

January 16, 2024

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 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 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period December 28, 2023, to January 10, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023:

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

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

CITIZEN/CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stalcup spoke about the passing of Jeffrey McElroy, owner of Jeffrey's Flowers by Design, which has been on Wesley Drive for 18 years. The Mayor extended sympathy to Jeffrey's family.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-3: AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XIII, GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 130: OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER, SECTION 130.99 PENALTY:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title XIII, General Offenses, Chapter 130: Offenses Against Public Peace and Order, Section 130.99 Penalty, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-4: AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XIII, GENERAL OFFENSES, CHAPTER 137: OFFENSES INVOLVING MORALITY, SECTION 137.12 GAMBLING PROHIBITED:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title XIII, General Offenses, Chapter 137: Offenses Involving Morality, Section 137.12 Gambling Prohibited, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2028: APPROVING THE 2024-2025 MFT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$902,475.13:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a resolution approving the 2024-2025 MFT Maintenance Program in the amount of \$902,475.13, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

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Councilman Dettmers asked City Manager Steve Palen to explain the agenda item. City Manager Steve Palen explained that this resolution is approved annually in order for the City to use Motor Fuel Tax Funds for a variety of materials that are allowable under the MFT Program. After the resolution is passed, it must be approved by IDOT, and then the City will go out for bids on MFT maintenance materials. Councilman Dettmers asked if these items will be in the next fiscal year budget and City Manager Steve Palen responded in the affirmative.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2030: AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2024 MADISON COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL GRANT FOR \$15,000.00:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution authorizing the application for the 2024 Madison County Sustainability Program Environmental Grant for \$15,000.00, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2029: APPROVING MFT FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE APPLICATION FEE TO EAST WEST GATEWAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE 2024 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR EDWARDSVILLE ROAD PHASE 3:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution approving MFT funds to pay for the application fee to East West Gateway Council of Governments for the 2024 Surface Transportation Program Application for Edwardsville Road Phase 3, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Plank

Discussion ensued between City Manager Steve Palen and Councilman Dettmers regarding how the approval of the resolution would confirm the payment of approximately \$750,000.00 which would go towards the project if the City is awarded the project and if not, the funds will be returned.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM WGO INVESTMENTS LLC FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-2-08-21-11-202-059, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 876 STATE STREET, WOOD RIVER, IL 62095:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve accepting the proposal from WGO Investments LLC for City owned property located at Parcel ID 19-2-08-21-11-202-059, commonly known as 876 State Street, Wood River, IL 62095, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers stated that he prefers City owned properties to be sold through a realtor rather than sold for \$1.00; however, he stated that the property in question is in disrepair, and he asked how the City obtained ownership. City Manager Steve Palen stated the church donated the property to the City and it has been vacant for quite some time. Without the sale of the property, the City would have to demolish the building for approximately \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00.

Councilman Dettmers asked when the request for proposals was publicized. City Manager Steve Palen explained that the proposal from WGO Investments LLC came in after the deadline but after consulting with the City Attorney, he was told that the City could accept the proposal since no other proposals were received. City Clerk Danielle Sneed stated that the request for proposals was published once a week for three weeks and the due date for proposals was December 13, 2023.

The request was approved by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Dettmers moved for approval of a recess to hold an executive session to discuss matters pertaining to and Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) and Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)), seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

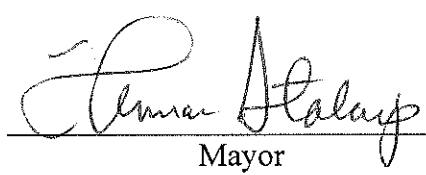
AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)
NAYS: None (0)

The Council recessed at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened at 9:18 p.m.


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

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

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk