

## 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, July 15, 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 Ayres moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 1, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Plank moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period June 27, 2024, to July 10, 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 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve the Financial Statement ending June 30, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stalcup announced that the Farmer's Market is every Thursday in Downtown Wood River in the parking lot at Madison Avenue and First Street from 4:00 p.m. to dusk. The Farmer's Market is from June through September.

Mayor Stalcup announced that The National Night Out Event will be held on Friday, July 26, 2024. The National Night Out Event is about fostering positive relationships with local law enforcement and will be held at the Wood River Public Library from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Stalcup read letters of commendation from Police Chief Brad Wells for Telecommunicator Ryan Payne and Telecommunicator Brendan Lenhardt. He also read letters of appreciation from Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Wells for City employees Emily Hansard and Karen Rose.

Mayor Stalcup announced that tonight Monday, July 15, 2024, is City Attorney John Hackett's last City Council Meeting. City Attorney John Hackett is moving on to be an Associate Judge for Madison County and the City wishes him well.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that there is an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Grant for distressed communities and the City of Wood River is eligible for up to 100% funding. There are monies out there for projects or property acquisition. The City does not have a park property acquisition project but there has been talk of potentially adding a splash pad at the Recreation Center. He stated that he thinks Belleville won the last grant and built a splash pad for half a million dollars.

Director of Parks and Recreation Pat Minogue stated that building a splash pad would cost around \$500,000 to \$600,000.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City can get up to \$600,000 so if the City gets awarded the grant, it will pay for the entire cost of the splash pad. He asked if this would be something the Council would like to look into.

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Councilman Dettmers stated that he had a conversation with someone who saw an article in the newspaper regarding the City considering building a swimming pool and a different article regarding the City considering building a splash pad. He assured the individual that he did not know how the City would come up with the money to build a swimming pool since the City already borrowed 10 million dollars. The last time a splash pad was proposed it was going to replace the Roundhouse. He asked if the City was looking for new land for a splash pad.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City is considering putting the splash pad in the southeast corner of the Recreation Center property in the grassy area between the Recreation Center and the Roundhouse.

Councilman Dettmers stated that back in 2022, there was talk that the City would build a swimming pool there.

City Manager Steve Palen replied that a pool would fit there but the expense for a splash pad is much less than a swimming pool.

Councilman Dettmers asked City Manager Steve Palen if he knew if the City could get a grant to cover the cost.

City Manager Steve Palen replied that he is asking for the Council's approval to apply for the grant, and he thinks the grant would get close to covering the expense of building a splash pad.

Director of Parks and Recreation Pat Minogue stated that it is an extensive process applying for the grant. The City will apply for the grant if the Council thinks it will be worth it.

Councilman Dettmers asked what the time frame is for getting the grant and the splash pad.

Director Minogue stated he thinks the application for the grant is due September 1, 2024.

Councilman Dettmers asked when construction would start if the City were awarded the grant.

Director Minogue stated that he does not know when the grant will be awarded after the September 1, 2024, grant deadline and he does not know what the time frame is after the grant is awarded.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he thinks the grant will be awarded after 60 days. The construction for the splash pad could start in the fall and sit through winter and continue construction after winter but it would be better to wait to begin construction until after winter.

Councilman Dettmers asked how long it takes to build a splash pad.

Director Minogue stated that it would take two to three months to build a splash pad.

Councilman Dettmers asked if the construction could start in the spring and be completed in time for summer.

Director Minogue stated that it could potentially be completed by summer.

Councilman Plank asked what other projects will be on the list for possible funding.

Director Minogue stated that it is up to the Council to decide what other projects could be done. There has been talk about playgrounds in other parks. The grant is \$600,000 so it can be any project if the cost is less than \$600,000. It would be best to decide sooner rather than later because the application is due September 1, 2024.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City has talked about parks and playground equipment, but recently the City has done two or three projects that have been completed relating to parks and playground equipment. He stated that he wanted to know if a splash pad is something the Council would be interested in.

Discussion ensued regarding what to do with the grant money. Councilman Ayres asked if any current projects could be completed with the grant money. City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City cannot apply for a grant for a project that is under construction. He asked the same question about property acquisition. Director Minogue stated that on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, he is joining a webinar to review the application process. Councilman Tweedy stated that the City already has

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the property so it could be a good idea. Councilman Plank mentioned that West End Park could use updates. Councilman Ayres stated that before he decides, he would like to have suggestions in writing. Director Minogue and City Manager Steve Palen stated that getting suggestions in writing should be fine but it could be a rush to complete the application on time because the next City Council meeting is not until Monday, August 5, 2024. Councilman Ayres stated that the suggestions do not have to be given at the City Council meeting, they can be provided beforehand. Councilman Dettmers asked if the application asks for a specific location for the project. Director Minogue and City Manager Steve Palen stated that they have not seen the application yet, but the application will more than likely ask for a specific location. Councilman Dettmers stated he would like the West End Park to be developed. City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City could look into doing ballfield upgrades and adding a playground after tearing down what is already there. Director Minogue stated that after the webinar on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, he will share his ideas with the Council.

Mayor Stalcup stated that the Annual Ice Cream Social was held on Sunday, July 14, 2024. Director Minogue and his crew did a great job and there were about 600 bowls of ice cream given out.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-18: ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 112: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 112.25 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF LICENSES (E) CHANGING THE NUMBER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSES (BEER AND WINE ONLY) IN DISTRICT 2 FROM THREE TO FOUR:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance amending the City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 112: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 112.25 Limit on Number of Licenses (E) changing the number of Restaurant Liquor Licenses (beer and wine only) in District 2 from three to four, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Ayres asked if there was a specific location for this.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that it is in the old Pizza Hut building, and they are bringing in an Italian restaurant.

Councilman Dettmers asked how soon the Italian restaurant will be open.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he does not think the City has received any plans from them yet.

Building and Zoning Administrator Brad Wells stated that he has not been given the timeline for when the business plans to open but they have been working on the building.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2072: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL PIPELINE CROSSING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Pipeline Crossing Agreement between the City of Wood River and Union Pacific Railroad Company, 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)

EASEMENT NO. 163: TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM THE RESIDENTS AT 326 HALLER FOR THE STATE STREET SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a Temporary Construction Easement from the residents at 326 Haller for the State Street Sewer Separation Project, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, 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 TO SEEK BIDS FOR EMERGENCY/MAINTENANCE ELECTRICAL, HVAC, PLUMBING, GENERATOR AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a request to seek bids for emergency/maintenance electrical, HVAC, plumbing, generator, and pest control services for City facilities, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM KATHY & STEVE TWICHELL TO CLOSE COTTER STREET AT THE ENTRANCE OF WOOD RIVER DONUT TO THE ALLEY THAT IS WEST OF NO MAN'S LAND FOR A CELEBRATION AT NO MAN'S LAND ON SATURDAY AUGUST 24, 2024, FROM 12:00 PM TO 7:00 PM:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request from Kathy & Steve Twichell to close Cotter Street at the entrance of Wood River Donut to the alley that is west of No Man's Land for a celebration at No Man's Land on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM TEK CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$383,733.00 FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FILTER UNDERDRAIN AND MEDIA REPLACEMENT FOR FILTERS 1, 3, AND 4:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a request to accept the bid from TEK Construction in the amount of \$383,733.00 for the Water Treatment Plant Filter Underdrain and Media Replacement for Filters 1,3, and 4, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Dettmers asked Director Velloff to explain the timeline of the construction and how the City is going to finance this.

Director Velloff explained that the bids came in at about \$384,000. The next bid was about \$389,000. There were a couple of good bids there; however, the budget for the project was \$220,000. He called the TEK contractor and asked him if he could work with the City and try to sequence the work and the final payment from the City would be in the next fiscal year and TEK Construction agreed to do that.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City had replaced one filter that was an emergency about four or five years ago that was roughly 60 thousand dollars, which is why 220 thousand was budgeted but it was not enough.

The request was approved by the following vote:

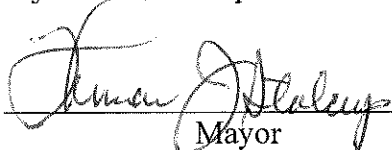
AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: City Attorney John Hackett thanked the Council, City Clerk Danielle Sneed, City Manager Steve Palen, and Mayor Stalcup for allowing him to serve as the City Attorney. He stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the City Council and that this is a City that is led by people who truly care, he and City Attorney Mike McGinley have gotten to see that throughout the state, and they see it here in Wood River. He stated that he is excited to see what is going to happen after this. City Attorney Katie Warren will be taking over for City Attorney John Hackett. City Attorney John Hackett thanked Chief Wells, Chief Stahlhut, Finance Director Karen Weber, and Director of Parks and Recreation Pat Minogue. City Attorney Katie Warren will do the same work as John Hackett did with City Attorney Mike McGinley. City Attorney John Hackett stated that City Attorney Katie Warren is exceptionally good. She came to Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard and Smith LLP from the State's Attorney's Office around April of this year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

  
Mayor

  
City Clerk