

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 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 July 15, 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 July 11, 2024, to July 31, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Karen Wilson is the Executive Director at Operation Blessing. Ms. Wilson stated that the grocery carts at Operation Blessing are being taken. When Ms. Wilson started working at Operation Blessing six years ago, they had ten grocery carts and are now down to six because people take them and do not take them back inside when finished. Operation Blessing replaced a grocery cart that cost \$343.00, and they would rather spend that money on food and bills than on replacing grocery carts. Ms. Wilson stated that when one of the grocery carts went missing a volunteer went up and down the streets looking for it and came across a couple of police officers who suggested that they go to a City Council Meeting and ask for cameras to be put up in the City owned parking lot on the east side of their building. In the past year, Operation Blessing has had \$700.00 worth of grocery carts disappear.

Mark St Peters stated that the AFL-CIO holds a softball tournament after the Annual Labor Day Parade and in the past, the tournament has been held at Gordon Moore Park, but they cannot have it there this year. The Wood River Parks and Recreation Department offered 6th Street Park for the tournament but is going to charge \$700.00. Mr. St Peters stated he could see them charging what it costs to do the field, but he feels that \$700.00 is a little steep. Everyone who attends visits the concession stand. Mr. St Peters asked if the price could be reduced.

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stalcup announced that Friday, August 9, 2024, there will be a movie in the park at Central Park featuring *The Sandlot*. He also announced that Saturday, August 10, 2024, the Homecoming for 2024 Olympian Jayden Ulrich will take place at the Recreation Center beginning at 11:00 a.m. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Pitchford Funeral Home and will go down 111 to Edwardsville Road to Wood River Avenue to the Recreation Center. He invited the community to come show their support for Jayden.

City Manager Steve Palen asked Director of Public Services Michael Velloff to give an update on the Wood River Avenue Project. Director Velloff explained that the bids for the Wood River Avenue Project came in on Friday, August 2, 2024, and the City only received one bid and it was 15% over the engineer's estimate. His recommendation is to let this sit until the November letting to hopefully receive more bids at that time. This will also allow more time for the construction on Wood River Avenue from the State Street Sewer Separation Project to be completed.

City Manager Steve Palen agreed with Director Velloff's recommendation. He stated that \$750,000.00 will be paid for by Federal, right now the County is committed to \$250,000.00 and the

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bid came in at \$1.5 million so the City will be responsible for \$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00 and hopefully with re-bidding the project, it will be more competitive and help bring the prices down. Mayor Stalcup asked if there is a deadline for the use of the funding. City Manager Steve Palen stated no.

City Manager Steve Palen asked the Council if they knew what direction they would like to take regarding the application for the OSLAD Grant as it is due September 13, 2024. He explained that Director of Parks and Recreation Pat Minogue was informed that the City would most likely score higher on the application if it is something that the City does not already have. He stated that either a splash pad or sand volleyball courts would most likely score higher than applying for playground equipment.

Councilman Plank asked if there needs to be an agenda item regarding the grant application. City Attorney Mike McGinley confirmed that the Council can discuss applying for the grant in the open meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the amount of the grant and Director Minogue confirmed that the grant is for \$600,000.00 with no match. City Manager Steve Palen explained that if the Council wants to go in the direction of a splash pad, there are two different options for splash pads including flow through system and a recirculation system.

Director Minogue explained that with the recirculation system there are more guidelines that the City would have to follow because of the involvement from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Councilman Dettmers asked what the maintenance costs are associated with operating a splash pad.

Director Minogue stated he reached out to the Park and Recreation Director in Edwardsville and Alton. Neither were able to provide exact dollar amounts for maintenance cost. Both stated maintenance costs are relatively low. He also reached out to the Belleville Parks and Recreation Director and he stated maintenance costs were also low. Belleville has a flow through system, and the water bill is approximately \$20,000 to operate the splash pad from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Councilman Dettmers asked what do the surrounding Park and Recreation Directors consider maintenance costs.

Director Minogue stated the cities he spoke to have relatively new splash pads and does not believe any have needed any major repairs. An issue with the filtration system would be an example of possible maintenance.

City Manager Steve Palen stated there is a distinction between the flow through system and the recirculation system. A flow through system would entail turning on the water supply and it runs through pipes and fixtures, then down a drain to the water treatment plant. The recirculation system captures the water and filters it on site.

Councilman Dettmers asked what system would be used for the splash pad.

Director Minogue stated he would recommend the flow through system to be used at the splash pad. Edwardsville chose to go with a recirculation system and that required them to also build the bath houses and concession stand which cost over one million dollars. The Parks and Recreation Department has a budget of \$600,000 for this project. He believes with the budget they should focus on the splash pad and not surrounding amenities.

Councilman Dettmers asked what the operating costs are.

Director Minogue stated staffing would be optional, as other cities do not have staff on site for their splash pads. Other than the water itself there will be very little operating cost.

Councilman Dettmers asked if there will be an entry fee.

Director Minogue stated the cities previously mentioned all have free entry. Some municipalities charge to reserve the splash pad for parties.

Discussion ensued regarding different splash pads in the area.

Councilman Tweedy asked if the planned location is next to the Recreation Center.

Director Minogue stated if a flow through system is chosen, the ideal location for the splash pad would be next to the Recreation Center. This would also allow access to public bathrooms, parking, and there are security cameras already installed.

Discussion ensued regarding different potential locations throughout the City for a splash pad.

Councilman Dettmers asked if the City receives the grant, would there be any additional cost with the construction.

Director Minogue stated no, just the operating and maintenance costs.

Discussion ensued regarding how surrounding cities operate their splash pads.

Councilman Ayres asked Director Minogue if he has investigated injury reports from the surrounding cities.

Discussion ensued regarding the financial differences between a flow through system and a recirculating system on top of construction cost.

Councilmembers would like more information on liability associated with the splash pad, age limit recommendations, and incident reports.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-19: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XV, LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 155: ZONING CODE, SECTION 155.01 ADOPTION BY REFERENCE TO INCLUDE CHANGES TO THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER'S ZONING CODE 96-14, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3-2 ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO REZONE PARCEL ID 19-1-08-24-00-000-003 FROM AGRICULTURAL – A TO B-3 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICT:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title XV, Land Usage, Chapter 155: Zoning Code, Section 155.01 Adoption by Reference to include changes to the City of Wood River's Zoning Code 96-14, Article 3, Section 3-2 Zoning Map and District Boundaries to rezone Parcel ID 19- 1-08-24-00-000-003 from Agricultural – A to B-3 Highway Business District, as recommended by the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2905: ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT DONATED PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-2-08-27-05-104-034, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 223 E. FERGUSON, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS 62095, AND PARCEL ID 19-2-08-27-05-104-035, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 217 E. FERGUSON, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS 62095, FROM WR HOLDINGS LLC:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the City to accept donated property located at Parcel ID 19-2-08-27-05-104-034, commonly known as 223 E. Ferguson, Wood River, Illinois 62095, and Parcel ID 19-2-08-27-05-104-035, commonly known as 217 E. Ferguson, Wood River, Illinois 62095, from WR Holdings LLC, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2906: ORDINANCE VACATING AN EASEMENT ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE MADISON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-2-08-28-08-204-001.001, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 118 HALLER STREET, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS 62095:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance vacating an easement on property owned by the Madison County Housing Authority located at Parcel ID 19-2-08-204-001.001, commonly known as 118 Haller Street, Wood River, Illinois 62095, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2075: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT, SUPPLEMENT 3 FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING FOR THE WOOD RIVER AVENUE PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 PROJECT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement, Supplement 3 for the design and construction engineering for the Wood River Avenue Phase 1 and 2 Project, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2073: RESOLUTION DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-2-08-21-11-203-019, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 806 STATE STREET, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS 62095, UNSAFE AND A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY TO PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a resolution declaring the structure(s) located at Parcel ID 19-2-08-21-11-203-019, commonly known as 806 State Street, Wood River, Illinois 62095, unsafe and a public nuisance and authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to proceed with legal action, as submitted by the Building and Zoning Administrator, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2074: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER FOR DONATION AND USE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS AND STORAGE OF SAME:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution authorizing an agreement between BP Products North America, Inc. and the City of Wood River for donation and use of fire suppression equipment and materials and storage of same, as submitted by the Fire Chief, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Dettmers thanked Fire Chief Wade Stahlhut for all of his efforts to get the agreement with BP Products North America, Inc. executed.

Discussion ensued regarding the containment around the foam being stored at the BP facility.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM KAMADULSKI EXCAVATING & GRADING CO. INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$468,342.55 FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a request to accept the bid from Kamadulski Excavating & Grading Co. Inc. in the amount of \$468,342.55 for concrete sidewalks at various locations throughout the City, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Dettmers stated he is happy to see that the City is finally taking the steps to work on the City sidewalks. He thanked the Director of Public Services Michael Velloff for his efforts. He also stated that he is saddened that it is going to cost more money than he expected for all of the sidewalks throughout the City to be repaired. He is hopeful that moving forward, the City will continue to address the sidewalk issue.

The request to accept the bid was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM THE WOOD RIVER BUSINESS ALLIANCE TO CLOSE FERGUSON AVENUE BETWEEN WOOD RIVER AVENUE AND FIRST STREET ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024, FOR A FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request from the Wood River Business Alliance to close Ferguson Avenue between Wood River Avenue and First Street on Sunday, September 22, 2024, for a Food Truck Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., 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 BUSINESS ALLIANCE TO CLOSE FERGUSON AVENUE BETWEEN WOOD RIVER AVENUE AND FIRST STREET ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024, FOR THE 3rd ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from the Wood River Business Alliance to close Ferguson Avenue between Wood River Avenue and First Street on Saturday, October 19, 2024, for the 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved for the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM THE WOOD RIVER BUSINESS ALLIANCE TO CLOSE FERGUSON AVENUE BETWEEN WOOD RIVER AVENUE AND FIRST STREET ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024, FOR THE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS NIGHT MARKET FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request from the Wood River Business Alliance to close Ferguson Avenue between Wood River Avenue and First Street on Friday, November 29, 2024, for the Holiday Traditions Night Market from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM THE GREATER MADISON COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AFL-CIO TO HOLD THE ANNUAL LABOR DAY PARADE ON WOOD RIVER AVENUE FROM THE ROUNDHOUSE TO EAST FERGUSON TO NORTH ON 6th STREET ENDING AT EMERICK SPORTS COMPLEX ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024, BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO to hold the Annual Labor Day Parade on Wood River Avenue from the Roundhouse to East Ferguson to North on 6th Street ending at Emerick Sports Complex on Saturday, August 24, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 10, 2024, AS JAYDEN ULRICH DAY:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a Proclamation declaring August 10, 2024, as Jayden Ulrich Day, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

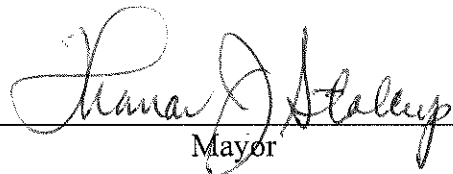
NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Dettmers asked for any information on the splash pad before the next City Council meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk