

**MINUTES**  
**WOODSTOCK CITY COUNCIL**

May 3, 2016  
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 3, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Sager introduced student Max Parrish, explaining that he has spent the day helping the Mayor prepare for the meeting and will be assisting him this evening. Mayor Sager also introduced Max's parents and grandparents who are present this evening. Max Parrish welcomed those present making a few brief announcements. He then explained the consent calendar process and invited public participation.

City Clerk Smiley confirmed that the agenda before the Council is a true and correct copy of the published agenda.

A roll call was taken.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Daniel Hart, RB Thompson, Maureen Larson, Mark Saladin, Joseph Starzynski, Michael Turner, and Mayor Brian Sager

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Roscoe Stelford, City Attorney T.J. Clifton, Finance Director Paul Christensen, Economic Development Director Garrett Anderson, Public Works Director Jeff Van Landuyt, Planning and Zoning Department Director Joe Napolitano, Human Resources Director Deborah Schober, Chief of Police Robert Lowen, Assistant Public Works Director Tom Migatz, Parks Supervisor Ernie Nelson, City Engineer Al Wilson, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Will Smith, Parks Foremen John Mecklenberg, Parks employee, Casey Reed, Police Sgt. Rob Pritchard, Police Sgt. Jeff Parsons, Police Sgt. Joshua Fourdyce, Police Officer Charles Vorderer, and Police Officer Fred Eiselstein.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Clerk Cindy Smiley and Max Parrish

**FLOOR DISCUSSION**

**1) National Police Week Proclamation**

M. Parrish stated there is a proclamation before the Council recognizing the City of Woodstock's professional Police Department and National Police Week.

Without objection, the Proclamation Honoring National Police Week 2016 and the Woodstock Police Department was approved and accepted by the City Council.

Mayor Sager stated the Council is very pleased to recognize the professional Police Department for the service it provides in terms of protecting the community. He asked those members of the Department present this evening to come forward and join him and M. Parrish at the podium. Mayor Sager expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the work the Police Department performs on behalf of the City and its residents.

Mayor Sager read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Lowen and the Woodstock Police Department with his gratitude. On behalf of the City, he also expressed gratitude to the family members of the employees of the Police Department.

The Police Department was acknowledged with hearty applause by all present.

## **2) National Public Works Week Proclamation**

M. Parrish then stated the City is also pleased to honor the employees of the Department of Public Works with a proclamation this evening.

Without objection, the Proclamation Honoring National Public Works Week 2016 and the Woodstock Department of Public Works was approved and accepted by the City Council.

Mayor Sager stated the City is fortunate to also proclaim National Public Works Week and to recognize the employees of that department for the many services they provide to the community. He mentioned a few of these services including fixing broken water mains in freezing winter temperatures; making sure there is clean, quality water available; and ensuring that all public facilities are taken care of and available for use by the community.

Mayor Sager invited those members of the Department of Public Works present to join him and M. Parrish at the podium. He read the proclamation for all to hear and presented it to Jeff Van Landuyt as the representative of the Department. On behalf of the City, he expressed his gratitude to the employees and their families for all they do for the community and its residents.

The Department of Public Works was acknowledged with hearty applause by all present.

## **Public Comments**

Lydia Baltalbos, 621 Dean Street, stated she appreciates all of the work that has been acknowledged this evening. She noted that May 3<sup>rd</sup> is recognized as World Press Day and quoted the Secretary General of the United Nations on the importance of a free press.

Ms. Baltalbos stated she would like to go back to a previous Council meeting noting she is interested in the process involved in the Consent Agenda, specifically around the issue of video gaming revenue. She stated she did not hear any Council member express interest in pulling this item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Noting the recent article in the Woodstock Independent, she asked about the process involved in deciding that gaming revenue would be important to funding the Lighting of the Square.

Mayor Sager stated what was reported to the reporter is that this Council decided that it would be in the best interests of the City to utilize the revenue generated by video gaming for the purposes of Economic Development and Cultural Programming. He further stated the Lighting of the Square is something the City does fund so it was determined to be appropriate to utilize this revenue for the Lighting.

In response to a question from Ms. Baltalbos, Mayor Sager stated there was a resolution that stated the City would establish using video gaming revenue for the two previously-specified purposes.

In response to question as to who controls video gaming license issuance, Mayor Sager stated the state of Illinois developed the requirements that must be met by an entity to receive a video gaming license. If an entity wishes a video gaming license, it applies to the State and if requirements are met, the State issues a state video gaming license. Following receipt of the state license, the entity then may apply for a municipal license, issuance of which is rather perfunctory as the state has determined the entity has met the requirements for a license.

In response to a statement from Ms. Baltalbos that it is her impression that Mayor Sager has authority over who is issued a liquor license, Mayor Sager stated this is not correct. He noted he makes a recommendation to the City Council and it is that body which approves and extends the liquor license.

Quoting from the article in the Woodstock Independent, Ms. Baltalbos stated Mayor Sager seemed to introduce as his reasoning a concept that some people have had issues surrounding video gaming. Mayor Sager stated that is Ms. Baltalbos' interpretation.

Ms. Baltalbos asked now that video gaming has been put in such a position of importance to something that is such an iconic thing in Woodstock, will video gaming now be looked at as funding the Lighting of the Square and will this expand video gaming and make it necessary to the Lighting. Mayor Sager stated this is not saying that video gaming is necessary and that was not his quote nor what was intended. He stated what is being said is that video gaming was passed by the state and by Woodstock so if it exists in appropriately licensed businesses, the revenue produced should be dedicated to the two previously-identified areas. The Council then identified some activities associated with these two areas.

Ms. Baltalbos asked if a resolution can be in a review process if the public objects to this. She opined that people may say "let's do video gaming because it pays for the Lighting."

M. Turner stated it was simply a case of looking at a revenue stream and dedicating it to an area of the budget surrounding these events. He stated if video gaming should go away, that does not mean that the Lighting would no longer take place.

In response to a question from Ms. Baltalbos as to whether this can be disputed, M. Turner stated people can come to the meetings and dispute anything. In response to a question from Ms. Baltalbos as to whether this can be reversed, Mayor Sager stated it would take a majority of the City Council.

Ms. Baltalbos stated it concerns her that this may become an argument to increase video gaming in order to increase revenue for the Lighting of the Square noting she would like to look into the possibility of reversing the resolution.

### **Council Comments**

There were no Council comments forthcoming.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following item was removed from the Consent Agenda:

- Item E-1 by Councilman D. Hart

Motion by M. Turner, second by M. Larson, to approve Consent Agenda Items B through D and items E-2 through E-4 as indicated.

**B. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

April 12, 2016 Budget Workshop Minutes

April 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

**C. WARRANTS:            3710        3711**

**D. MINUTES AND REPORTS:**

Police Department Monthly Report – March 2016

Historic Preservation Commission – February 22, 2016

**E. MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 67**

**2. Variance – 312 Dean Street** – Adoption of Ordinance 16-O-29, identified as Document No. 2, varying Section 7A.3.E (Bulk and Area Requirements) of the Woodstock Unified Development Ordinance to allow the construction of a second story deck.

**3. Award of Contract – Softener Repair** – Approval of the following:

a) Waiver of the requirement for competitive bids and award of contract to Drydon Equipment to purchase materials to restore the softener at the Seminary Avenue Water Treatment Plant for a cost not to exceed \$29,669.90;

b) Waiver of the requirement for competitive bids and award of contract to Manusos General Contracting to make necessary repairs to softener #3 at the Seminary Avenue Water Treatment Plant for a cost not to exceed \$13,200.

**4. Traffic Ordinance – Community Events** - Approval of the following:

a) Ordinance No. 16-O-30, identified as Document No. 3, establishing temporary parking restrictions for the Girls on the Run 5K on Sunday, May 22, 2016;

b) Ordinance No. 16-O-31, identified as Document No. 4, establishing temporary traffic and parking restrictions for the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2016;

c) Ordinance No. 16-O-32, identified as Document No. 5, establishing temporary traffic and parking restrictions for the VFW Remember Our Heroes Car Show on Saturday, June 25, 2016;

d) Ordinance No. 16-O-33, identified as Document No. 6, establishing certain temporary parking restrictions in and near Emricson Park on Monday, July 4, 2016;

e) Ordinance No. 16-O-34, identified as Document No. 7, establishing certain temporary parking restrictions for the McHenry County Fair from Wednesday, August 3, 2016 thru Monday, August 8, 2016;

f) Ordinance No. 16-O-35, identified as Document No. 8, establishing certain temporary parking restrictions for the Woodstock on the Square Car Show on Saturday, August 20, 2016;

g) Ordinance No. 16-O-36, identified as Document No. 9, establishing certain

temporary parking restrictions for the Care4 Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

A roll call vote was taken to approve Consent Agenda items B through D and E-2 through E-4. Ayes: D. Hart, M. Larson, M. Saladin, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson, M. Turner, and Mayor Sager. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: none. Motion carried.

**Item E-1 - Liquor License – ShopFresh**

Councilman Hart recused himself and left the Council Chambers at 7:33PM.

Motion by M. Turner, second by J. Starzynski, to approve issuance of a Class B-3 Liquor License to ShopFresh, 330 Eastwood Drive, Woodstock, Illinois, contingent upon all conditions identified in the Staff report including verification of receipt of all required documentation and appropriate fingerprinting.

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

Councilman Hart returned to the Council Chambers at 7:35PM.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Home Rule Policy Discussion**

M. Parrish noted there is one item on the agenda for discussion, stating it is a discussion of a Home Rule Policy.

Mayor Sager stated at the request of a resident, the Council placed on the agenda the discussion of a Home Rule Policy that might be imposed if the City would attain Home Rule status, particularly as it pertains to the issue of taxes. He noted at a previous meeting the resident made a presentation of the Village of Downers Grove policy which was subsequently reviewed by City staff. Mayor Sager stated the staff also conducted research on other Home Rule communities in Illinois as to whether they had such a policy. He noted staff surveyed members of the Illinois Government Finance Officers Association, the Illinois City/County Management Association, and the International City/County Management Association and also sent an email to the Citizen Advocacy Center and found that out of the more than 200 existing Home Rule municipalities in Illinois, only two additional municipalities, beyond the Village of Downers Grove, were identified as having adopted a self-imposed tax limitation or a more extensive process for increasing taxes. Mayor Sager noted this information has been placed in the packet that was publicly available for this evening's meeting.

Mayor Sager stated it is also important to note that staff researched Downers Grove and had discussion with the staff of that community. During these discussions, it was learned that in 1971, Downers Grove adopted an ordinance required by the Illinois Constitutional Convention of 1971 establishing Home Rule status in a municipality of a population of 25,000 or more and also adopted and put into effect an initial policy identified by the resident as previously discussed.

Mayor Sager stated in 2006 a referendum question was placed on the ballot through resident petition requesting voters to revoke the Village of Downers Grove's Home Rule status, which was

defeated by a 3:1 margin. Mayor Sager noted in answer to some of the residents' concerns, however, the Village did adopt a policy that provides for enhanced communication and additional input. He stated that policy has subsequently been changed a couple of times and does contain some educational and public hearing opportunities and a time frame by which the residents must be notified of the public hearing. He stated the residents also have the opportunity of an advisory referendum but noted all of these things are discretionary in Downers Grove. Mayor Sager stated these are considered to be enhanced requirements above and beyond what is required by the state.

Mayor Sager stated that staff's research also found that two other communities have adopted ordinances modeled after the PTELL law essentially restricting their property tax power to the same power they held as non-Home Rule communities.

Mayor Sager explained that PTELL is limited to a 5% increase and states a community cannot extend the property tax more than 5%. Mayor Sager noted the PTELL law is already automatic for collar counties, including McHenry County and, therefore, already applies to the City of Woodstock. Further, he noted, the City of Woodstock has voluntarily determined that it would not extend this 5% increase in the last 5 years and has foregone this for the last 5 years because the City does not believe the residents should be burdened. Mayor Sager stated this has meant a \$3.2 million savings for the residents in the taxes which they would have paid associated with the City of Woodstock. He stated if the City had extended what it could have, the City would have had an additional 25% in taxes that it has foregone. Mayor Sager stated the City is proud of this and of the fact that the City still has a balanced budget.

Mayor Sager stated it is important to understand that the Downers Grove policy statement does not affect non-Home Rule taxes because these have been exempted from the policy. He stated these could include utility taxes and hotel/motel taxes which are available to all Illinois non-Home Rule communities, including the City of Woodstock. As Home Rule communities can implement a sales tax, Mayor Sager stated the Downers Grove policy did affect their Home Rule taxes, predominately sales taxes.

Mayor Sager opened the floor to Council comments.

J. Starzynski stated he is in favor of anything that would allow more information to be provided to the public such as the notification and public hearing provisions. He stated that concerning the advisory referendum, the 143 signature threshold is less than 1% of the population of the City and it is his opinion that 143 people is not a large enough group to keep him from representing the greater number of voters who voted for him. He opined that if the general public feels he is not acting responsibly in their interests, they can vote him out. Concerning the PTELL, Councilman Starzynski further stated the City has not taken the increase for five years but he would like to retain this contingency to look at in an emergency, such as the elimination of state-shared revenue for example.

M. Larson stated her agreement with Councilman Starzynski, including her agreement with the notification and public hearing elements, noting these are already in place. She noted the elections are in place to handle other things, including those imposed by Springfield, and it is the voters' choice. She stated she was vocally in favor of Home Rule and put that position out to the public and the election supported this. She stated she is not comfortable with imposing the other limitations.

In response to a request for clarification from M. Saladin, R. Stelford confirmed that the City would not be subjected to PTELL if Home Rule status is granted. M. Saladin noted PTELL was put in place in the time of rapid growth to hold property tax increases at 5%. He further stated now that has reversed and with the housing depression, PTELL allows the governmental units to take a cost-of-living percentage. M. Saladin stated he does not have a problem with the notification and public hearing elements, but that he doesn't believe an advisory referendum is advisable, noting they are expensive and take time. He stated his feeling that this is not a viable option, but that he would listen and be open to other perspectives.

Mayor Sager noted the City would still be obligated to provide proper notice on any anticipated action per the Open Meetings Act and also require a public hearing. He stated this is the standard process for the City of Woodstock, so this would not be that different from what is done currently.

M. Saladin stated the Council members are, too, affected by taxes as all are homeowners and are acutely aware of the situation. He stated that is why he is involved in economic development, to grow the tax base. He noted there are some fees and taxes allowed by Home Rule that he would be against, including a revenue transfer stamp.

M. Turner stated the root of the discussion by those present and others on this issue is the same as the Council, which is the universal agreement that the amount of taxes paid in McHenry County is too high. He stated he agrees with the focus on high taxes but disagrees with the focus on foregoing Home Rule. M. Turner stated there is also an important revenue component in completing the special census.

M. Turner stated regarding the concerns of possible action by future Councils, there is an advisory referendum every 24 months called an election. He further stated he does not agree with a 1% trigger and opined there are enough things that slow government and does not want to see an 18-month process that is expensive. He noted the accountability that people are focusing on is good, but this can be accomplished by people attending the Council meetings and voting in the elections.

M. Turner asked what would happen if the State cuts state-shared revenue and asked if we want to get in a situation that limits the Council. He wishes the voters to have the power to vote Council out, but does not want limitations placed on Council in case of an emergency.

M. Turner opined there are other ways to lower taxes in McHenry County including amendments to the Workers' Compensation laws and Prevailing Wage. He urged residents and others to pay attention to what other taxing bodies are doing, noting the City of Woodstock accounts for approximately 16% of the total tax bill and is holding that steady. He further noted that District 200 accounts for 56% to 60% of the tax bill and is the biggest taxing body. He stated the City of Woodstock has been prudent and has done a good job especially considering the constraints placed upon it. He stated he agrees with Home Rule and feels the City will be vigilant.

M. Saladin noted there are positives to Home Rule which have not been mentioned this evening including the ability of the City to address some of the issues with landlords and property conditions, including crime-free housing; the exemption from state unfunded mandates including the consolidation of police/emergency services dispatch centers which the City must pay for; the flexibility in the types and amount of fees such as video gaming; and the improvement in our bond

rating which would save money. He also noted the City would be able to look at local zoning and would be better able to address things that need to be addressed, stating there would be increased local control.

Mayor Sager concurred with many of the comments, stating there are many things already in place and that there are appropriate things the City could look at to strengthen the current procedures. He noted these could include:

- Notification:
  - Publication of a summary of the proposed ordinance in a local newspaper
  - Making copies of the proposed ordinance available at City Hall and the library
- Information
  - Providing an informational statement setting forth the intended use of the additional revenue to be derived from a proposed new tax and publication in a local newspaper
  - Making copies of the informational statement of intended use available at the City Library and City Hall
- Public Hearing
  - Providing a public hearing with respect to a proposed new tax
  - If such a hearing is scheduled, publication of the time and place in a local newspaper at least once, seven days or more in advance of the date of the hearing.
- Tax Extension Limitation
  - For existing taxes, limiting any increase in the amount of tax levied to 105% of the previous year's tax extension (limit to a 5% increase).
- Advisory Referendum
  - Allow for petitions to conduct an Advisory referendum regarding a proposed new tax.

