

PUBLIC HEARING
MS4 PERMIT

Mayor Tom Stalcup called a Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 N. Wood River Avenue, with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to receive citizen comments on the City's MS4 Permit.

Director of Public Services Michael Velloff explained that the City of Wood River is part of the Madison County Co-Permitting Group, which consists of 45 municipalities and townships working together to meet EPA requirements for stormwater management. The MS4 program involves pollution control, public education, and infrastructure improvements to maintain compliance with the Clean Water Act. This Public Hearing is part of the report.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

AGENDA

A regular meeting of the Wood River City Council was called to order by Mayor Tom Stalcup at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2026. 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 February 17, 2026, 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 February 12, 2026, to February 25, 2026, as printed, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Rogers stated that the previous meeting had also been held in two parts, with the first portion addressing ADA-related matters. He said he has attended multiple ADA discussions but has never heard a clear answer regarding how the City addresses concerns involving disabled and elderly residents, and he emphasized that the answer to that question is very important. Mr. Rogers stated that others have reported similar experiences and that he believed the issues were not isolated incidents. Mr. Rogers alleged that the City had improperly prosecuted disabled individuals related to service animals and that incorrect statements had been made regarding requirements for service dogs, including claims that they must be professionally trained, state-certified, or wear special identification. He provided handout materials to the Council on the subject. He further alleged that City personnel had attempted to confiscate service animals and that the concerns extended beyond service-animal matters. Mr. Rogers described several incidents involving his family, including situations in which he alleged City personnel entered his parents' home, removed an elderly family member, and attempted to place her in a nursing home against the family's wishes. He claimed these actions involved intimidation and were carried out despite the existence of a power of attorney. He also alleged that multiple officers were involved in these incidents and that threats of arrest were made. Mr. Rogers further stated that on another occasion he was followed by the police taking a family member to a medical appointment and was blocked in his driveway, which he described as unlawful detention. Mr. Rogers also alleged that his disabled sister had been subjected

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to inappropriate conduct by City employees and that an incident occurred in which her service dog was injured and later died, which he described as animal abuse. He stated that individuals involved in these incidents remained employed by the City and have received promotions and/or awards. Mr. Rogers stated that when residents speak out, he believes attempts are made to silence or discredit them rather than address their concerns. He further stated that he had previously been told to contact state or federal authorities and suggested that an investigation by outside agencies would not reflect well on the City. He warned residents to be cautious, stating that he believes similar situations could happen to others, and concluded by stating that he believes other residents have experienced similar problems.

Police Chief Brad Wells responded to Mr. Rogers' comments, stating that he hears similar complaints from Mr. Rogers at nearly every meeting. Chief Wells said that he had previously advised Mr. Rogers to contact the FBI and reiterated that he welcomes any outside agency to review the actions of the Wood River Police Department. Chief Wells stated that he is not aware of any actions taken by the department toward Mr. Rogers or his family that would cause concern and said he would welcome any investigation into the department's conduct.

Prior to the start of the meeting, City Manager Steve Palen presented a rendering of the proposed City Center project for Council review. City Manager Steve Palen explained that the design shown is the current concept for the City Center to be located on the former Brown Tire site at 101 E. Ferguson. He described the plan as including a stage with adjacent restroom facilities, a pavilion, an open area that could be grass or turf, trees, and seating areas. He further stated that the City is looking to place a clock tower styled as an oil derrick to serve as a signature feature for the site, and that the sidewalks running through the center are designed to represent the coming together of the rivers. City Manager Steve Palen stated that funds have been budgeted for the project this year and that the estimated lead time for the stage and pavilion is approximately 12 to 16 weeks. He said he would like to place the order as soon as possible and noted that although Council was seeing the rendering for the first time, members could take a few days to review it and provide any questions or comments. City Manager Steve Palen added that it is his intention to proceed with purchasing the items through Sourcewell.

Councilman Plank asked whether funding for the City Center project was included in the current fiscal year budget and the amount.

City Manager Steve Palen replied in the affirmative and stated approximately \$300,000.00.

It was confirmed that the expenses for the pavilion and band stand are well within that dollar amount.

OATH OF OFFICE: City Clerk Danielle Sneed administered the oath of office to Probationary Police Officer Joel Woodruff.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-5: AMENDING 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 6, AMENDING SECTION 6-5.4 SURFACING:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve an ordinance amending 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 6, amending Section 6-5.4 Surfacing, as recommended by the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Dettmers commented that this ordinance is intended to eliminate certain off-street parking and require a driveway or patio rather than parking on sidewalks and in yards. He added that he believes this is the purpose of Item No. 7 on the agenda as well.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-6: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE, CHAPTER 71: PARKING REGULATIONS ADDING SECTION 71.29 PROHIBITING THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON NON-IMPROVED SURFACES:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title VII: Traffic Code, Chapter 71: Parking Regulations adding Section 71.29 Prohibiting the Parking of Motor Vehicles on Non-Improved Surfaces, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-7: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 95: PARKS AND RECREATION, AMENDING SECTION 95.16 BELK PARK GOLF COURSE:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title IX: General Regulations, Chapter 95: Parks and Recreation, amending Section 95.16 Belk Park Golf Course, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Plank asked Director of Parks and Recreation Pat Minogue for a brief explanation of the proposed changes to the golf course rates.

Director Minogue stated that he and the Golf Course Manager reviewed the rates and that most of the revisions are not significant increases but rather updates to make the ordinance consistent with the fees that have already been charged in practice over the years. He noted that some weekday and weekend green fees will increase by one dollar, while other listed changes reflect no actual increase because the course has already been charging the updated amounts. He also explained that several offseason rates in the ordinance were higher than what has been charged, and the revisions simply align the ordinance with the current pricing. Director Minogue further stated that the season pass language was revised to clarify that pass holders are not charged additional daily fees, which is how the course has been operating. He reported that the twilight rate will increase from \$30.00 to \$35.00, and the senior rate with a cart will increase from \$29.00 to \$30.00. He also noted that the previous ordinance required a cart on weekends, but that requirement has been removed to allow walking, based on the recommendation of the Golf Course Manager. In addition, the driving range language was updated to remove references to tokens and reflect the current practice of charging a flat fee for a bag of golf balls. Director Minogue stated that overall, the changes are intended to better reflect current operations and simplify the ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding how long the golf course rates have been in effect at the proposed rate versus the previous rate. It was stated that some rates may have increased by one or two dollars a couple years ago when the fees were first codified, and that adjustments at that time were not applied consistently to all categories. It was further noted that the new golf course management had not previously reviewed the ordinance and recently discovered that some of the listed rates did not match the fees being charged. The revisions were described as an effort to bring the ordinance into alignment with current practices.

Councilman Tweedy asked whether patrons are able to reserve tee times directly through the golf course's website.

Director Minogue replied in the affirmative but stated that if patrons are having difficulty with the website to always call the golf course. He noted that one thing he would like to see at the golf course is more opportunities for open play and that is the goal for the weekends this season.

Prior to explaining the proposed changes to the golf course rates, City Manager Steve Palen asked Director Minogue to also explain the next item on the agenda which is the proposed rate changes for the Recreation Center.

Director Minogue explained that the proposed changes to the Recreation Center rates are minimal. He stated that monthly membership rates will increase by \$1.00 across all categories. For example, the youth resident monthly membership would increase from \$15.00 to \$16.00, the non-resident in-district rate would increase from \$20.00 to \$21.00, and the non-resident out-of-district rate would increase from \$25.00 to \$26.00. He noted that yearly memberships will remain unchanged, making them a better value for members. Additionally, Director Minogue explained that some facility rental rates, including the multipurpose room with kitchenette, gymnastics area, gymnasium, and batting

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cages, will also see modest increases.

Director Minogue noted that the Recreation Center increases will not take effect until May 1, 2026, but the golf course rate changes will take effect immediately.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-8: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 95: PARKS AND RECREATION, AMENDING SECTION 95.15 WOOD RIVER RECREATION CENTER:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title IX: General Regulations, Chapter 95: Parks and Recreation, amending Section 95.15 Wood River Recreation Center, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-9: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 112: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 112.25 LIMIT ON NUMBER OF LICENSES:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, Chapter 112: Alcoholic Beverages, Section 112.25 Limit on Number of Licenses, seconded by Councilman Ayres

It was confirmed that this ordinance is to reduce the number of licenses in the respective Districts.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 26-10: AMENDING CITY CODE 90-7, TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, AMENDING CHAPTER 114:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance amending City Code 90-7, Title XI: Business Regulations, amending Chapter 114, seconded by Councilman Tweedy

Councilman Dettmers recalled a time when vending machines could be used to sell cigarettes and expressed curiosity about whether similar provisions in the proposed ordinance might eventually apply to the sale of marijuana through vending machines as well.

City Attorney Mike McGinley responded that the current ordinance does not specifically address the sale of marijuana via vending machines. He explained that the proposed ordinance is intended to address the matters currently before the Council. However, he added that, based on the precedent established by the proposed ordinance, the City would have the authority to prohibit such sales in the future if the need arose.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

ORDINANCE NO. 2992: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND WR FARM INVESTMENTS LLC FOR USE OF COMPOST FACILITY:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Wood River and WR Farm Investments LLC for use of compost facility, seconded by Councilman Dettmers

City Manager Steve Palen explained that the City's compost facility is in the Envirotech Business Park; however, eventually the City will need to move the compost due to the City selling the property to WR Farm Investments LLC. This agreement allows the City enough time to prepare to move the compost to a different location in the City. Discussion ensued regarding the timeline for

the move and City Manager Steve Palen explained that the agreement is for one year with most of the time constraints being IEPA permitting a new compost location.

The ordinance was approved by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2165: AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2026 PARK COMMISSION PEP GRANT FUNDS FROM MADISON COUNTY FOR \$117,385.00:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution authorizing an application for the 2026 Park Commission PEP Grant Funds from Madison County for \$117,385.00, 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)

RESOLUTION NO. 2166: AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL BENEFIT COOPERATIVE (IPBC):

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a resolution authorizing the termination of participation in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC), seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Dettmers asked for an explanation of the proposed resolution.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that IPBC is the City's current health insurance provider and their proposed rate for next year is a 21 percent increase, so Director of Finance Karen Weber and Human Resource/Payroll Specialist Kayla Hosford have been instructed to start negotiating with other providers.

It was confirmed that the City is covered until July 1, 2026, through IPBC; however, the City must submit the termination of participation to IPBC for other providers to be able to give the City quotes. The City can revoke the termination if a lower rate is not negotiated.

The resolution was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: ACCEPTANCE OF A PERMANENT ACCESS AND UTILITY EASEMENT:

Councilman Dettmers moved to accept a Permanent Access and Utility Easement from WR Farm Investments LLC for Parcel ID 19-1-08-28-00-000-001, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

RECEIPT OF BUDGET:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve receipt of the City Manager's Proposed Budget for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year, seconded by Councilman Ayres

Councilman Dettmers commented that he noticed the General Fund is anticipating an increase in expenditures that would exceed revenues by over one million dollars. He noted that he will review the budget in detail, and he anticipates more questions at that time.

The receipt was approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM BROTCHE WELL & PUMP:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a request to accept the bid from Brotcke Well & Pump in the amount of \$33,142.00 for the cleaning of Well No. 7, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

SOLICIT – EAWR HIGH SCHOOL – FOOTBALL – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from EAWR High School – Football to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

SOLICIT – WOOD RIVER PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2371:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a request from Wood River Professional Firefighters Local 2371 to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue and Penning Avenue on Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

SOLICIT – EAWR HIGH SCHOOL – STUDENT COUNCIL – APPROVED:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a request from EAWR High School – Student Council to solicit at the intersection of Wood River Avenue & Penning Avenue on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in accordance with City Policy, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

DENIED: APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY AND CREATING A PARTIAL ALLEY:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve an ordinance vacating a portion of an alley and creating a partial alley, as recommended by the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers addressed the proposed ordinance regarding vacating alleys, noting that it pertains to 65 ILCS 5/11-91. He stated that he reviewed the statute and wanted to clarify that it requires a three-fourths vote for approval. It was confirmed that the proper procedure per 65 ILCS 5/11-91 would be followed.

City Manager Steve Palen distributed a preliminary design for Heaterz Chicken to the Council and provided an overview of the proposed development, which is estimated at approximately one million dollars. He noted that the developer has successfully completed two other downtown projects and operates a thriving chicken business. City Manager Steve Palen explained that the developer requested the vacation and reconfiguration of the alley primarily for safety reasons, allowing safe movement between the main restaurant and a separate building that will store food trucks and related materials. He added that the alley is lightly used and that vacating it would reduce City maintenance responsibilities. Based on these factors, City Manager Steve Palen recommended approval of the request and asked if the Council had any questions.

City Manager Steve Palen recommended approval of the alley vacation, stating that he had reviewed concerns and questions regarding whether the action met the legal requirement of serving the public interest. He explained that, under applicable law, economic development is the primary factor in determining public interest, including facilitating new commercial or industrial projects, increasing the tax base, creating jobs, and supporting redevelopment of underutilized or blighted areas. He stated that the proposed alley vacation met these criteria as well as several additional requirements. He also addressed concerns related to stormwater drainage, noting that according to the site drawings, stormwater would flow toward the southwest corner of the property into a small detention pond before entering the storm sewer system.

Councilman Plank asked City Manager Steve Palen to address some of the concerns that were brought up at the Plan Commission Public Hearing.

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City Manager Steve Palen addressed concerns regarding the reduction in width from 20 feet to 15 feet at the alleyway turn. He explained that the site plan shows the darker shaded areas as asphalt and the lighter, dotted areas as concrete, all of which will be paved. He stated that vehicles traveling through the alleyway from Fourth Street toward Third Street and making a right turn would remain on paved surfaces, and that no curbs or barriers would restrict the turn. He noted that even if the turn is made wider than normal, there will be sufficient paved area to allow vehicles to complete the turn without difficulty.

Councilman Dettmers asked for clarification regarding the location of the project, confirming that the building to be renovated was the older structure shown on the plans, that the proposed reconfigured alleyway was located near Ferguson Avenue, and that the nearby landmark referenced was the library. He stated that he had visited the site the previous day to look at the area and observed what appeared to be a water spigot, approximately four feet tall, protruding from the ground. He asked whether the object he saw was located near the corner adjacent to the portion of the alleyway proposed for reconfiguration.

City Manager Steve Palen replied that he did not believe the object was located that far out, but stated he was not certain of its exact position. He noted that the item referenced had not been identified in the survey drawings and he does not believe it is that close to the proposed reconfiguration of the alleyway.

Councilman Dettmers inquired about details discussed during the public hearing, stating that he had read the meeting minutes but found some of the comments unclear. He asked for clarification regarding the proposed development, specifically confirming that a new restaurant was planned for the corner of Third Street and Madison Avenue, and stated that he assumed the parking area for the restaurant would be in the front of the building.

City Manager Steve Palen replied that the site plan shows striped parking located along the west side of the building, with parking areas running along both sides of the proposed new building as well as along the existing building.

Councilman Dettmers asked what was down by Madison Avenue on the proposed plans.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that it is where the drive through will be located.

Councilman Dettmers asked for clarification regarding the current and proposed traffic pattern for trash truck access to the site. He inquired whether the trucks currently enter from the east and travel west, or if that direction of travel was part of the proposed change.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that he believes the trucks presently enter from the Fourth Street side, noting that the dumpsters appear to be oriented in that direction.

Councilman Dettmers stated that while reviewing the meeting minutes he became confused about the description of the trash truck route and asked for clarification. He referenced a comment indicating that the driver would pick up the trash, back up, turn left, and exit onto Ferguson Avenue, and he questioned whether the maneuver involved backing up onto Fourth Street.

City Manager Steve Palen responded that the trash truck driver would have two possible options for exiting the site. He stated that the driver could either back out all the way to Fourth Street or make the turn into the proposed new alleyway that will run between the library property and the Langin building property.

Councilman Dettmers inquired about comments in the minutes indicating that the proposed layout is considered safer, stating that he was puzzled by that conclusion. He remarked that a truck backing up onto Fourth Street did not seem safe to him, and he questioned whether making a right turn into the alleyway and a right turn onto Ferguson Avenue would be safer than turning left. He added that the maneuver did not appear as safe as exiting the alleyway at the stop sign.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that all alleys, for the most part, in the City, come out mid-block so there are no stop signs.

Councilman Dettmers stated that while the exit points on Third and Fourth Streets are not heavily trafficked, Ferguson Avenue experiences higher traffic volumes than Third and Fourth Street.

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City Manager Steve Palen stated that the safety comment regarding the traffic pattern was likely made because there will be employees of the restaurant walking between the new building and the existing building.

Discussion ensued regarding truck movements and pedestrian safety, with clarification that trucks would not be backing out onto Ferguson Avenue. Councilman Dettmers noted that he had initially thought trucks would be entering from the east via Fourth Street and backing out onto Fourth Street, which concerned him. He explained that his concern was related to trucks backing out instead of proceeding straight onto Third Street, which would no longer be possible, requiring them instead to make a right turn and then either a left or right onto Ferguson Avenue.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that for many years, trash pickup in the City was conducted in alleyways, which are often narrow, and that trash trucks have historically been able to maneuver without issue with 15 feet to 15-foot right-of-ways on turns. He noted that the current alleyway configuration is an improvement, as it transitions from 20 feet to 15 feet, then slightly wider before narrowing again, providing a better setup than the previous alleyways, and emphasized that trash trucks have successfully navigated similar conditions throughout the City for many years.

Councilman Dettmers stated that there had been a comment regarding Dr. Dirkers' business, noting that previously patients had been able to enter from Fourth Street, go behind the building, and access the backside parking lot easily, even with larger vehicles. He explained that with the new configuration, that access would no longer be available. He added that under the proposed changes, drivers would exit onto Fourth Street and then turn left or right depending on their direction. The recommendation mentioned was that, since the drivers hold commercial licenses, they should be able to back off of Fourth Street into the parking lot.

City Manager Steve Palen explained that the drivers would pull into the parking lot and then back out to leave the parking lot. He further explained that the entrance off Fourth Street is coterminous with the alleyway and the opening is approximately 35 feet wide. Therefore, the trucks can pull in frontwards, and then they will back out to leave.

Councilman Dettmers stated that the drivers would be pulling in heading west, and then they would have to back out on the Fourth Street, which in his opinion, seems less safe.

City Manager Steve Palen stated that Fourth Street is for the most part lightly traveled, and it would be drivers with Commercial Driver's Licenses so they should be able to make the maneuver.

The ordinance vacating a portion of an alley and creating a partial alley was denied by the following vote:

AYES: Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (3)

NAYS: Ayres, Dettmers (2)

APPROVED: SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (IEPA) STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE STATE STREET SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026, AT 7:00 P.M. BEFORE THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve setting a Public Hearing on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) State Revolving Fund Loan Program for the State Street Sewer Separation Project for Monday, March 16, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. before the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

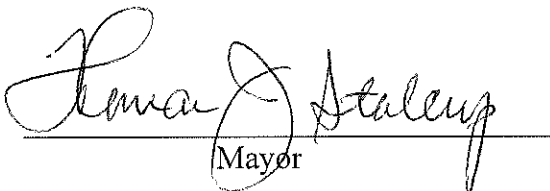
AYES: Ayres, Dettmers, Plank, Tweedy, Stalcup (5)

NAYS: None (0)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk