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PUBLIC HEARING
ADA TRANSITION PLAN

Mayor Tom Stalcup called a public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 N. Wood River Avenue, with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to receive citizen comments on the City's ADA Transition Plan.

City Manager Steve Palen read the Introduction and Public Meeting sections from the ADA Transition Plan and presented updates as they pertain to the plan. A copy of the plan is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Bill Rogers expressed his concern regarding how long it is taking for the City to complete some of the items listed in the ADA Transition Plan, specifically putting up braille signs in the appropriate places.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that the ADA Transition Plan is a goal for the City. The City completes items listed in the ADA Transition Plan as monies are available. He further explained that each department that has a building in the plan is responsible for completing the items as money is available to try and get the City as close to completion as possible.

Mr. Rogers stated that since the ADA has been on the books for 30 years, he feels these items should have already been done. City Manager Steve Palen explained that some of the items are costly and explained that the ADA Transition Plan does not have deadlines.

There being no further comments, the public hearing adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:08 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024. 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 February 5, 2024, 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 Ayres moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period February 1, 2024, to February 14, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the Financial Statement ending January 31, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

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OATH OF OFFICE:

City Clerk Danielle Sneed administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Probationary Firefighter Jarrod Horyn and newly appointed Fire Captain Kristopher Ayers.

CITIZEN/CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

David Landry began by stating his regret at not becoming involved in Wood River politics sooner as he expressed his disappointment in the behavior of certain community leaders. He stressed the importance of finding common ground despite disagreements. Mr. Landry then addressed Councilman Dettmers and June Gibbs' statements regarding the Wood River Business Alliance at the prior City Council meeting. Mr. Landry, referencing the informational packets distributed at the prior meeting, expected the Council to be prepared on the topic of the Wood River Business Alliance and should not have relied on what Mr. Landry states is false information. Mr. Landry asserted that the Wood River Business Alliance is correctly registered and filed and should be eagerly supported. Mr. Landry then explained that the organization had changed their name from Wood River Economic Group to Wood River Business Alliance, a change that has been recorded and documented. In Mr. Landry's opinion, certain City Council Members are prone to attacking hard-working individuals they do not like. Mr. Landry stated that there have been over 12 closed sessions since the current City Council took office, many of which were related to personnel issues. Mr. Landry expressed, in his opinion, that certain City Council members are serving as roadblocks for City Manager Steve Palen, Mayor Tom Stalcup, and Councilman Tweedy in their pursuit of progress for Wood River. Mr. Landry then questioned the absence of Councilman Dettmers and Councilman Plank at the grand opening of the Wood River Recreation Center on February 17, 2024; in addition, he called attention to the absence of Councilman Dettmers and Councilman Plank's names on the plaque located at the Rec Center. In his opinion, Mr. Landry stated Councilman Dettmers and Councilman Plank are pursuing their own interests in lieu of the citizens of Wood River's interests. He urged Councilman Dettmers and Plank to release public statements supporting the Rec Center. Mr. Landry then stated that Councilman Plank does not possess the desire to see Wood River succeed and claimed it would be catastrophic to elect him for any position in the upcoming elections. Mr. Landry stated that it is his hope that the Rec Center will succeed and that the kind of politics that Councilman Dettmers and Councilman Plank engage in should not be welcome in Wood River.

Jeff Cooper expressed his thanks to Mayor Tom Stalcup, City Manager Steve Palen, and the City employees involved in removing the gumballs from an area on Sotier Place. In the past, the surrounding neighbors have cleaned the street but had asked for help due to the overwhelming number of gumballs needing to be removed.

Bill Rogers began by asking for clarification on Items #17(a) and #17(a1) on the agenda. In his opinion, these items seemed to be contradictory. City Attorney John Hackett specified that the issue was tabled at the last meeting and the Council will decide on the matter tonight. Mr. Rogers stated his opposition and claimed that the Wood River Business Alliance was not registered with the IL Secretary of State as a not-for-profit entity at the time of their application to the City. Mr. Rogers questioned whether the Wood River Business Alliance should receive funds from the City if items such as filing with the IL Secretary of State are not being resolved in the correct manner.

June Gibbs recalled the February 5, 2024 meeting in which she claimed that the Wood River Business Alliance was not registered with the IL Secretary of State. The following day, Ms. Gibbs observed that the organization had filed for an assumed name under Wood River Economic Development and their partnership with the City is now back on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Ms. Gibbs expressed that, in her opinion, it is disturbing that the organization has been using the title Wood River Economic Development in the community since October 2023. Ms. Gibbs referenced one of the items in the Exhibit she distributed in which the organization claimed the Chili Cook-Off in 2023 was sponsored by both Wood River Economic Development and the City of Wood River. Ms. Gibbs argued that the City did not sponsor the event and only voted on a street closure for the event. Ms. Gibbs then referenced a social media flyer released after the first flyer in relation to the Chili Cook-Off where the name Wood River Business Alliance was used. Ms. Gibbs questioned why the name change was necessary. Ms. Gibbs then stated that businesses in Wood River are divided on the organization and that it should work on strengthening relationships in the community before entering into a partnership with the City. Otherwise, Ms. Gibbs claimed, the \$75,000 in financial support for the organization will be used to benefit the colleagues of City Council members. Ms. Gibbs recalled the political fundraiser in November 2023 held in support of Chris Slusser and hosted by Mayor Tom Stalcup, Councilman Plank, and Tim O'Donnell. Ms. Gibbs then highlighted the connection between Tim O'Donnell and the Wood River Business Alliance, urging Mayor Tom Stalcup and Councilman Plank to recuse themselves from the vote.

Ms. Gibbs stated that the Wood River Business Alliance should first secure the projected funds themselves that their representative projected in the informational packets distributed to the City Council before coming to the City for further funding. Ms. Gibbs expressed that this issue is not personal to her and described her experience with non-profit and government partnerships in North Carolina. In summary, Ms. Gibbs stated that she cannot support the partnership with Wood River Business Alliance due to their lack of support from local businesses and funding.

Mike Young began by describing the grand opening of the Wood River Recreation Center over the weekend. Mr. Young stated that he spoke to both residents and individuals from beyond the Wood River community that came to the event. Mr. Young thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Woody and those in the Parks and Recreation Department that worked to ensure that the grand opening was a success. Mr. Young then mentioned the projects that the Parks and Recreation Department have completed in the past and ongoing projects, such as the 14th Street Park and the bike and walking path. Mr. Young expressed his frustration at the lack of support for the Recreation Center from key people on the City Council; furthermore, he stressed the opportunity available for both the City Council and the community to make the Recreation Center a success. Mr. Young stated that negativity from certain City Council members influences the opinion of the Recreation Center on social media, which in turn influences possible sponsors and partners of the Recreation Center. Mr. Young urged those who had or had not supported the Recreation Center in the past to put aside their differences and work together. Mr. Young then praised Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Woody on his ability to research, apply for, and be awarded grants.

Audrey Dettmers began by professing her faith as a bible-believing Christian, citing several Bible verses. Ms. Dettmers stated that, as of her knowledge, at least four of the Council members claim Christ as well. Ms. Dettmers reminded the Council of their obligations to the citizens of the City of Wood River. Ms. Dettmers then recalled the lawful notice she distributed to the City Council Members on February 5, 2024, pertaining to the City contracting with corporate entities. Five days were provided for a response regarding the status of the Wood River Business Alliance as a corporate entity, as of February 20, 2024, Ms. Dettmers had not received a reply. Ms. Dettmers observed that on February 6, 2024, Wood River Economic Development filed with the Illinois Secretary of State to add the assumed name of Wood River Business Alliance. Ms. Dettmers then stated that the City of Wood River almost entered into a contract unlawfully with the Wood River Business Alliance. Ms. Dettmers then stated several dates and events where the Wood River Business Alliance name was used when the name change had not yet been filed to her knowledge. Ms. Dettmers requested of those who would vote in support of the Wood River Business Alliance partnership to detail the reason why when voting and stated that all those who believe in Christ should love thy neighbor. Ms. Dettmers then recalled the non-binding referendum related to the Recreation Center and Roundhouse and stated that it is disrespectful to ask those who were in opposition to the Recreation Center to change their minds.

REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

City Manager Steve Palen read a resignation letter submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Woody. City Manager Steve Palen, Mayor Tom Stalcup, Councilman Tweedy, Councilman Plank, and Councilman Ayres expressed their well wishes and gratitude to Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Woody for his hard work and dedication during his tenure at the City of Wood River.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-8: AMENDING THE 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 2 FROM FIFTEEN TO SIXTEEN:

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 the Number of Licenses, to increase the number of tavern licenses in District 2 from 15 to 16, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Dettmers requested clarification on the agenda item. City Manager Steve Palen explained that a liquor license is required to have gaming machines; in addition, City Clerk Danielle Sneed confirmed only beer and wine will be served at locations with this license.

Councilman Dettmers questioned how many gaming locations are in the City and if this amount is regulated. City Manager Steve Palen answered that there are approximately 100 gaming machines in the city and the amount is not regulated. Councilman Dettmers then questioned if the City is going to place restrictions on gaming facilities going forward, as he feels that he is arriving in Las Vegas with the amount of gaming facilities in Wood River.

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Mayor Tom Stalcup explained that the process of amending the city code to add licenses as they are requested serves as a restriction, and he thinks that the amount of gaming machines compared to the size of the municipality is lower than surrounding municipalities.

Councilman Dettmers further stated that he is not opposed to the ordinance amending the code but would like to see restrictions on gaming facilities going forward. Mayor Tom Stalcup countered and stated he thinks the number of gaming machines are restricted currently, but the matter can be reviewed.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2039: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE GOLF COURSE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND GIMME GOLF CLUB, LLC, AS SUBMITTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of the Golf Course Use Agreement between the City of Wood River and Gimme Golf Club, LLC, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Dettmers requested clarification on the resolution and its intended use. City Manager Steve Palen explained that Gimme Golf Club, LLC is an organization that pays a year-round fee to participating golf courses for members from the surrounding areas to golf at the locations for nominal amounts. Councilman Dettmers questioned whether this agreement will be profitable. The Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Woody responded that the rate charged to Gimme Golf Club members will be slightly more, on average, than the cheapest rate offered at Belk Park Golf Course, and the partnership with Gimme Golf Club, LLC is an opportunity to reach golfers that do not usually come to Wood River.

Councilman Dettmers raised the question as to the priority time for golf. The Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Woody replied that morning is the usual time, and Gimme Golf members would only be able to use the golf course starting in the afternoon on the weekends.

Councilman Plank stated that it would be a positive reflection on the City's golf course to be in the same group as Spencer T. Olin Golf Course and Rolling Hills Golf Course, both of which are involved in Gimme Golf Club, LLC. He also noted that Belk Park Golf Course is on track to meet the \$1,000,000 mark in revenue for this fiscal year. Mayor Tom Stalcup stated that the golf course is on track to be the second-best year in the last twenty years in terms of revenue.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2040: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GENERAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND SHEPPARD, MORGAN & SCHWAAB, INC.:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a General Services Agreement for engineering services between the City of Wood River and Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc., as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers questioned how long the City has been doing business with SMS. City Manager Steve Palen responded that the City has been doing business with the firm since he has been employed. Councilman Ayres added that it has been even longer than that.

Councilman Dettmers wondered whether it was time to consider alternatives with other engineering firms as he was not satisfied with work completed by SMS for the East End Detention Pond project. Councilman Dettmers inquired of City Attorney John Hackett as to how the purchasing policy would impact the resolution, to which City Attorney John Hackett replied that the resolution, if passed, would not be affected by the purchasing policy as it is not retroactive.

City Manager Steve Palen stated when he began employment with the City that the City contracted with many engineering firms; however, he feels that SMS is best suited and most qualified to

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provide general engineering services for the City. He believes other engineering firms do not have the resources and knowledge that SMS has.

