

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, May 4, 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 Dettmers moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2026, 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 April 16, 2026, to April 29, 2026, as printed, seconded by Councilman Plank, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

CITIZEN/OFFICIAL COMMENTS:

Bill Rogers spoke regarding Item 9 on the agenda and stated that, based on testimony presented, he believed the situation was another example of the City issuing an ordinance violation without first fully ascertaining the facts. He acknowledged that the residents had three dogs but stated testimony indicated the third dog had been abandoned with them. Mr. Rogers commented that the residents appeared to have made efforts to address the situation and noted that complaints regarding barking had reportedly improved. He further stated that the Plan Commission forwarded a favorable recommendation and encouraged the Council to approve the request, adding that he did not believe the matter represented a willful disregard of the ordinance.

Mayor Stalcup read Letters of Commendation addressed to Officer Katherine Castelli and Sergeant Evan Ford from Police Chief Brad Wells.

Mayor Stalcup announced the Appearance Award winners for the month of May. Congratulations to the residents of 803 E. Ferguson and to the owners of Riverbend Resale located at 41 E. Ferguson.

Mayor Stalcup announced that the City continues to plan for the IL250 4th of July Celebration that will take place on Friday, July 3, 2026, at Belk Park from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Celebration will include live music, food trucks, multiple vendors, and a drone show beginning at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Stalcup thanked all who participated in the City wide cleanup and shred day that was held on Saturday, April 25, 2026. He gave a special thank you to Senator Erica Harriss and State Representative Amy Elik for their support and sponsorship.

Mayor Stalcup congratulated the new businesses in town including The Fruit Stand, Charlie's Drive-In, and GoGo-May's 6th Street Diner.

Mayor Stalcup extended congratulations to Mike Roper of Downtown West End and Courtyard on their 1-year anniversary.

Mayor Stalcup announced that the National Day of Prayer Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wood River Roundhouse.

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Mayor Stalcup announced that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 25, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. at Central Park.

Mayor Stalcup congratulated the Wood River Business Alliance on receiving their National Accreditation Status, which will bring more resources to the Business Alliance and small businesses, more funding opportunities, and a larger spotlight on the revitalization of Downtown Wood River.

City Manager Steve Palen informed the Council that, due to the success of the downtown TIF district and the perceived need for additional development incentives on the east side of the City, staff would begin preliminary work to explore the creation of an east side TIF district. He noted that no action was requested at this time and stated that any future expenditures or formal steps related to the new TIF district would be brought before the Council for approval.

Mayor Stalcup announced that Item 9 will be pulled from the agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 2999: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR FARMLAND WITH TYLER SCHMITT FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL ID 19-1-08-22-12-201-001 AND PARCEL ID 19-1-08-23-00-000-001:

Councilman Plank moved to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Lease Agreement for farmland with Tyler Schmitt for City owned property located at Parcel ID 19-1-08-22-12-201-001 and Parcel ID 19-1-08-23-00-000-001, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2179: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD:

Councilman Ayres moved to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Wood River and Madison County Emergency Telephone System Board, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2180: EXECUTING A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND HEATERZ LLC FOR MARKETING IN SUPPORT OF THE WOOD RIVER RECREATION CENTER:

Councilman Tweedy moved to approve a resolution executing a Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Wood River and Heaterz LLC for marketing in support of the Wood River Recreation Center, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

RESOLUTION NO. 2181: EXECUTING A SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOOD RIVER AND THE BRIDGE SPORTSPLEX LLC FOR MARKETING IN SUPPORT OF THE WOOD RIVER RECREATION CENTER:

Councilman Dettmers moved to approve a resolution executing a Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Wood River and The Bridge Sportsplex LLC for marketing in support of the Wood River Recreation Center, as submitted by the Director of Parks and Recreation, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

APPROVED: REQUEST TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM CHRIST BROTHERS ASPHALT, INC.:

Councilman Plank moved to approve a request to accept the bid from Christ Brothers Asphalt, Inc., in the amount of \$1,584,636.12 for the Wood River Avenue Phase 1 and Phase 2 Project, as submitted by the Director of Public Services, seconded by Councilman Tweedy, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: RE-APPOINT KAREN WEBER AS CITY TREASURER:
Councilman Plank moved for approval to re-appoint Karen Weber as City Treasurer, seconded by Councilman Ayres, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPROVED: RE-APPOINT DANIELLE SNEED AS CITY CLERK
Councilman Tweedy moved for approval to re-appoint Danielle Sneed as City Clerk, seconded by Councilman Dettmers, and approved by the following vote:

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

APPOINTMENTS BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:
Councilman Dettmers moved to approve the recommendations from Mayor Stalcup to appoint the following individuals to the various Boards and Commissions, seconded by Councilman Plank

Councilman Dettmers requested clarification regarding the appointment of non-residents to certain committees and asked staff to identify which committees do not have a residency requirement.

It was confirmed that the Boards and Commissions that do not require residency include the Fire and Police Pension Boards, the Fire and Police Commission and the Vaughn Hill Cemetery Commission.

<u>TRAFFIC COMMISSION (3 years)</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Victor Hill, 1225 N. 9 th Street	New appointment	May 2027
Brad Whetzel, 788 Berry Road	Re-appointment	May 2028
Terri Yerkes, 904 Cedar	Re-appointment	May 2028
Chairman: Joe Freeman, 1205 N. 9 th Street	Re-appointment	May 2028
Jonna Palmer, 1705 Miland	Re-appointment	May 2029
Mark St. Peters, 774 N. Wood River Ave.	Re-appointment	May 2029
Kenny Beachum, 251 Edwards	New appointment	May 2029
Ex-Officio: Councilman Bill Dettmers		

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION (5 years)</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Marilyn Maul, 79 Heatherway	Re-appointment	May 2030
Mary Cox, 222 S. 9 th	Re-appointment	May 2030
Chairman: Jesse Daniels, 420 N. 6 th	Re-appointment	May 2030
Sandy Shaner, 110 Hickory	Re-appointment	May 2031
Ex-Officio: Councilman Bill Dettmers		

<u>BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (5 years)</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Shelly Fitzgerald, 270 10 th	Re-appointment	May 2030
Steve Scroggins, 532 E. Edwardsville Rd.	Re-appointment	May 2031
Chairman: John Smith		
Ex-Officio: Councilman Jeremy Plank		

<u>FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION (3 years)</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Steve Alexander, 646 Mildred	Re-appointment	May 2029
Chairman: Adam Tassinari		
Ex-Officio: Mayor Tom Stalcup		

<u>PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION (5 YEARS)</u>		<u>Term Expires</u>
Mike Beachum, 500 Summit	New appointment	May 2030
Jenny Johnson, 418 E. Jennings	Re-appointment	May 2031
Bob Patterson, 1270 Cedar	Re-appointment	May 2031
Chairman: Robert Kasten		
Ex-Officio: Councilman Scott Tweedy		

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LIBRARY BOARD (3 years)

Jeremy Plank, 749 Condit

Re-appointment

Term Expires

May 2029

President: Steve Scroggins, 532 E. Edw. Rd.

Re-appointment

May 2029

Mike Anderson, 217 Shawnee

Re-appointment

May 2029

Ex-Officio: Councilman David Ayres

POLICE PENSION BOARD (2 years)William Webber, 904 N. 6th Street

Re-appointment

Term Expires

May 2028

FIRE PENSION BOARD (3 years)

None

AIRPORT AUTHORITY (5 years)

None

APPEARANCE BOARD (3 years)

Nancy Dona, 2 Berry Lane

Re-appointment

Term Expires

May 2028

Jeni Timmins, 459 N. 6th

Re-appointment

May 2028

Dan Dona, 2 Berry Lane

Re-appointment

May 2028

Karen Carroll, 604 Tipton

New appointment

May 2028

Chairman: Valerie Freeman

Ex-Officio: Councilman Jeremy Plank

VAUGHN HILL CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 years)

Gary Conrad, 331 W. Rosedale, EA

Re-appointment

Term Expires

May 2028

Robert LaMarsh, 108 Illini Lane

Re-appointment

May 2028

Jan Sneed, 174 Gabriel Cir, Bethalto

Re-appointment

May 2028

Dianna Blasa, 1018 Poplar

Re-appointment

May 2029

Gene Blasa, 1018 Poplar

Re-appointment

May 2029

Ex-Officio: Councilman David Ayres

The recommendation was approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

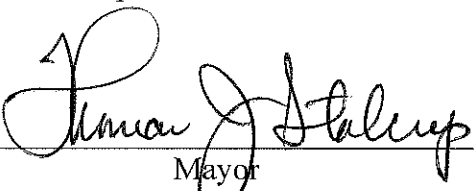
OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Plank asked if Kristen Burns could expand on the National Accreditation Status that was recently received by the Wood River Business Alliance.

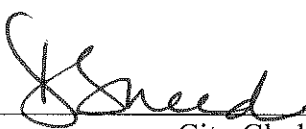
Kristen Burns reported that, while attending the National Main Street Conference in Tulsa, the organization was informed that it had received national accreditation. She noted that the accreditation is typically achieved within five years, but the organization attained it in three years. Ms. Burns stated that the accreditation would provide access to additional funding opportunities, expanded resources for small businesses and the Business Alliance, and increased national recognition. She further stated that, once the new office is completed, plans are underway to host a celebration with representatives from Main Street Illinois and Main Street National to showcase the new office, accreditation, and ongoing developments. Ms. Burns thanked the City for its continued support.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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



James J. Stalcup
Mayor



Jan Sneed
City Clerk