

## 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, August 19, 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 August 5, 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 Tweedy moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period August 1, 2024, to August 14, 2024, as printed, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Ayres asked about the charge under line 5966 on the first page.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that it is for the Illinois Municipal League (IML) Conference, and himself, Mayor Stalcup, and Finance Director Karen Weber are attending.

Councilman Ayres stated that he has been on the Council for many years now, and there has always been a consensus that either the entire Council attends or none of the Council attends. He is curious why the exclusivity now.

Councilman Ayres asked City Manager Steve Palen if he asked anyone from the Council if they want to attend.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he did not ask anyone from the Council.

Councilman Ayres stated that most cities send their Council, and the Wood River City Council has attended the conference in the past.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he was thinking to send a small contingent since no one from Wood River has been in a while.

Councilman Ayres stated that it should be all of the Council or no members of the Council attending.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he is perfectly okay with whichever way it goes.

Councilman Ayres stated the fact that there is exclusivity.

The bills were approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve the Financial Statement ending July 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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CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stalcup announced that there will be a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024, at the new tennis courts at East Alton Wood River High School. A lot of work has been going on over the summer at the campus and the City Council congratulated Superintendent Rob Miller and his staff on all the improvements that have been made.

On Saturday, August 24, 2024, the Labor Day Parade and Picnic will take place. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and will begin at Central Park to Wood River Avenue, east on Ferguson Avenue, and north on Sixth Street to Emerick Sports Complex where they will hold the Annual Labor Day Softball Tournament.

The Farmer's Market is every Thursday through September 19, 2024, starting at 4 p.m. until dusk. The Farmer's Market is located in the downtown parking lot on Madison Avenue.

City Manager Steve Palen mentioned item eight on the agenda, referencing the grant for the splash pad. City Manager Steve Palen asked if there were any other comments or questions. He stated that Parks and Recreation Director Pat Minogue met with Councilman Dettmers on where the splash pad will be located.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he thinks it is acceptable but asked if there is a possibility of getting sand volleyball courts. He does not know if it is in the budget, but he spoke to Director Minogue about the potential of adding sand volleyball courts in the same location.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that it is certainly something the City can look into.

Director Minogue stated that it is a \$600,000 grant, and he is still waiting on the design of the splash pad and the dollar amount they come back with to build the splash pad. If volleyball courts are put in, the splash pad would have to be smaller.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he thinks that the sand volleyball courts would be a project that could be budgeted for down the road. Whether it is next year or if another grant becomes available through the Metro East Park Recreation District.

Councilman Plank asked Councilman Dettmers if he is suggesting putting the sand volleyball courts there or somewhere else.

Councilman Dettmers stated that Director Minogue said that it could be right along the parking lot on the east side of the building.

Director Minogue stated that it all must be on one site. So if the City decides to build sand volleyball courts, they will have to be next to the splash pad.

Councilman Dettmers stated that it would be in the shadow of the building, and he does not know if that is good or bad.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that last year the City applied for bike path money through ITEP and Metro East Park District and he would like to start the process of submitting for both of those again if the Council agrees. The bike path would be from the Confluence Trail to Camp Du Bois.

Councilman Plank asked City Manager Steve Palen if MCT will be bringing updates on what they are willing to do.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that right now they are helping the City with some planning and alignments for where it will fit the best. The City has been working with them for a year or a year and a half and has been trying to get some money out of the MCT Confluence Trail as well. If the City obtains the Metro East Park Recreation District grant and ITEP grant, it may help the City increase the chance of receiving MCT funds.

Councilman Ayres stated a couple of individuals approached him requesting the Farmer's Market be moved from the parking lot on Madison Avenue, which is hot in the summertime, to Central Park.

RESOLUTION NO. 2076: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND IBEW LOCAL UNION 309 FOR MARKETING IN SUPPORT OF THE WOOD RIVER RECREATION CENTER:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a sponsorship agreement between the City of Wood River and IBEW Local Union 309 for marketing in support of the Wood River Recreation Center, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2077: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND BACKFLOW SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR SERVICES RELATED TO REQUIRED BACKFLOW PREVENTION SURVEYS:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Wood River and Backflow Solutions, Inc. for services related to required backflow prevention surveys, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Ayres asked how many years the City will participate in this agreement.

