

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 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 Tweedy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 20, 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 Dettmers moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period May 16, 2024, to May 29, 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 THE ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT:

Councilman Plank moved to approve the Annual Investment Report for the period May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Stalcup presented an Appearance Award for the month of June to:

Downtown Delights 10 W. Ferguson

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mary Roberts stated that the Wood River Memorial Day Service at the Roundhouse this past Monday, May 27, 2024, was a fitting tribute to our men and women who put on the uniform to serve our Country and died for our freedom. Ms. Roberts thanked Mayor Tom Stalcup for allowing her to chair the committee to honor these heroes. Ms. Roberts thanked Councilman Jeremy Plank for being the Emcee, and Councilman Ayres and Councilman Dettmers for attending the service. She also thanked the Marine Corps Ladies Auxiliary Unit 488 Chaplain/Judge Advocate, Lola Cochran, and Marine Veteran Daphine Kappos for reading the names on the Memorial and chiming the bell after each name in honor of each hero. She thanked Chris Apps the St. Louis Bagpiper for playing "Scotland the Brave", and "Amazing Grace", and leading the community in songs from Central Park to the Roundhouse. She also thanked BSA Troop 777 from Rosewood Heights for posting and retiring the colors and leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and Marissa Jones, who is a 2024 Alton High School Graduate, ROTC, and Army National Guard for singing the National Anthem. She thanked Jeffrey Sanders, an Army Veteran and a student at the Illinois School of Ministry for the Invocation and Benediction, and William Steiner, an EAWR High School Junior, for playing TAPS. She then thanked Girl Scout Troop 325 for performing the Missing Man Table Presentation, the guest speaker, CSM Phillip J. Barber, who is State Command Sergeant Major, Illinois Army National Guard, and the Alton VFW Post 1308 for the "21 Gun Salute". Ms. Roberts thanked her committee, Sara Lewis Sladek, Vicki Parsons, and Rosalie Huebener. She also thanked Jeff Gray, Director of Parks and Recreation Pat Minogue, and City Clerk Danielle Sneed for all their assistance. She thanked Kenny Kutter for the Flag Display and the Marine Corps Ladies Auxiliary Unit 488 for providing refreshments and water. Ms. Roberts gave a special thank you to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Marissa Jones, and William Steiner for giving their time so freely to be a part of the service. She thanked all those who came out to honor and remember our special heroes

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of Wood River. Veterans Day Service will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the East Alton Wood River High School Memorial Gymnasium, and 20 quilts of valor will be given to our Veterans.

Mayor Stalcup stated that the Memorial Day Service was outstanding and thanked Ms. Roberts for bringing Memorial Day forward.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stalcup stated that starting Thursday, June 6, 2024, and every Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to dusk, the Farmers Market will be open in the parking lot of Madison Avenue and First Street. On Friday, June 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. the Annual Bike Ramble will start at Central Park. The cost to enter is \$3.00 per individual and \$6.00 for families. Immediately following the Bike Ramble will be a movie in the park, featuring the "Wizard of Oz". On Sunday, July 14, 2024, the Annual Ice Cream Social will be held at Central Park from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Spring/Summer edition of the Pipeline should be in mailboxes this week.

Mayor Stalcup asked Kristen Burns to come forward. Ms. Burns stated that Thursday, June 6, 2024, will be this season's first Farmers Market Downtown. There will be live music playing from various artists and food vendors. Rachel & Co. Coffee House will be open late along with some other downtown businesses. Ferguson Street Burger Bar will be doing a Thursday night special. There are currently 28 vendors that have registered for the entire year and the goal is to have at least 30 vendors. There will be a movie night in the park after the Bike Ramble, on Friday, June 14, 2024, sponsored by First Mid Bank & Trust. There will be popcorn and Kona Ice. The next "What's Up Downtown" meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at the Wood River Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. to discuss everything happening in downtown Wood River. Main Street affiliates will be taking pictures of Downtown Wood River and taking measurements because they are working on the City's inventory for Downtown. Main Street affiliates will also block out the Downtown area and use a software program that will give more information about the buildings including historical checking of the buildings as they move forward to hopefully get some historic preservation funds for the City as well as other projects.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he has spoken to Mayor Stalcup and Chief Stahlhut about the power outages that have been happening recently. There have been four power outages since March, including the one that occurred on Monday, June 3, 2024. Councilman Dettmers stated that it prompted him to inquire about the City's emergency preparedness. People have been asking him why there have been so many power outages in Wood River. He stated he understands that the City does not control the power. The outages have impacted not only the electrical but also the internet service in Kendall Hill. He then asked Chief Stahlhut to explain where the City currently is with the Emergency Operations Manual.

Chief Stahlhut stated that the Fire Department is currently identifying who the City will use as a third party to assist in the revisions of the Emergency Operations Manual. The Manual is an extremely large document that encompasses all departments, the Library, and the pipelines from the industries surrounding the City. Power outages are a part of the Emergency Operations Manual and identifying warming centers and cooling centers. If there is an extensive power outage, the City must consider establishing transportation for residents to get to other locations. The Emergency Operations Manual has not been updated recently and is due for revisions.

Councilman Dettmers responded that he is eager to learn what the Fire Department comes up with after the Emergency Operations Manual has been reviewed.

Discussion ensued regarding the safety concerns when experiencing power outages and other emergencies, for example, the incident that happened at the refinery a couple of years ago. Chief Stahlhut explained that The Hazard Mitigation Plan for Madison County is also under review at this time, which is completed every five years and is included in the City's Emergency Operations Manual.

Councilman Ayres stated that the Walmart Memorial Day Service was apropos. He thanked Walmart for putting together the Ceremony.

Mayor Stalcup thanked Julia Duckles from Wood River Walmart who has been conducting the Memorial Day Service for 10 to 12 years.

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Discussion ensued regarding how great the Walmart Memorial Day Service was and how the woman who sang the National Anthem did a beautiful job.

ORDINANCE NO. 2899: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE OF LAND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND KAMADULSKI EXCAVATING AND GRADING CO., INC.:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a lease of land between the City of Wood River and Kamadulski Excavating and Grading Co., Inc., as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Dettmers

Councilman Dettmers stated that he needed clarification regarding the terms of the lease. It states that the City has the authority to execute leases with tenants for terms not to exceed two years and upon authority granted by the City Council, the City Manager need not obtain the City Council's approval to renew the lease going forward, so long as all leases are substantially in the form of the exhibit; and for terms not exceeding two years. Councilman Dettmers then stated that the lease does not state that the City Manager has the right to extend it for a two-year period, it does not restrict it at all. He then asked if the City Manager has the authority to renew the lease automatically if the project is not done by 2027.

City Attorney Mike McGinley replied in the affirmative and stated that the purpose of that statute is efficiency. With short-term leases, anything less than two years would allow the City Manager to renew the lease going forward. If the terms do not change on the lease, the City Council does not need to review it every year before it is renewed.

The project is expected to be completed before the end of 2027 and at the end of 2025, the City Manager can renew it for another two years as long as the terms do not change.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

TABLED – APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a resolution adopting suggestions and guidelines for appointment to the City of Wood River Boards and Committees, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Mayor Stalcup moved to table the resolution adopting suggestions and guidelines for appointment to the City of Wood River Boards and Committees, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Dettmers asked if there was anything specific that the Mayor had a problem with.

Mayor Stalcup stated that he did not have enough time to review the suggestions and guidelines and he wants to ensure that it is clear to him before he votes on this item.

Councilman Plank stated that whatever is decided with this item should be able to stand the test of time and be able to overcome any long-term objections to the language. He believes that it is a good idea to spend more time reviewing the details.

Councilman Tweedy stated that he believes it is a good idea to step back at this time.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he likes the resolution the way it is, and he does not understand what the objection is.

Discussion ensued regarding getting clarification on some of the language in the resolution before it is voted on.

The resolution was tabled by the following vote:

AYES: Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)

NAYS: Ayres, Dettmers (2)

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APPROVED – ACCEPT BID FROM AALCO MANUFACTURING:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request to accept the bid from AALCO Manufacturing (dba Sportscon) in the amount of \$69,000.00 for the fencing at Dwiggins Field at Emerick Sports Complex, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Plank inquired about the amount allocated in the budget for the renovations at Dwiggins Field at Emerick Sports Complex. He asked if it was \$60,000 before the bid opening.

Director of Parks and Recreation Pat Minogue stated that the budget for the entirety of the project was \$250,000 and the project is still under budget at this time.

Councilman Dettmers asked if the whole project will stay under budget. Director Minogue stated that is the plan.

Acceptance of the bid was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – ACCEPT BID FROM AALCO MANUFACTURING:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request to accept the bid from AALCO Manufacturing (dba Sportscon) in the amount of \$58,800.00 for the backstop/kneewall for Dwiggins Field at Emerick Sports Complex, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM TARDIS STRUCTURES LLC:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request to accept the proposal from TARDIS Structures LLC in the amount of \$45,600 for the dugouts at Dwiggins Field at Emerick Sports Complex, 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)

APPROVED: REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS TO ROTOMILL AND RESURFACE THE CART PATHS AT BELK PARK GOLF COURSE:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a request to seek bids to rotomill and resurface the cart paths at Belk Park Golf Course, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Tweedy asked how much of the cart paths will be included.

Director Minogue stated the goal is to repave the entire cart path; however, depending on bid prices, the budget may not allow that. The alternative is to repave the worst areas with the money that is available.

The request was 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:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request to hold the Ice Cream Social at Central Park on Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM THE WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO CLOSE FERGUSON AVE:

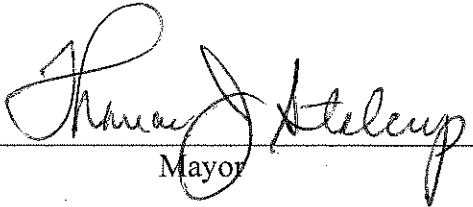
Councilman Plank moved to approve a request from Wood River Public Library to close Ferguson Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street on Friday, July 26, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. to host a National Night Out Event, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk