

MINUTES
WOODSTOCK CITY COUNCIL
May 20, 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, May 20, 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: Julie Dillon, Michael Turner

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Roscoe Stelford, City Attorney Ruth Schlossberg, Finance Director Paul Christensen, Director of Public Works Paul Ruscko, Parks Supervisor Bob Hoadley, Parks Foreman John Mecklenburg, Chief Robert Lowen, HR Director Deb Schober, Sergeant Tino Cipolla, Sergeant Ray Lanz, Detective Jeff Parsons, City Planner Nancy Baker

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Dianne Mitchell, Historic Preservation Chairman Allen Stebbins

A. FLOOR DISCUSSION:

1.) Ellyn Wrzeski Proclamation

Mayor Sager stated that Ellyn Wrzeski has made the decision to retire from District 200 as the district's superintendent. He stated the community has been blessed to have E. Wrzeski here for the last thirteen years and during that period of time the City has forged a very strong, positive, collaborative, mutually respectful and beneficial relationship due to the efforts of all staff and administrators. He stated that E. Wrzeski has set the standard for that relationship. He considers E. Wrzeski to be a strong, professional colleague and a fine friend. He stated that it is with joy that we commend her on everything she has done for the community, the City of Woodstock, District 200 and for our future. He invited E. Wrzeski and her husband John to the podium where, after receiving approval from Council, read a proclamation honoring her time as District 200 Superintendent.

E. Wrzeski thanked Mayor Sager and the City Council and stated that it has been her honor to work with District 200 and with the City of Woodstock. She stated that they have a unique relationship where they have mutual discussions and work together for the betterment of our community. She thanked the District 200 people who were in attendance at the meeting. She mentioned the Police Department, Chief Lowen and Jeff Parsons who have been wonderful for the district and are great to work with. She thanked Roscoe for all he has done. She advised that they are working now to transition Mike Moan who she believes will be a great asset to District 200. She thanked Mayor Sager for his personal and professional friendship.

Mayor Sager thanked E. Wrzeski's husband and stated that we have to recognize that the family dedicates themselves to the job of public service as well. RB Thompson stated that her work with the dual language program has been wonderful for the community.

2.) Bob Hoadley Retirement Proclamation

Mayor Sager recognized Bob Hoadley who has been the Parks Supervisor for many years and has decided to retire. He stated that we are very grateful for everything B. Hoadley has done for this community and its residents. He stated that there is a reality in Public Works that they are on duty 24

hours a day, 365/6 days a year. He advised that they commit themselves in every aspect and in doing so they are committing their families as well.

Mayor Sager stated that B. Hoadley has been with the City for 34 years and throughout his tenure we have seen growth and expansion in our parks system. He advised that the parks program is a part of the City of Woodstock and not a separate taxing district. He stated that the reason we have been able to foster, care for and expand both the open space and the recreational space is largely due to the stewardship of B. Hoadley. He stated that B. Hoadley will be missed and wished him best wishes. He invited B. Hoadley and his family to the podium where, after receiving approval from Council, read a proclamation honoring his 34 years of dedicated service to the City.

B. Hoadley stated that he appreciates how fortunate he has been to help build and maintain the many offerings to our area residents. He stated that it has been a pleasure to work with the many talented individuals throughout all the divisions of Public Works. He thanked the Administration and City Council for listening to the division's needs and supplying whatever was necessary. He stated that the City of Woodstock has given a wonderful life to his family and he truly appreciated the opportunity to work for the City and to call Woodstock his home.

Mayor Sager stated that everybody knows B. Hoadley because we have all seen him working on a day to day basis throughout our community. He thinks it is important to understand that B. Hoadley has made significant contributions in the day to day work but he has also had a significant influence upon the employee workgroup, the leadership and the City Council because he exudes an attitude of willingness and friendliness.

3.) Purple Heart Plaque Presentation

Mayor Sager introduced Rich and Monica Young and Dan and Christina Finn noting that D. Finn is the Past State Commander of the IL Military Order of the Purple Heart. D. Finn stated that he has been to Woodstock before and he thinks it is a very patriotic community. He stated that Richard and Monica have done all of the work and he then read the plaque on Richard's behalf.

C. Finn advised that she is the Lady President for the Ladies Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and she stated that without our patriots, without our veterans, without our Gold Star families and without our troops, she wouldn't have the freedoms that she does.

Mayor Sager stated that he is honored to accept the plaque on behalf of the City Council, the City of Woodstock and its residents. He stated that he is glad that D. Finn mentioned that Woodstock is a patriotic community noting that it is heartwarming and he thinks it is a part of the incredible value that we hold here in the community to honor those individuals who have served this country so nobly and with courage. He stated that it is a joy to have them here today representing that larger group of service men and woman. He stated that we consider all of those that serve on behalf of all people in the community, throughout the State of IL and across the country and the recognition will be shared by one and all in the community in honor of them.

M. Young invited everyone to attend the dedication of the first County Purple Heart monument on August 7th around 10 a.m. at the McHenry County Courthouse.

4.) Swearing in of Officer David Sharp

Chief Lowen provided information on D. Sharp's naval, training and employment background. He asked D. Sharp to raise his right hand and recite the oath of office. Mayor Sager stated that it is important to have the swearing in ceremony in Council Chambers in front of City Council and

members of the public because with his decision D. Sharp has sworn to uphold, defend and protect the residents of the community. He stated that is a noble mission and expressed gratefulness for the fact that D. Sharp has chosen the City of Woodstock to serve as an officer.

5.) Historic Preservation Commission Presentation

Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Allen Stebbins stated that the Woodstock Historic Preservation has joined with local preservation groups throughout McHenry County to celebrate Look at Local History Month and the National Historic Preservation Month. He advised that they are recognizing projects that have been completed in the last 3-4 years. He stated that tonight's projects have gone above and beyond to preserve, restore, enhance and beautify the historic district. He thanked Nancy Baker for her help in preparing the presentation. He presented the following awards:

129 E. South Street, building owner Jolene Stanard and One Zero Charlie business owner Michael Stanard have preserved an outstanding example of the types of gasoline service stations that were found along Washington, Throop and South streets prior to the construction of the US 14 bypass. J. and M. Stanard came up to the podium to receive their award.

108-110 Washington Street, Kevin Eldridge not only restored the building but improved the overall site so it is an attractive example of 1950's commercial architecture from all sides. K. Eldridge came up to the podium to receive his award.

106 Cass Street, owners of The Backdrop carefully researched and restored the brick windows and storefront to its early 20th century appearance. The owners of the Backdrop were not able to attend.

100-108 S. Benton Street, under the management of Jim and Mary Ellen Prindiville the Italianate styled Murphy Block has seen many positive improvements both inside and out. The fourth story contains small windows on the Benton Street side and one window on the E. Jackson side which were bricked in during the 1970's. Last summer the infill brick was removed, new, operable windows were installed and the surrounding brick was repaired to restore a very a unique feature and allow the opportunity for the creation of additional living space for the apartments below. J. Prindiville came up to the podium to receive his award.

101 Church Street, Mike and Tammy Ortmann made improvements such as installing new windows, removing unsightly air conditioning units, replacing a the store front door, remodeling the interior and recent projects including the deck, landscaping and beer garden have dramatically improved the view and the vacant lot has been transformed from an eyesore to an attractive outdoor destination. M. and T. Ortmann came up to receive their award.

Harold Rail of Afterglow Creative Services for his production of the video of the Old McHenry County Courthouse and Sheriff's House, Afterglow was selected to produce the video as his proposal reflected the vision of the Community Development Department. The video in 20 minutes presents the history of the buildings, the perspective of the present status and the future expectations of the buildings and property. A grant from the IL Historic Preservation Agency was supposed to pay for the cost of producing the video but Harold put far more time into it than he was compensated for and we wish to recognize the time and effort that created the successful video.

H. Rail received his award and thanked Mayor Sager and Roscoe for letting him interview them and Nancy for everything that she did. He reported that when the request for proposals came out he wanted the job no matter what and he was willing to do anything. He stated that he put in more time

than what the grant was for but he got a lot more out of it. He stated that the community has a real gem with that building and he was honored to have the project.

Mayor Sager thanked the HPC and N. Baker for forwarding the recognitions of very important renovations and historic preservations. He stated that Woodstock has a value of historic preservation and it is symbolic of the first portion of our motto, "true to its past". He stated that by preserving these significant buildings and upholding the efforts of those that invest in our community and historic preservation, we are forwarding that important value as a community. He thanked them for the investment, time and love that they put in and noted that if they weren't passionate about important buildings and historic preservation we wouldn't have the community that we have today.

RB Thompson recognized and thanked the HPC for establishing the walk that was held Saturday during the Orson Welles event.

Public Comments

No comments from public.

Council Comments

RB Thompson stated that Woodstock had a special weekend with the Orson Welles event, the Saturday Farmers Market, Fair Diddley and Girls on the Run noting that the events brought thousands of people to Woodstock. He stated that is why Woodstock is the second most exciting place in the state.

Mayor Sager thanked Woodstock Celebrates, Inc for the Orson Welles Festival, the Mental Health Resource League for Fair Diddley, Little Angles and Girls on the Run. He stated that it takes a lot of work and a lot of volunteers and he expressed gratefulness that the organizations chose the City of Woodstock to host the events. He thanked Public Works, the Police Department, City Staff, Community Events Coordinator Cindy Smiley and so many others because it takes an incredible amount of time to make sure all of the events come off without a hitch. He stated that it was a weekend of education, celebration and opportunity for all of us.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Comcast Contract

Mayor Sager opened the Public Hearing for Comcast Contract at 7:50 PM.

Chris Nelson, Manager of Government and Regulatory Affairs for Comcast, 300 Carpenter Blvd. Carpentersville was in attendance.

No comments from the public.

Motion by M. Larson, second by M. Saladin to close the public hearing at 7:51 PM. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: M. Larson, M. Saladin, Mayor Sager, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Dillon, M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

C. BOND REFUNDING ORDINANCE - Adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014, of the City of Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois, Providing the Details of Such Bonds and for Applicable Alternate Revenue Sources and Levies of Direct Annual Taxes Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Such Bonds, and Related Matters.

Mayor Sager stated that normally items of action are considered under the consent agenda, however, there are State requirements in place now relative to items of this nature especially associated with the finances of a community.

R. Schlossberg stated that there is a great deal of information regarding the bond ordinance in Council's packet and in the materials that were available to the public. She stated that they wanted to make sure that the City satisfied any obligations under the IL Open Meetings Act to make sure that the ordinance was clearly identified. She advised that the ordinance is for alternative revenue bonds which are bonds that are ultimately backed by the general obligation of the municipality but are planned to be financed with existing revenue streams.

R. Schlossberg advised that the bonds are not for new expenditures of the City but to refinance existing obligations at a much cheaper rate noting that the savings are estimated to be about \$200,000. She advised that they will refund finances that were already issued for the Rec Center, some roads, parks and field improvements. She stated that it is what is called a parameters bond so it is in a bit of a range, but there are caps built in so it can't exceed the number identified as \$4,975,000 plus or minus depending on interest rates.

P. Christensen advised that 6% is the max interest rate. R. Schlossberg stated that there are caps but there is a range of numbers you can authorize because it depends on where the market is at. She advised that there are already pledged revenues for them. She read the following from the meeting packet, "an ordinance authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014, of the City of Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois, Providing the Details of Such Bonds and for Applicable Alternate Revenue Sources and Levies of Direct Annual Taxes Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Such Bonds, and Related Matters."

R. Stelford stated that even though 6% is the maximum range and there is a certain dollar amount for the maximum issuance, Administration will know before authorizing the issuance of the bonds whether it generate savings or not. He advised that Administration will halt it if for some reason there is a significant change in the interest rate market or it no longer generates savings.

M. Saladin stated that the alternative revenue bonds have gotten a bad rap considering the fact that the public may have to back it up through general funds if the sources don't come through but he thinks it is clear that the revenue sources for this has been steady, consistent, and adequate and have never been a problem. R. Stelford affirmed and advised that the pledge of revenues for these bonds are significant so there will be sufficient revenue to cover the debt service payment going forward.

Motion by M. Saladin, second by J. Starzynski to approve an Ordinance 14-O-35 authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014, of the City of Woodstock, McHenry County, Illinois, Providing the Details of Such Bonds and for Applicable Alternate Revenue Sources and Levies of Direct Annual Taxes Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Such Bonds, and Related Matters.

M. Saladin commended Roscoe and Staff for finding a way to save money in the long run.

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

R. Schlossberg stated that her firm works with a lot of municipalities that do bond issues and advised that that it is rare and always a very special treat when their bond ratings go up. She advised that as

part of the process someone has to review the City's finances to make sure they are in order and the City received notice today that their bond grade rating had been upgraded. R. Stelford advised that the City's bond rating is now AA which is an increase from AA-.

ROLL CALL: TELEPHONIC ATTENDANCE: Approval of Telephonic Attendance by Councilman Mike Turner

Motion by J. Starzynski, second by M. Larson to allow M. Turner to attend the meeting telephonically at 8:01 PM. Ayes: M. Larson, M. Saladin, Mayor Sager, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Dillon, M. Turner. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

A roll call was taken.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Dillon

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by RB Thompson, second by M. Saladin to concur with Consent Agenda Items D-G8.

- In reference to Item G2, Mayor Sager thanked event organizers Dan Hart and Mark and expressed gratefulness that they organized and forwarded the event into the community. He reported that the event is moving from Main Street to Benton Street as it was for the St. Patrick's Day Festival. He advised that the event will be changed to a single day event.

He reiterated that they have had discussions about concerns with the volume of the music and if the City does receive complaints the Police Department can ask them to bring the volume down. He asked them if they are willing to acknowledge that if the police come and make that request that they will cooperate and they affirmed. He stated that it is important for the community that anything associated with its events is done in the best of taste so it is asking that with the event's advertising and any promotional articles they consider the tasteful respect for the community and its image; they affirmed their agreement

- In reference to Item G5, RB Thompson referenced the description regarding the resurfacing projects on South Street and questioned if the intersections are included in the resurfacing. P. Ruscko advised that it is how Public Works broke the project up to submit it to IDOT and affirmed that it includes the intersections. Mayor Sager stated that he is hoping that some type of repair work will be done on Throop St. where the storm main collapsed.

D. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

April 11, 2014 City Council Budget Workshop Meeting

May 6, 2014 Regular Meeting

E. WARRANTS: 3615 3616

F. MINUTES AND REPORTS:

Police Department Report – April 2014

Economic Development Commission Minutes – March 11, 2014

Transportation Commission Minutes – March 19, 2014

Library Board Minutes – April 3, 2014

Library Board Special Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2014

G. MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 24

- 1. Liquor Ordinance – Azteca and Supermercado del Sol** - Adoption of Ordinance 14-O-36 Amending Title 3, Chapter 3, Section 3.3.6, Classifications of Licenses; Numbers and Fees, of the Woodstock City Code to adjust the number of Class A-2 liquor licenses.
- 2. Event – Musicfest 2014** – Approval of the following:
 - a.) Approval to hold Musicfest on Benton and Judd Streets as indicated between the hours of Noon and 11:00PM on Saturday, June 21, 2014 conditional upon the items identified in the staff report;
 - b.) Waiver of the prohibition of alcohol in the public way for the fenced event area only and during specified event hours only, with all alcohol consumption in the public way ceasing at 11:00PM;
 - c.) Closure of Benton Street between Judd Street and the railroad tracks and E. Judd Street between Benton and Jefferson Streets between the hours of 6:00AM on Saturday, June 21, 2014 and 6:00AM Sunday, June 22, 2014;
 - d.) Approval of Ordinance 14-O-37 Imposing Certain Temporary Traffic Restrictions and Parking Restrictions for Benton and Judd Streets for Musicfest 2014 in the City of Woodstock on Saturday, June 21, 2014.
- 3. Traffic and Littering Ordinance** – Adoption of Ordinance 14-O-38 amending Sections 5.1 and 5.2 regarding adoption and incorporation by reference of the Illinois Vehicle Code (Rules of the Road) and (Equipment), and adding Section 4.9.8 regarding littering.
- 4. 2014-2015 Police-High School Liaison** – Approval of the 2014-2015 Police-High School Liaison Agreement between District 200 and the City of Woodstock.
- 5. Professional Services – 2014 Street Resurfacing Program** – Approval of professional engineering services from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick, Inc. for engineering services for the 2014 Street Resurfacing Program for a not-to-exceed fee of \$77,296.
- 6. Purchase- Street Sweeper** – Approval of the purchase of a 2014 Elgin Whirlwind Street Sweeper through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for a delivered price of \$239,967.
- 7. Purchase – Grinder** – Approval of the purchase of a rebuilt grinder for the Tappan Lift Station from JWC Environmental for an amount not-to-exceed \$17,616.
- 8. Cable Television Franchise Agreement** – Approval of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Woodstock and Comcast.

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

DISCUSSION ITEM:

9. Old Courthouse and Sheriff's House

Mayor Sager advised that a review committee relative to proposals that have been submitted has been appointed. He advised that the committee has representation from the community, Historic Preservation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Plan Commission and two representatives from City Council with M. Larson as the committee chair.

M. Larson reported that there are two applicants; one is for the entire structure and the other is just for the Sheriff's house. She stated that she made a list of questions on things that they weren't clear on and noted that Staff will work on getting answers to those. She advised that there may be a situation where Council would need to decide if they want to separate the Old Courthouse from the Sheriff's House as separate entities. She advised that she will make sure that Council gets copies of the two proposals for them to review. She believes it will probably be a July meeting.

M. Saladin asked if the proposals follow the RFP pretty well so that Council will know exactly where the gaps are. M. Larson advised that they aren't in the same exact format. M. Saladin stated that having the RFP with it would help guide them through it.

Mayor Sager stated that the larger building is composed of two separate parcels; the Old Sheriff's House and the Old Courthouse. He stated that the proposals that came in are different because one is for the entirety of the unit and the other is for only the Sheriff's House. He wanted Council to have the opportunity to share their perspective; it is an initial discussion and will not be conclusive.

M. Saladin stated that they need to see the totality of both proposals, but he doesn't think Council should foreclose the ability to look at it separately if it is in the best interest of the City. Mayor Sager stated that he doesn't think they should preclude anything and should be open at this stage.

John Busse, 517 Larkins, Barrington introduced himself and stated that he is one of the principals involved in one of the respondents along with Kathy Cappa who is the operator of the restaurant in the Sheriff's House. He offered an encouraging hand stating that he looks forward to the next many months while the RFP's are investigated.

Dan Lemanski, 1248 Muriel St, Woodstock stated that if there are only two responses to the RFP might it not be well advised to attempt to advertise again. He questioned if the two properties can be separated if the RFP was a request for proposals for the entire parcel. Mayor Sager advised that when you put an RFP out it doesn't mean you automatically close the acceptance of proposals. He advised that the City continues to advertise so there is potential that additional proposals may come forward.

Mayor Sager stated that he believes that with almost any asset of the community you can make a decision to separate parcels depending on the interests of the community even if you advertised it one way. R. Schlossberg affirmed and advised that the RFP contains language that granted some discretion to the City to reject, amend or negotiate further after receiving offers. M. Larson advised that they do have one proposal for the full site and the logical first step is to give that a full vetting.

Carol Lemanski, 1248 Muriel St, Woodstock stated that she is curious about the buyers' vision for the properties. M. Larson stated that it would be more appropriate to talk about it once it is in the packet. Mayor Sager advised that the proposals that have come in will have a specific notion as to what they are looking for and then it will be up to the City Council to make the decision as to whether or not those objectives and goals are in concert with the municipality's goals for preservation and utilization of the historic structure. He advised that not all of Council has seen the proposals so it would be inappropriate to ask them to talk about it yet.

Jim Prindiville, 214 W. Judd Street, Woodstock stated that his opinion the buildings are in experienced hands now and he thinks we need to think long term what is in the best interest of the residents. He encouraged them to not be afraid to say no to any proposals if they don't think it is absolutely the right thing to do. He advised that in his experience, when buildings are built by the same entity they are more or less married and to try to separate them could mean running into some problems in the future. His opinion is that it is better to keep the buildings together.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by M. Saladin, second by RB Thompson to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

Personnel (Open Meeting Act:5ILCS 120/2)(c)(1)

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

City Manager's Performance Evaluation

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

The Woodstock City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:31 PM. and took a brief recess.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The City Council returned to Open Session at 9:47 PM.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Dillon

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Roscoe Stelford, City Attorney Ruth Schlossberg

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Dianne Mitchell

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

In response to M. Saladin's comment regarding the prevailing wage ordinance, R. Stelford believes that legally they could do their own survey noting that you wouldn't want to do it as a city and would want everyone to join in.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by RB Thompson, second by M. Saladin, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council the next Regular Meeting on June 3, 2014. Ayes: M. Larson, M. Saladin, Mayor Sager, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson, M. Turner. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Dillon. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Mitchell - City Clerk