

MINUTES
WOODSTOCK CITY COUNCIL
August 5, 2014
City Council Chambers

The regular meeting of the Woodstock City Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tem Michael Turner on Tuesday, August 5, 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: Julie Dillon, Maureen Larson, Mark Saladin, Joseph Starzynski, RB Thompson, Michael Turner

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Brian Sager

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Roscoe Stelford, City Attorney Ruth Schlossberg, Finance Director Paul Christensen, Director of Public Works Paul Ruscko, Library Director Nick Weber, Deputy Chief John Lieb

OTHERS PRESENT: City Clerk Dianne Mitchell

ROLL CALL: TELEPHONIC ATTENDANCE: Approval of Telephonic Attendance by Mayor Brian Sager

Motion by M. Saladin, second by J. Dillon to allow Mayor Sager to attend the meeting telephonically at PM. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: J. Dillon, M. Turner, M. Larson, M. Saladin, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson. Nays: None. Absentees: Mayor Sager. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

A roll call was taken.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

FLOOR DISCUSSION:

Public Comments

Mike Moan, 227 W Judd St, Woodstock, introduced himself stating that he is the new superintendent for District 200. He stated that there is a strong relationship between the District and the City and advised that he is huge proponent of that and he will continue the tradition Ellen set forth in working with the City to offer the best opportunities for the district and the city. He thanked Mayor Sager and R. Stelford who have been great during his transition. He stated that the City has done a great job of making him feel at home. He stated that he is a product of District 200 and a son of Woodstock. He reiterated that the same strong, relationship that they have always had is going to continue.

M. Turner expressed his appreciation for M. Moan taking the time to come address Council and on behalf of the City and Council he formally welcomed him to D200. He stated that a number of the Council members have kids in the district and they are highly vested in the success of D200 noting that this Council in the time that he has been here has focused on partnership with D200 and doing what they can to support and extend their services. He asked M. Moan to contact Council or contact them individually with any issues or feedback.

Mayor Sager stated that it was a pleasure for him to sit down and talk with M. Moan. He thinks M. Moan is going to be an excellent superintendent for D200. He stated that the City has had a fine, positive, constructive working relationship with D200 and they look forward to continuing it.

Michael Lingl, 6170 Joliet Rd., Countryside, stated that he works for the Indiana/Illinois/Iowa Foundation for Contracting. He advised that his organization is offering a free prevailing wage seminar in September. He formally invited anyone from Council or City Staff to attend. He advised that the IL Dept of Labor will be there to answer any questions as well and distributed flyers.

Council Comments

M. Larson thanked the merchants who attended Council's informal meeting last week noting that it was a good start to the conversation.

RB Thompson believes Council needs to discuss among themselves some of the impacts. M. Turner advisee that they will need to put it on the agenda and he asked Staff to look for a meeting sooner than later to do a public discussion. Mayor Sager stated that it would be great to have an opportunity for Council to voice what they heard at the meeting and see what next steps might be appropriate.

M. Turner stated that there were about thirty people at the forum which was good turnout. He stated that the intention of the meeting matched with the actual content and discussion. He felt it was constructive and valuable. He stated that for Council as a public body they should discuss it and they should build some momentum out of it and look to continue it in some form. Mayor Sager stated that he was pleased with the workshop and he appreciates the suggestion of moving forward with it. He believes it was well received by the business community. He stated that there is an opportunity to build upon the dialog noting that the City can assume an important role in terms of trying to facilitate. He looks forward to a discussion on how to build upon it.

Mayor Sager thanked Staff who provided significant, overwhelming leadership and work to make the Summer in the Park event a very positive and a successful one. He stated that it was incredibly well received by those in attendance and there was strong support for continuing the tradition in the community. He stated that he has to uphold Cindy Smiley, Monica Amraen and R. Stelford as well as so many other Staff members. He stated that Paul Ruscko, Paul Christensen and others were there to assist at multiple times throughout the event. He expressed appreciation for the Council's participation and he thanked all of the businesses. He reiterated that there was a very positive response. He stated that they tried to make sure it dovetailed well with Gavers Barndance and from everything he has heard most all felt that was the case.

M. Turner stated that the National Night Out is being celebrated by the Woodstock Police Department from 7-9 p.m. in Dick Tracy Park. He reported that the event is a nationwide celebration to encourage neighbors and neighborhoods to take a stand against crime. He thanked the Woodstock Police Department for being a part of the initiative and for putting it on.

M. Turner stated that the season's final Movie in the Park will be held on Friday at 8:30 p.m. at Woodstock Water Works.

M. Turner stated that he thinks the Car Show on the Square is one of the coolest events that he and his family attend. He advised that it will be held on Saturday, August 16th from 5-9 p.m. and there will be over 300 cars on the Square. He thanked Staff for helping to put it on. R. Stelford advised that it has grown quite a bit over the years and he reported that it is changing to fundraise for

different organizations. M. Saladin stated that one of them is TLS, which is the Transitional Living Services for veterans noting that he sits on the board.

M. Turner stated that it is Shawn's, Northwest Herald, last City Council Meeting. He stated that the role he plays in helping to get the word out including the things the City wants out as well as the things going on in the city is a critically important and he thanked him for the work he has done. Mayor Sager appreciated Shawn's professional approach to his job and to working with the City and noted and wished him the best of luck in his future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by J. Dillon, second by RB Thompson to concur with Consent Agenda Items A-D5.

- M. Larson removed Item D6
- In reference to Item D1, M. Saladin questioned if there is a budget item for it. R. Stelford affirmed and stated that part of it is in the General Fund CIP and the other part is in the Water/Sewer fund.
- In reference to D4, RB Thompson stated that the report refers exclusively to D200 and overlooks the catholic schools and other schools. He reported that in his attendance at the library he has witnessed many times that St. Mary's students go to the library after school. He asked N. Weber to review and expand upon it because Woodstock is an inclusive community and the library is both rural and city which includes the entire school district.

Nick Weber stated that it looks like it didn't come through clearly enough in the plan and noted that during the development of the plan, RB Thompson's exact point was brought up and is something that the Library Staff is very aware of noting that D200 is the largest portion of their educational base but it's not the only factor. He stated that in addition to the catholic schools they discussed what they can do to increase offerings to homeschooling parents and some ways to expand what they do with the post secondary educational opportunities in the County noting that they are looking at collaborating with MCC and the Challenger Center. He apologized that it didn't come through clearly enough in the plan but advised that it is something that are aware of and are working to address all of the educational needs of the community not just D200 students.

In response to M. Turner's question on whether this could administratively be updated without the need to pull it, R. Schlossberg advised that it could be called scrivener.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting

B. WARRANTS: 3624 3625 3626 MFT#535

C. MINUTES AND REPORTS:

Police Department Report – June 2014

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes – May 5, 2014

Plan Commission Minutes – July 24, 2014

D. MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 28

1. IDOT Intergovernmental Agreement – Approval of the following:

- a.) An agreement between the City of Woodstock and the State of Illinois Department of Transportation for roadway reconstruction on Route 14.

- b.) Resolution 14-R-17 approving the City of Woodstock's share of costs for improvements on Route 14.
- c.) Ordinance 14-O-45 restricting parking along Route 14 within the City of Woodstock.
- d.) Ordinance 14-O-46 prohibiting the discharge of sanitary and industrial waste into any storm sewer or drainage facility constructed as part of Route 14.
- e.) Ordinance 14-O-47 prohibiting encroachments within the State of Illinois right-of-way along Route 14.

2. Parking Restrictions – Care 4 Breast Cancer Walk/Run –Adoption of Ordinance 14-O-48 approving certain temporary parking restrictions on Sunday, October 19, 2014 for the Care 4 Breast Cancer Walk/Run.

3. Award of Contract – Downtown Brick Replacement–Approval to waive the requirement for competitive bids and an award of contract to Nierman Landscape and Design, Inc. for the downtown brick replacement program for a total cost not to exceed \$22,328.

4. Library Strategic Plan - Transmittal of the Library Strategic Plan.

5. Ethereal Confections Outdoor Liquor Service Request – Approval of a waiver of the prohibition of alcohol in the public way and the service of alcohol in the designated area at Ethereal Confections subject upon the agreed conditions.

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

Item D6 Fireworks Permit Request - Approval of the issuance of a Fireworks Display Permit to Five Alarm Fireworks Company for a display to be held at approximately 9:30PM on Saturday, August 23rd at the Bull Valley Country Club conditional on Fire District approval at the time of the event.

M. Larson stated that she hadn't heard from any residents of any concerns, but noted that Council received a letter tonight saying that there was a resident who has concerns. She asked if any residents were in attendance noting that the gentleman who wrote the letter was not in attendance. She reported that the letter says that Bull Valley had wanted to do a 4th of July fireworks display but the residents voted no on it.

R. Stelford reported that the City received one phone call from a resident who identified themselves as being in the Bull Valley area or in that particular subdivision. He stated that the caller advised that there may be a second resident calling but the City never received the call. He advised that they told the resident about the meeting and advised that if they had serious concerns to attend but it appears that they were unable to attend.

M. Larson questioned if it is known whether or not there was a vote about the 4th of July fireworks and R. Stelford said they do not noting that it is all hearsay from the resident.

Captain Michael Hill, Woodstock Fire Department, 435 E Judd St, Woodstock responded to M. Larson's question regarding a 4th of July display saying that nothing ever came to his attention. He stated that he can't speak to whether the residents are in favor or not in favor of the event. He stated

that he has worked with Five Alarm as far as the requirements of the Woodstock Fire Department and noted that they have been very cooperative and have agreed to everything that he has asked for and they appear to have everything in order. He advised that as far as safety of the event he feels highly confident that they can provide a safe event along with them.

M. Larson stated that the resident's main concern is that he has a cedar shake roof. Captain Hill advised that would be a concern and stated that on the night of the event he will personally be in attendance along with one engine company. He advised that if there was any danger from falling embers or ashes they would address it immediately but stopping the event and then applying water if needed. He stated that if the weather conditions are such that they feel it is going to be dangerous to any of the homes or other structures in the area, they will stop the event. He stated that as far as the setbacks go they are well under the required limit.

In response to M. Larson's question regarding conditions, Captain Hill advised that it is more so the wind at the time of the event. He noted that if we are suffering from a drought it would be a concern, but it can be addressed by bringing out additional brush trucks or cancelling the event.

In response to M. Turner's question regarding standards, Captain Hill stated that the standards are the National Fire Protection Association standards and advised that all the requirements he has given Five Alarm are directly out of the NFPA codes such as distances to structures. He advised that in addition the Woodstock Fire Department has put in some of its own requirements such as not allowing anything larger than a 5 inch shell noting that Five Alarm doesn't have anything on their agenda that is greater than a 2.5 inch shell so are well within the limits.

J. Starzynski asked if he knew how far 1312 Galloway is from the event and Captain Hill advised that he does not. He stated that according to NFPA codes they have to have a minimum setback of 175 ft which Five Alarm has. He stated that the nearest structure is well outside that radius.

Larry Lustig, Five Alarm Fireworks Company, Tinley Park, IL stated that they have been in business for ten years. M. Turner asked if cedar shake roofs are a common concern. L. Lustig stated that the cedar shake wouldn't be much different than an asphalt roof; they are both flammable. He stated that looking at the radius in the safety zone area there are no homes within zone which is 230 ft so in excess of the NFPA code.

RB Thompson stated that Captain Hill mentioned the shell sizes and questioned if it refers to height or broadcast. L. Lustig stated that it means both and advised that it refers to the diameter of the shell noting that 2.5" is a lot less powerful than 5". He stated that 2.5" go about 250 ft. in the air and a 5" goes about 500 ft. in the air. He stated that the code of distance is 70 ft. per inch of shell. M. Larson questioned if it means embers don't typically fall outside of that radius and L. Lustig affirmed.

J. Starzynski questioned if Five Alarm has been approached by the Bull Valley Golf Club to do the 4th of July event. L. Lustig advised that they have not and stated that they were approached by the father of the bride for this specific request.

M. Larson questioned if letters were sent to all the people highlighted on the list and R. Stelford stated that Five Alarm provided the letters to City Administration who mailed them out around July 23rd. L. Lustig stated that the letters were for residents within 1,000 ft of the site. R. Stelford advised that Administration is recommending the permit be conditional on Fire District approval at all times.

M. Turner questioned if Five Alarm accepts those requirements and will adhere to the decision of the Woodstock Fire & Rescue Department. L. Lustig affirmed.

Mayor Sager stated that he appreciates the representation at the meeting. He stated that he appreciates the resident's concern but he is confident in the information they received tonight.

Brad Hisel, 1311 Club Rd, General Manager of Bull Valley Golf Club, stated that they have never gotten the community involved with anything like that in the past and noted that they are doing this at bride's request. M. Larson questioned if he knew whether Bull Valley had considered the 4th of July. B. Hisel advised that they had talked about it internally but it was spoken about after this past 4th of July for next year. M. Larson questioned that as far as he knows there was no vote against a fireworks display. B. Hisel advised that he did not know and mentioned that they have had trouble getting the community to form an association of any sort.

M. Saladin stated that listening to the Captain he has never heard a fire person be less concerned so to hear him indicate that they met everything and are cooperating gives him the sense that although there is always that outside concern he has no problem with it. J. Dillon stated that based on the fact that they can cancel the show based on the conditions up to the last minute makes her feel better.

Motion by M. Larson, second by M. Saladin to approve the issuance of a Fireworks Display Permit to Five Alarm Fireworks Company for a display to be held at approximately 9:30PM on Saturday, August 23rd at the Bull Valley Country Club conditional on Fire District approval at the time of the event. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: J. Dillon, M. Larson, Mayor Sager M. Saladin, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson, M. Turner. Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

M. Saladin stated that he is on the board for McHenry County Economic Development Corporation and advised that they are trying to meet with all of the municipalities at public meetings. He stated that he and Pam Cumpata would like to have a short presentation and would be happy to be on as a listed agenda item or during public comment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by RB Thompson, second by M. Larson, to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council to the August 19, 2014 City Council meeting. Ayes: J. Dillon, M. Larson, Mayor Sager M. Saladin, J. Starzynski, RB Thompson, M. Turner. Nays: None. Absentees: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Mitchell - City Clerk