the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting to Tuesday, January 2, 2024, due to the New Year's Day Holiday, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Ayres moved for approval of a recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to Imminent Litigation (5ILCS 120/2 (c) 11) and Settle Claims (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 12), seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

The Council recessed at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

Councilman Dettmers made a motion to go back into open session, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

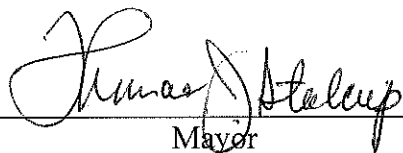
Councilman Dettmers stated that there have been recent comments on the Wood River Community Facebook page regarding sewer smells emanating from the Eaton, Tipton, and Fifth Street area. He stated the smell has been a recurring problem. Councilman Dettmers explained that he had sent the City Manager an email in which City Manager Steve Palen responded that the sewer smell has been an issue for some time. Councilman Dettmers expressed his surprise that the estimated cost for the project to correct the smell would cost \$100,000.00 for the entire city. City Manager Steve Palen corrected the amount as an estimated \$100,000,000.00. Councilman Dettmers then stated he had inquired of the City Manager via email about the State Street Sewer Separation Project and explained that that his understanding from the conversation was that the project would not reduce the sewer smell in other areas in Wood River. He stated that the issue is important, and he would like to see the City begin to take proactive steps to correct the issue. He recalled that there have been several complaints in person at past City Council meetings regarding the smell and was surprised that the individuals reporting the smell on the Facebook page are in addition to those who have stated complaints in person. Councilman Dettmers expressed his desire to add the sewer smell issue to the agenda and bring in an expert to provide guidance on how to correct the problem. He then asked City Manager Steve Palen if the sewer separation project will help with the smell. City Manager Steve Palen stated that if people are having sewer smells in their homes, then it is not an issue with the sewer mains but an issue with the residence. He explained that in his previous home in Godfrey the trap in the basement would sometimes become dry if not kept adequately wet. He explained that the trap restricted sewer smells from coming into the house, but he would have to run water periodically to fill the trap. Councilman Dettmers questioned if the water had evaporated. City Manager Steve Palen responded in the affirmative and explained that if there are smells coming into the house, then the homeowner should reach out to a plumber to investigate the source of the smells. He then explained that smells that are emanating from the inlets on the street are a result of the City operating a combined sewer. Councilman Dettmers expressed his surprise at the estimated \$100,000,000.00 to correct the issue. City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City has been proactive in addressing the issue considering the size of the community and capital expended so far. He referenced the work completed in Poet's Row during 2012 and 2013 which cost approximately \$10 to \$12 million. Councilman Dettmers asked City Manager Steve Palen for clarification on "Poet's Row." City Manager Steve Palen explained that the area surrounding Longfellow Avenue, Hawthorne Avenue, and Esther Avenue is colloquially referred to as "Poet's Row." He continued and explained that the City would be investing approximately 15 to 17 million dollars for further improvements in the State Street area and that City Council would need to begin discussing options for the third sewer separation project. He stated his goal is to eventually separate the entire town.

Councilman Dettmers stated his desire to add an item to the next meeting's agenda to begin taking proactive steps to fix the issue. He explained that the stretch from 6th Street to Wood River Avenue is the area where he is hearing the complaints. Councilman Plank agreed that the smell seems to be coming from outside the houses and mentioned if smells are coming from inside the house. City Manager Steve Palen stated that if there are smells coming from inside the house, then there is an issue there for the homeowner to investigate. He explained that the same smell would be present if someone were to walk in downtown St. Louis by the inlets. Councilman Plank expressed that it is not his desire to live in a large city such as St. Louis. City Manager Steve Palen also explained that Wood River is among one of the older cities in the area, along with Granite City and Alton. Councilman Dettmers questioned if he would be able to make a motion to add the issue to the agenda. City Manager Steve Palen asked Councilman Dettmers what he was wanting to add to the agenda. Councilman Dettmers clarified that he would like to have someone come to a future meeting and make a presentation regarding the sewer smell, provide recommendations, and study the issue. He would then like to see the City take steps to solve the problem. City Manager Steve Palen asked if a study or a report on the issue is what he is referring to. Councilman Dettmers responded that he would prefer for someone to attend a meeting and make a presentation. He added that after the presentation, he would like the City Council to move towards approving a study if agreeable to the Council. He stated that time is long past to start taking action towards correcting the problem. Mayor Stalcup asked City Manager Steve Palen if the Public Works Department would be able to compile a presentation for the Council and he responded in the affirmative.

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NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk