

MINUTES
WOODSTOCK CITY COUNCIL
February 18, 2014
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Woodstock City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Brian Sager on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in Council Chambers at City Hall. He explained the consent calendar process and invited public participation.

A roll call was taken.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Maureen Larson, Mayor Brian Sager, Mark Saladin, Joseph Starzynski, RB Thompson

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Turner, Julie Dillon

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Roscoe Stelford, City Attorney Ruth Schlossberg, Finance Director Paul Christensen, Economic Development Director Cort Carlson, Opera House Director John Scharres, Human Resources Coordinator Terry Willcockson, Director of Public Works Paul Ruscko, Library Director Nick Weber, Chief of Police Robert Lowen, Deputy City Clerk Cindy Smiley, Planning and Zoning Administrator Jim Kastner

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Dianne Mitchell

A. FLOOR DISCUSSION:

1.) Proclamation Recognizing Music in the Schools Month

Mayor Sager recognized the Woodstock students and Paul Rausch who were in attendance. He stated that one of the true blessings of the community is the strong music program at the high schools. He stated that P. Rausch has been a faculty member, a mentor, a teacher and a caring, contributing individual within the community for many years and noted that he has done an exceptional job in his promotion of the import of education and music as form of art within the culture of the community.

P. Rausch introduced the male a cappella group Standing Room Only and the female a cappella group Premium Blend. He introduced Chris Rausch who is the Assistant Choral Director at Woodstock High School where he directs the after school a cappella groups and noted that he is also the Kindergarten music teacher at Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center. Premium Blend performed and then Standing Room Only performed.

Mayor Sager stated that they have a tremendous amount of appreciation of the students' dedication and hard work that went into their performance. He stated that their hard work extends to their music and equally to their studies, sports and community service efforts. He asked everyone to join him in recognizing their incredible accomplishments. Mayor Sager presented the proclamation recognizing the month of March as Music in the Schools Month.

Kathy Finke stated that she is a Music Booster and has a daughter at Woodstock High School. She expressed her gratitude for all of the support from the community and for their wonderful musical directors. P. Rausch thanked the City of Woodstock for the recognition and encouraged everyone to come to the schools to enjoy the music programs that they have to offer.

RB Thompson stated that there is a strong correlation between academic success and music. Mayor Sager stated that one of the values that the City of Woodstock upholds is the value of culture. He stated that we recognize that music is an integral part of culture to our society and to this community. He believes that art is one of the important elements that contribute to the fabric of our community; it is essential to that fabric.

2.) Proclamation Honoring Dave Reeve

Mayor Sager read the proclamation honoring Dave Reeve who has officially retired as the Woodstock Opera House Production Manager after serving the City of Woodstock for the past 21 years. He stated that D. Reeve could not attend the meeting and asked J. Scharres to accept the proclamation and forward to D. Reeve.

Public Comments

No comments from the public.

Council Comments

M. Larson noted that she was pleased to hear that the City received a salt shipment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by M. Saladin, second by M. Larson to concur with Consent Agenda Items B-E6, E8-E9

- M. Saladin removed Item E7
- In reference to Item E1, M. Saladin stated that he was happy to see such quick action by Staff relative to seeking a grant for residential rehab assistance.

Mayor Sager expressed sincere appreciation to Terry Willcockson. He reported that the City stepped out this year by adding a Grants position and noted that they are pleased with the decision and with T. Willcockson who is in the position. He stated that the grants are evidence of her dedicated time noting that things were put together over the weekend to make the timing of the meeting and the deadline for submission.

R. Stelford reported that T. Willcockson was assisted by Jim Kastner in Community Development who developed a program that didn't exist and Nick Weber and his staff at the library who put together everything that was needed for the library submission for the roof. Mayor Sager stated that it was time above and beyond and expressed appreciation of their hard work and dedicated effort that generated some real viable opportunities.

B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

February 4, 2014 Regular Meeting

C. WARRANTS: 3603 3604 MFT #531

D. MINUTES AND REPORTS:

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E. MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 18

- 1. CDBG Grant – Distressed Housing** – Adoption of Resolution 14-R-01 authorizing application to the 2014 CDBG Program through McHenry County for Residential

Rehabilitation Assistance

2. **CDBG Grant – Library Roof** – Adoption of Resolution 14-R-02 authorizing application to the 2014 Community Development Block Grant through McHenry County for the Woodstock Public Library Roof Repair and Renovation Project.
3. **Purchase – Cigarette Receptacles** – Approval to purchase and install ten (10) cigarette litter receptacles in designated locations.
4. **Designated Depositories** - Adoption of Ordinance 14-O-17 designating depositories for the City of Woodstock.
5. **Rejection of Shelving Bids** – Notification to Council of the rejection of shelving bids for the Woodstock Library.
6. **Award of Contract – Softener Repair** – Approval of the following:
 - a.) An award of contract to Manusos for the teardown and inspection of softener #2 at the First Street Water Treatment Plant at the base price of \$15,500.
 - b.) Waive competitive bids and an award of contract to Drydon Equipment for the purchase of ion exchange resin and sand to restore the water softener at the First Street Water Treatment Plant for a price not to exceed \$23,579.
8. **Award of Contract – Opera House Lighting** – Approval of an award of contract to the lowest, responsible bidder, MainStage Theatrical Supply Co. for Opera House Lighting Project, Phase II for a total delivered price of \$42,247.50 (\$1,408.25 each).
9. **Parking Revisions – Blakely Street** - Adoption of Ordinance 14-O-18 amending the Woodstock City Code pertaining to parking revisions on the west side of Blakely between South Street and Forest Avenue.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: M. Larson, M. Saladin, Mayor Sager, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Dillon, M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Item E7 Extension Request – Reserve at Woodstock – Adoption of a Resolution granting a second extension of time to submit final plat documents for the Reserve at Woodstock Subdivision.

M. Saladin stated that he will be recusing himself since Mr. Burney, the attorney, will be joining his firm and he doesn't believe it is appropriate for him to participate in the vote.

M. Saladin left Council chambers at 7:34 PM.

Motion by M. Larson, second by J. Starzynski to adopt Resolution 14-R-03 granting a second extension of time to submit final plat documents for the Reserve at Woodstock Subdivision.

RB Thompson stated that it is the history of the Council not to grant a third extension and he advised that he will follow with that if it happens. Mayor Sager concurred with his comment and stated that a third extension is traditionally not granted.

A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: M. Larson, Mayor Sager, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Dillon, M. Turner, M. Saladin. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

After the conclusion of Item E7, M. Saladin returned to chambers at 7:37 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Sager advised that there is an interest for the municipal band to return to the City's Sister City in Guadalupe, State of Zacatecas in Mexico with an exchange program with the high school possibly this September.

Mayor Sager stated there has been an outreach to consider extending the City's Sister City program to the City of Zacatecas which is contiguous with Guadalupe. He stated that he would like to see if Council has a consensus position on the item and noted that they would need to designate the City of Zacatecas as an official Sister City. RB Thompson stated that he was there in September and reported that there is receptivity to this and he noted that it does make sense because both communities flow one into the other. Council conceded on proceeding with the future agenda item.

RB Thompson thanked Andrew Celentano for his comments at the last meeting regarding the projects with Steve Thompson's engineering students at Woodstock High School and advised that he had an interviewer from the Marian Central Engineering Club come to his door a few days ago to ask him about bicycle routes around town.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by M. Larson, second by RB Thompson, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council to the next Regular Meeting on March 4, 2014. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: M. Larson, M. Saladin, Mayor Sager, RB Thompson, J. Starzynski. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Dillon, M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Mitchell
City Clerk