Mayor Sager noted in the Downers Grove policy, it is stated the items regarding the informational statement and the publication of the public hearing may be done, not must be done.

Mayor Sager stated concerning the tax extension limitation, he probably would be ok with this as identified by the two other villages as this would be imposing what the City is already imposing upon itself. He noted, however, that he would agree there should be some type of emergency exemption as stated by other Councilmembers.

Mayor Sager stated he has concerns about the advisory referendum. He noted his concern about the number of individuals needed and the length of time that would be needed for this, noting there is a specific election schedule which would have to be followed. He stated he is also concerned about the expense of this action, noting there are required legal fees with a referendum. Mayor Sager stated he is also concerned about the potential challenges and FOIAs which are certainly permitted, but cost money. He stated that the other elements of an advisory referendum include that they are open to misunderstanding by the public which is of concern to him.

Mayor Sager noted he is supportive of the first four of the identified possibilities: Notification, Information, Public Hearing, and Tax Extension Limitation. He stated he is not supportive of item five, Advisory Referendum, for the reasons cited.

Mayor Sager opened the floor to Public Comment.

Scott Gessert, 810 Gerry Street, thanked Finance Director Paul Christensen for preparing the analysis. He noted when the Home Rule law was passed in 1970, it was implemented to let larger cities govern themselves more effectively.

Mr. Gessert noted Illinois taxpayers pay the highest tax in the country. He stated Woodstock's property tax is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in McHenry County. He opined that the Downers Grove resolution is one small compensation and that it will not handcuff the City Council.

Mr. Gessert stated one aspect of Home Rule that has not been brought up is that the limit on the amount of debt the City can incur goes away. He noted that taxes can always be raised or reduced by a future Council but the City could be saddled with debt for future generations. He stated there is a lot of good with Home Rule, but also some major concerns. He stated some citizens have reached out to an expert who is coming to Woodstock next Wednesday to speak at the public library at 7:00PM. He invited the City Council to attend.

Mr. Gessert asked the City Council to take another look at Home Rule and thanked them for considering this small measure. He again thanked City staff for preparing the report.

Mayor Sager thanked Mr. Gessert for bringing this forward. He stated his belief that there are things that can be done to express the Council's intent to be good stewards of the people's money.

Mayor Sager noted the City of Woodstock has a very strong debt position because the Council has not extended the City's debt beyond its ability to pay. Mayor Sager discussed debt and its impact on the economy, noting the City supports debt that can be repaid with dedicated sources. He noted that debt must be properly managed and secured and stated he joins Mr. Gessert in saying we don't want to over-extend the City's debt. Mayor Sager also noted the City has made many efforts to repay debt early to save the taxpayers interest dollars.

Mr. Gessert stated the opportunity to acquire more debt may be a fallback if state revenue should suddenly stop.

M. Turner stated he is opposed to funding operations out of debt and other solutions would be found for this.

Mr. Gessert then stated Bridgeview incurred great debt to build a soccer stadium which was unsuccessful and he is concerned that something like that could happen in Woodstock. He also noted that some might say there is an abuse of power regarding Home Rule in Harvey. He stated he is not accusing the City Council of this, but thinks the Downers Grove resolution is a small measure to offer some peace of mind for people.

Mayor Sager stated examples of abuse could be found in almost any public arena. He stated the City of Woodstock has worked very hard to protect and guard against this type of abuse.

Mayor Sager stated in terms of the municipal property tax being the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in McHenry County, it should be noted that each community has its own set of services provided. He used the example of Crystal Lake which does not have a Parks & Recreation Department, but rather a Park District which is a second, separate taxing body which also charges taxes. He stated in

Woodstock, this service is provided by the City. He stated if you look at Crystal Lake, you must look at the taxes charged by both the City of Crystal Lake and the Crystal Lake Park District.

Mayor Sager noted many cities have a Library District that is its own separate taxing body while Woodstock's library is a department and part of the City.

Mayor Sager stated one must look at the organization of a community and the services which are provided so that everything is compared equitably.

Concerning debt, P. Christensen also noted that the City's debt limit as a non-Home Rule community is \$35 million and has only issued \$1.5 million in debt so that more than \$33 million in debt could still be incurred. He opined that attaining Home Rule status would not raise the amount of debt of the City.

Lydia Baltalbos, 621 Dean Street, expressed her appreciation for the interest and work that other people have brought to this issue, noting she will be attending the meeting at the library.

Ms. Baltalbos stated her impression that obligations put in place during Home Rule are there even if another Council doesn't want them, but noted she isn't sure what this means. She wondered if these obligations would continue even if people don't like the Council members and they are voted out.

M. Turner explained, from a debt perspective, Council could take on more debt, but noted Mr. Christensen's information makes this unlikely. He opined that this Council has made good decisions during a very difficult time period. He stated it bothers him to have it insinuated that the Council is making bad decisions to saddle future Councils with.

Ms. Baltalbos stated she has been around the block when a lot of programs were put into place. She stated she thinks about what happened in the past concerning a proposed development and the impact on water. She also discussed an encounter with a previous City Manager.

Ms. Baltalbos stated she has an opinion about what happened in the past when things were going so fast and things were approved without proper review. She stated the building never should have been built on the Raffel Road site. She asked how fast projects are going to be presented and reviewed.

Ms. Baltalbos stated the IML is very powerful in this state and has a lobby day tomorrow. She stated they are lobbying to be able to make communities Home Rule at 5,000 rather than 25,000. She asked how many citizens in small towns have a lot of influence noting this takes energy out of a community.

Mayor Sager stated the issue mentioned by Ms. Baltalbos is not being considered by the total legislature because it hasn't passed out of Committee. He stated that he does not favor this. He further noted just because a powerful group suggests something does not mean it will move forward, noting there are multiple things suggested which do not move forward. He again stated this is not out of Committee and is not moving forward in this legislative session.

Ms. Baltalbos stated this is what the citizens are up against.

Mayor Sager expressed his understanding, but stated the City Council does not make those decisions. He stated the City Council does not make decisions for the state legislature or the IML and that this evening's discussion is centered on the Downers Grove policy.

Ms. Baltalbos stated Mayor Daly pushed this through and it was good to see him go.

Mayor Sager noted this is not Chicago.

As there was no further public comment, Mayor Sager stated this item was on the agenda as a Discussion Item. He noted he has heard this evening that there is perhaps a willingness to put together a policy to appear as an action item on a future agenda that would put together the following previously discussed provisions:

- Notification
- Information
- Public Hearing

There was consensus of the City Council that this be done.

Mayor Sager noted there was also discussion of including a Tax Extension Limitation that would limit to 105% of the previous year with the possible exclusion of an emergency situation.

In response to a question from Mayor Sager, there was consensus to support this as long as there is an emergency provision included.

Mayor Sager noted there did not seem to be support for inclusion of an advisory referendum provision. In response to a question from Mayor Sager, it was the consensus of the City Council that this provision not be included.

In response to a question from Mayor Sager, it was the consensus of the City Council that this evening's discussion be crafted into a Home Rule policy to include those items on which consensus was achieved and place this on a future Council agenda.

Mayor Sager thanked Mr. Gessert for raising this issue.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

M. Parrish noted it would now be appropriate to adjourn to Executive Session. Motion by M. Saladin, second by RB Thompson, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing:

#### **Collective Bargaining (Open Meetings Act: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2))**

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

FOP Contract Units A (Patrol Officers) and B (Telecommunicators and Records Clerks)

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

The Woodstock City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:33 PM.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The City Council returned to Open Session at 9:05 PM.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Daniel Hart, Maureen Larson, Mark Saladin, Joseph Starzynski, RB Thompson, Michael Turner, and Mayor Sager.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Roscoe Stelford, Finance Director Paul Christensen, Human Resources Director Deb Schober, Chief Robert Lowen, and City Attorney T.J. Clifton

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Max Parrish and Chief Deputy Clerk Cindy Smiley

**Item E-6 FOP Contract**

Motion by M. Larson, second by J. Starzynski, to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Woodstock and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council/Woodstock Lodge #191 Unit A (Patrol Officers), identified as Document No. 10, and Unit B (Telecommunicators and Records Clerks), identified as Document No. 11.

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

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no items added or removed from the Tentative Future Agendas.

**ADJOURN**

Motion by M. Saladin, second by RB Thompson, to adjourn this regular meeting of the Woodstock City Council to the next regularly-scheduled City Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Ayes: D. Hart, M. Larson, M. Saladin, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson, M. Turner, and Mayor Sager. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absentees: none. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Smiley  
City Clerk