Councilman Dettmers stated he would like to see the City consider looking at other engineering firms in the future.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2041: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND SCHULTE SUPPLY, INC., AND WAIVING BIDS DUE TO SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE AND PROFESSIONAL NATURE OF SERVICES TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH A LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY THAT WILL BE CONDUCTED IN RESPONSE TO EPA'S LEAD AND COPPER RULE:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Contract between the City of Wood River and Schulte Supply, Inc., and waiving bids due to sole source purchase and professional nature of services to assist the City with a lead service line inventory that will be conducted in response to EPA's Lead and Copper Rule, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers requested an explanation for the duration of the contract. City Manager Steve Palen answered that the contract will last until the project is completed. Councilman Dettmers queried what the \$50,000 contract cost covers. City Manager Steve Palen responded that the contract cost will cover Schulte Supply finishing the inventory; in addition, City Manager Steve Palen stated \$40,000 of the \$50,000 cost will be covered by a grant.

Councilman Dettmers then requested clarification regarding the number of contacts Schulte Supply will make and if exceeding the number will result in additional costs to the City. City Manager Steve Palen answered that the \$50,000 is the stated amount for the contract and no additional costs are associated for more contacts. City Manager Steve Palen explained that the contract outlines 2,000 contacts with the potential for 1,000 additional contacts.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM EAWR HIGH SCHOOL – GIRLS BASKETBALL TO SOLICIT AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD RIVER AVENUE & PENNING AVENUE ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY POLICY:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request from EAWR High School – Girls Basketball to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM EAWR HIGH SCHOOL – FOOTBALL TO SOLICIT AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD RIVER AVENUE & PENNING AVENUE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY POLICY:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from EAWR High School – Football to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

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APPROVED: REQUEST FROM EAWR HIGH SCHOOL – GIRLS SOCCER TO SOLICIT AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD RIVER AVENUE & PENNING AVENUE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY POLICY:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a request from EAWR High School – Girls Soccer to

solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM LEWIS & CLARK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - WRESTLING TO SOLICIT AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD RIVER AVENUE & PENNING AVENUE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024, FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CITY POLICY:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a request from Lewis & Clark Junior High School - Wrestling to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilman Dettmers moved for approval of a recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to approval of certain executive closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)), seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers made a motion to amend the recess to include a discussion to discuss matters pertaining to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)), seconded by Councilman Ayres.

The amendment was denied by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers (2)
NAYS: Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)

Councilman Dettmers asked if the City Council would be allowed to hold the closed session in the City Manager's office to allow the attendees of the meeting to stay seated rather than stand out in the hall. City Attorney John Hackett confirmed that the necessary recording materials were available in the City Manager's office, and that the City Council could hold the closed session in City Manager Steve Palen's office.

The recess to hold a closed session to discuss matters pertaining to approval of certain executive closed session minutes (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21)) was approved by the following vote:

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

The Council recessed at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m.

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

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

APPROVED: RELEASE OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES, AS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

Councilman Plank moved to approve the release of certain executive closed session meeting minutes, which include closed session minutes from May 2, 2022, August 24, 2022, September 12, 2022, February 21, 2023, May 1, 2023, May 15, 2023, and October 16, 2023, 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 RESOLUTION OFFERING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO THE WOOD RIVER BUSINESS ALLIANCE, A MAIN STREET ORGANIZATION:

Councilman Plank moved to remove off the table the approval of a resolution offering financial support for the next three years to the Wood River Business Alliance, a Main Street Organization, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OFFERING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO THE WOOD RIVER BUSINESS ALLIANCE, A MAIN STREET ORGANIZATION:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a resolution offering financial support for the next three years to the Wood River Business Alliance, a Main Street Organization, as submitted by the City Manager, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Dettmers stated that the Council Members received information in their Council packets regarding the application for the Main Street Program. He then expressed his three major concerns including the lack of existing business support, the cost associated with the program, and the lack of an opinion from the City Attorney. He asked City Attorney John Hackett if the resolution is approved, what kind of authority is the City giving to the Wood River Business Alliance for the use of the City of Wood River's name. He then asked if the Wood River Business Alliance will be able to use the City to solicit funds for their organization, citing the Chili Cookoff.

City Attorney John Hackett explained that if there is an agreement in place to be able to do that then yes. He then explained that this resolution itself does not outline that information but other resolutions in the future may, and he explained that this resolution is solely for financial support.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he wants to make sure that the City is not authorizing the Mayor and or City Manager to sign any agreements with the Wood River Business Alliance without consent of the City Council. Councilman Dettmers stated he wanted to clarify comments made earlier in the meeting that he made the claim that the Wood River Business Alliance had not filed their documentation. He stated that the Council was provided a copy of the application submitted to the State of Illinois by the Wood River Economic Development Committee dated September 15, 2023, signed by the Vice President of the Economic Development Committee with a note that there was a check submitted to change the name in September 2023. The Council also received in their packet a copy of the State Certificate stating that the name change was registered the day following the last Council Meeting along with the application and the fee of \$30.00 which was appropriate for the filing of the 2024 application but would have been \$60.00 in 2023. He asked if the area that is being discussed is just Edwardsville Road, Wood River Avenue, Ferguson Avenue, 6th Street or is it everything in between. City Manager Steve Palen stated that it is just those streets and not the interior area.

Discussion ensued regarding the downtown profile portion of the application and how many miles of road is being discussed for this program and whether the application will be approved based on the area that is being submitted as a part of the application. More discussion ensued regarding pictures being submitted with the application, if it is only going to include the downtown area, and if a complete application was provided for the Council packets. City Manager Steve Palen stated that there was a meeting held with the Main Street Organization with questions about the area and the length, and they did not seem concerned.

Discussion then ensued regarding the Wood River Business Alliance's Steering Committee and Board of Directors where there are ten members listed but there are only two members that can be identified that are within the proposed business district area.

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Mayor Stalcup stated that he attended the meeting with the Main Street Organization and two reputable businesses that were there totaled 180 years of business in the City of Wood River. More discussion ensued regarding businesses that are in the proposed business district area. Mayor Stalcup stated that the Wood River Business Alliance's goal is to come together as a community to bring the Main Street Organization to the City of Wood River.

Councilman Dettmers stated that there are 63 businesses listed on the application and asked if those businesses are businesses on the two to three mile stretch within the proposed business district area. City Manager Steve Palen replied in the affirmative.

Discussion ensued regarding information on the application being incorrect, specifically the operating budget for the City. Councilman Dettmers read some of the goals of the Main Street Program from the application and stated his concern that the focus is going to be on the downtown area and not the other areas and questioned the application and what the purpose of the Wood River Business Alliance is. He noticed the application asks for a copy of the work plan and he does not see that a work plan was provided. He also stated that Item #5 of the application is missing along with an organizational chart that is supposed to be attached to the application. He also questioned Item #7 of the application and is concerned with the lack of existing well-established businesses in this organization. He stated that he spoke to a downtown business owner and the business owner did not have any knowledge of the Main Street Organization Program. He also questioned the funding for the program and asked if the Wood River Business Alliance is asking for the City to provide a 30 to 50 percent commitment or if it is a requirement from the Main Street Organization. City Manager Steve Palen stated that he would need to read into that more. Discussion ensued regarding the three years of expenses listed on the application and the length of the program. The program is for three years but the organization could ask for more participation and financial support after the three years are fulfilled.

Councilman Ayres made a motion to table the approval of a resolution offering financial support for the next three years to the Wood River Business Alliance, a Main Street Organization until the work session is held to discuss the budget, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and the motion to table was denied by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers (2)
NAYS: Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)

Councilman Ayres made a motion to amend the approval of a resolution offering financial support for the next three years to the Wood River Business Alliance, a Main Street Organization, to state that no City employee, independent contractors, or City Council Members will be allowed in any way or any position with any organization that receives financial support from the City of Wood River, seconded by Councilman Dettmers

City Attorney John Hackett stated that the amendment sounds like a general application and is not specific to this contract and his recommendation is to pass an ordinance in that regard and to not tie a general application to this specific resolution at this time.

Councilman Dettmers made a motion to amend the approval of a resolution offering financial support for the next three years to the Wood River Business Alliance, a Main Street Organization, prohibiting any City employee or City Council Member from employment with the Wood River Business Alliance, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and the amendment was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, (4)
NAYS: Stalcup (1)

Councilman Dettmers made a motion to amend the approval of a resolution offering financial support for the next three years to the Wood River Business Alliance, a Main Street Organization, prohibiting the City from retaining services of an independent contractor that is also employed by the Wood River Business Alliance, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and the amendment was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank (3)
NAYS: Tweedy, Stalcup (2)

The approval of a resolution offering financial support for the next three years to the Wood River Business Alliance, a Main Street Organization, with both amendments, was approved by the following vote:

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

REMOVE OFF THE TABLE: APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 37: FINANCE AND REVENUE, REPEALING CHAPTERS 37.15 THROUGH 37.20, AND REPLACING WITH CHAPTER 37.15, ENTITLED CITY OF WOOD RIVER PURCHASING MANUAL:

Councilman Ayres moved to remove off the table the approval of an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title III: Administration, Chapter 37: Finance and Revenue, repealing Chapters 37.15 through 37.20, and replacing with Chapter 37.15, entitled City of Wood River Purchasing Manual, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 24-9: AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 37: FINANCE AND REVENUE, REPEALING CHAPTERS 37.15 THROUGH 37.20, AND REPLACING WITH CHAPTER 37.15, ENTITLED CITY OF WOOD RIVER PURCHASING MANUAL:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title III: Administration, Chapter 37: Finance and Revenue, repealing Chapters 37.15 through 37.20, and replacing with Chapter 37.15, entitled City of Wood River Purchasing Manual, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers stated that he has some issues with the policy and stated that under Chapter 2: Purchasing Policies B. Gifts and Gratuities – City Guidelines for Accepting 1. Tangible gifts or gratuities shall not be accepted where their value exceeds \$100 per vendor annually. Discussion then ensued regarding if this is for City employees only. Councilman Dettmers is uncomfortable with the proposed policy because of the dollar amount and would feel more comfortable with a \$25.00 limit. More discussion ensued regarding what constitutes a vendor under the proposed policy and City Attorney John Hackett confirmed that a vendor is a person or business who is already or considering doing business with the City.

Discussion ensued regarding the Illinois Gift Ban Act and staying consistent with the Illinois State Statute regarding employees receiving gifts from vendors.

Councilman Dettmers made a motion to amend the ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title III: Administration, Chapter 37: Finance and Revenue, repealing Chapters 37.15 through 37.20, and replacing with Chapter 37.15, entitled City of Wood River Purchasing Manual, to change Chapter 2: Purchasing Policies B. Gifts and Gratuities – City Guidelines for Accepting 1. Tangible gifts or gratuities shall not be accepted where their value exceeds \$100 per vendor annually to where tangible gifts and gratuities should not be accepted regardless of their value, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and the amendment was denied by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers (2)
 NAYS: Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)

Discussion ensued about the policy containing information about employees sharing gifts and gratuities.

Councilman Dettmers asked what section contractors receiving payments in the excess of \$25,000.00 falls under. City Attorney John Hackett stated that it would likely fall under competitive quotes and or bids. Discussion ensued regarding a contract being necessary for all payments over \$25,000 per Illinois State Statute.

Discussion then ensued regarding change orders and why the limit of \$25,000.00 is the amount for council approval. City Attorney John Hackett explained that the amount of \$25,000.00 is outlined in a multitude of Illinois State Statutes

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The ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title III: Administration, Chapter 37: Finance and Revenue, repealing Chapters 37.15 through 37.20, and replacing with Chapter 37.15, entitled City of Wood River Purchasing Manual was approved by the following vote:

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

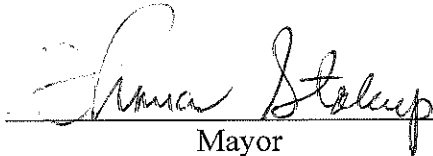
NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Ayres announced that he will be at Shelter Insurance Agency on Ferguson Avenue on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, Wednesday, March 6, 2024, and Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. to receive ideas on regional tourism.

Councilman Dettmers made a motion to hold a special hearing under the terms of City Manager Steve Palen's contract that allows the opportunity to air grievances for the purpose of termination of his contract, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and the motion was denied by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Dettmers (2)
NAYS: Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Mayor

City Clerk