

May 5, 2025

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025. The Clerk called the roll and reported that the following members were:

PRESENT: David Ayres
Jeremy Plank
Scott Tweedy
Tom Stalcup

ABSENT: Bill Dettmers

and that a quorum was present and in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 2025, as printed, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve the bills submitted for payment for the period April 17, 2025, to April 30, 2025, as printed, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT: (Sine Die) Mayor Tom Stalcup and Councilmembers Jeremy Plank and Scott Tweedy stepped down to conclude their term of office.

OATH OF OFFICE: City Clerk Danielle Sneed administered the oath of office to Mayor Tom Stalcup and re-elected Councilmembers Jeremy Plank and Scott Tweedy.

The Clerk called the roll and reported that the following members were:

PRESENT: David Ayres
Jeremy Plank
Scott Tweedy
Tom Stalcup

ABSENT: Bill Dettmers

and that a quorum was present and in attendance.

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Mayor Stalcup announced that the Dedication of the new Police Memorial and the ribbon cutting for the new walking path around the Wood River Police Department will take place on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

Mayor Stalcup also announced that on Monday, May 26, 2025, the Memorial Day Ceremony will take place at Central Park at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Stalcup thanked the volunteers who helped with the City-wide clean up that took place on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Approximately fifty volunteers helped pick up 54 bags of trash. He also thanked Kristen Burns for organizing the event.

Kristen Burns announced that the Summer Kickoff Event will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Downtown Wood River.

Councilman Plank offered reflections on his previous four years on the Council. He shared the following:

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"I just wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past four years. A lot of good things have happened. From an accounting perspective, the City has made significant changes, including updates to the purchasing and change order policies."

Councilman Plank noted that when he was first elected, the City only had the agenda posted on the doors of City Hall. Now, the City has greatly improved public access and transparency by having the agendas, minutes, packets, and a City calendar available online. The City has also implemented live streaming of the City Council Meetings so everyone can view them, which is a major improvement. The City is doing things very differently now, and he believes the City is in a great position for continued progress.

"I am especially looking forward to upcoming economic development opportunities. I think the City is set up for a period of growth that it has not seen in a very long time."

Councilman Tweedy highlighted the progress and success of the community's new Recreation Center:

"I think it would be remiss not to mention the Recreation Center, its construction and the progress it has seen. It has completed the first full year of operation, and it actually broke even and even made a little money. That is a great accomplishment. I am really looking forward to what the next four years will bring."

City Manager Steve Palen stated that the City received the finalized EAV number and it was \$185,000,000 up from \$173,000,000, which made the City's tax rate the lowest it has been in about 40 years at 1.1227 percent. He believes this is something that City Council, Department Heads, and City Staff should be proud of.

Councilman Plank commented that the tax rate is the lowest it has been in 40 years. He believes that the City can use that to sell the City over other cities in the area, which further supports his earlier statement of the City being well positioned.

Mayor Stalcup commended and thanked City Manager Steve Palen and Department Heads for doing an excellent job of keeping the costs down and keeping the City up to date with technology.

Mayor Stalcup noted that Councilman Dettmers was not in attendance due to a family obligation.

ORDINANCE NO. 2943: AMENDING THE LABORER'S LOCAL UNION NO. 338
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT TO ADD ADDENDUM #1:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance amending the Laborer's Local Union No. 338 Collective Bargaining Agreement to add Addendum #1, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2944: AUTHORIZING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WOOD
RIVER PROPERTIES LLC, FOR TIF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AT 7 N. WOOD RIVER
AVENUE, WOOD RIVER, ILLINOIS 62095:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement with Wood River Properties LLC, for TIF Financial Assistance at 7 N. Wood River Avenue, Wood River, Illinois 62095, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2945: DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WOOD
RIVER SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE, TRADE-IN, AND/OR DISPOSAL
SPECIFICALLY TWO USED BACKHOES:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance declaring personal property of the City of Wood River surplus and authorizing its sale, trade-in, and/or disposal specifically two used backhoes, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2125: WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LUBY EQUIPMENT SERVICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution waiving competitive bidding requirements and approving and authorizing the execution of an agreement with Luby Equipment Services for the purchase of a backhoe, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2946: AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PARCEL NUMBERS 19-2-08-25-00-000-011 AND 19-2-08-25-00-000-012, AS A GIFT, FROM B2 MANAGEMENT LLC, FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO ERADICATE BLIGHT, AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of Parcel Numbers 19-2-08-25-00-000-011 and 19-2-08-25-00-000-012, as a gift, from B2 Management LLC, for the public purposes of possible economic development, to eradicate blight, and other public purposes, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM METRO AG IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75.00 PER DRY TON FOR YEAR 1 AND \$75.00 PER DRY TON FOR YEAR 2-5 FOR LIME SLUDGE REMOVAL AT THE WATER PLANT:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a recommendation to accept the bid from Metro AG in the amount of \$75.00 per dry ton for year 1 and \$75.00 per dry ton for year 2-5 for lime sludge removal at the water plant, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM KAMEX, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$414,610.00 FOR THE EDWARDSVILLE ROAD WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a recommendation to accept the bid from Kamex, Inc. in the amount of \$414,610.00 for the Edwardsville Road Water Main Improvement Project, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS FOR LANDSCAPING AT THE RECREATION CENTER:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request to seek bids for landscaping at the Recreation Center, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – REQUEST TO SEEK BIDS FOR SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE AT THE WATER PLANT:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a request to seek bids for sodium hypochlorite at the water plant, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

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APPROVED – REQUEST FROM THE WOOD RIVER BUSINESS ALLIANCE TO CLOSE THE INTERSECTION OF WOOD RIVER AVENUE AND FERGUSON AVENUE AND FERGUSON AVENUE BETWEEN WOOD RIVER AVENUE AND WHITE LAKE AVENUE ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025, FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER KICKOFF FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request from the Wood River Business Alliance to close the intersection of Wood River Avenue and Ferguson Avenue and Ferguson Avenue between Wood River Avenue and Whitelaw Avenue on Saturday, May 17, 2025, for the Annual Summer Kickoff from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2947: DECLARING REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS SALE PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 AND 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2, SPECIFICALLY THE WOOD RIVER BUSINESS PARK, F/K/A ENVIROTECH BUSINESS PARK:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance declaring real property of the City of Wood River surplus and authorizing its sale pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-1 and 65 ILCS 5/11-76-2, specifically the Wood River Business Park, f/k/a Envirotech Business Park, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED – AUTHORIZING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER, SPECIFICALLY THE WOOD RIVER BUSINESS PARK, F/K/A ENVIROTECH BUSINESS PARK:

Councilman Plank moved to approve requests for proposals for real property of the City of Wood River, specifically the Wood River Business Park, f/k/a Envirotech Business Park, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

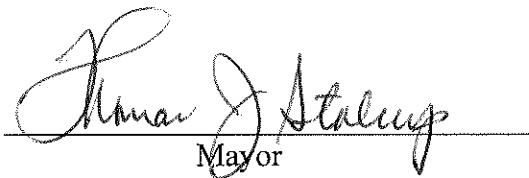
AYES: Ayres, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (4)

NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.


Mayor


City Clerk