City Manager Steve Palen stated this is regarding the survey as it must be done every three years. He will have to look at the actual contract, but he thinks it is a five-year contract that was signed in 2021. Backflow Solutions, Inc. keeps the inventory and manages the entire backflow system for the City. They send out letters annually to people who are required to test.

Councilman Ayres stated that in other words, it is an eternity for the City.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City is under a current contract, and he will have to see when it expires.

Councilman Ayres asked if when it expires will the City still have to continue with someone.

City Manager Steve Palen stated yes, the City will have to continue with someone. He thinks it has been Backflow Solutions, Inc. since the late 1990's.

Councilman Ayres asked if there is an end to it.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the program will be forever as it is an IEPA requirement.

Councilman Dettmers asked if this specific contract was a five-year contract.

City Manager Steve Palen replied in the affirmative.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he received a letter that his backflow test had not been received. He then asked how the company gets the reports from the person who does the backflow tests. The person who completed his backflow test told him that his test had not been submitted. So, he contacted City Manager Steve Palen and found out that his test had been submitted. He asked what the notification process is.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that it is supposed to be the contractor that sends the test results and the report to Backflow Solutions, Inc. Backflow Solutions, Inc. maintains the spreadsheet and inventory. They will also send letters whenever someone is overdue, which is probably the letter Councilman Dettmers received. It could have been a timing issue.

Director of Public Services Micheal Velloff asked if it got sent electronically or by mail.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he does not know.

Director Velloff stated that it is supposed to be sent electronically because hard copies slow the process down.

Councilman Dettmers stated that he thinks it was sent electronically.

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The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2078: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR THE OPEN SPACE LANDS ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT (OSLAD) GRANT:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing the City to apply for the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2079: RESOLUTION DECLARING THE STRUCTURE(S) LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-2-08-22-18-302-003, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 543 TIPTON AVENUE, 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 19-2-08-22-18-302-003, commonly known as 543 Tipton Avenue, 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 Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2080: RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL LETTING FOR EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution rejecting bids for notice of municipal letting for emergency and maintenance plumbing and electrical services for City facilities, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers asked for a short explanation.

Director of Public Services Micheal Velloff explained that the City only received one bid for the electrical and plumbing, so there was not a good comparison to look at to evaluate the bids.

City Manager Steve Palen added that there were zero bids received for pest control.

Councilman Tweedy asked how many bids the City is looking to receive.

Director Velloff replied that it would be nice to get three bids but at least two would suffice.

Councilman Dettmers asked if Director Velloff had reached out to any companies to let them know that the bidding process was open.

Director Velloff stated that he notified companies for the HVAC, but he missed out on notifying other electrical and plumbing companies.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City has a list of vendors for each of the bids, and the City will make contact to make sure they know the bidding process is open again.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS FOR EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR CITY FACILITIES:

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

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BIG CITY ASPHALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,578.25 FOR SEALING OF CITY OWNED PARKING LOTS:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a recommendation to accept the bid from Big City Asphalt in the amount of \$41,578.25 for sealing of City owned parking lots, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE HVAC REPAIRS FOR CITY FACILITIES FROM BICKLE ELECTRIC HEATING & COOLING CONTRACTING CO.:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a recommendation to accept the bid for emergency and maintenance HVAC repairs for City facilities from Bickle Electric Heating & Cooling Contracting Co., 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)

APPROVED: RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR EMERGENCY AND MAINTENANCE GENERATOR REPAIRS FOR CITY FACILITIES FROM MIKE'S INC.:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a recommendation to accept the bid for emergency and maintenance generator repairs for City facilities from Mike's Inc., 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)

APPROVED: REQUEST FROM THE GREATER MADISON COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, AFL-CIO TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR THEIR ANNUAL LABOR DAY SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT BEING HELD AT EMERICK SPORTS COMPLEX ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024, AND SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a request from the Greater Madison County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO to waive the fee for their Annual Labor Day Softball Tournament being held at Emerick Sports Complex on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, and Saturday, August 24, 2024, as submitted by the Director of Parks & Recreation, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: CHANGING THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2024, DUE TO THE LABOR DAY HOLIDAY:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve changing the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting to Tuesday, September 3, 2024, due to the Labor Day Holiday, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

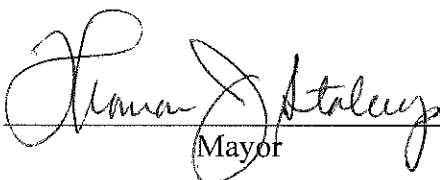
AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk