

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Todd Krause, Council President, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Council Vice President, Cindy Yager, Alderpersons: Sherri Ames, Peg Esposito, Linda Frame, Joel Hoiland, Cathy Stoodley, and Shari Straube

Call to Order

by Mayor Krause at 6:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

by Alderperson Straube.

Roll Call

Present: Todd Krause, Sherri Ames, Shari Straube, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, Joel Hoiland, Cathy Stoodley, Cynthia Yager. Others present: Interim City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds, City Attorney Dan Draper, Finance Director Laura Pisarcik, Parking Manager Beth Gehris-Padro and other interested persons.

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Mayor Krause recognized and thanked Alderpersons Esposito, Straube and Howell for their years of service to the City of Lake Geneva. Krause presented Esposito and Straube with certificates of recognition.

Interim Admin De Angelis gave updates regarding the application for STR's and the technical difficulties with streaming city meetings. De Angelis shared staff had a meeting with civicplus regarding switching over to their streaming services. Channel 25 is ready on the city side and we are waiting for spectrum to complete work on their end.

Re-consider business from previous meeting

None.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), limited to items on this agenda, except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes

Randy Lemcke - Holy Communion Church thanked the Mayor and Council for the Sunday morning parking placards.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

The clerk announced correspondence received was forwarded to the mayor and council members.

Approve the Special Council Minutes from March 19, 2025; 5:00pm and 6:30pm and March 31, 2025; 5:00pm and the Joint Session Minutes from March 19, 2025; 6:00pm

Motion by Hoiland to approve all the minutes listed, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA– Any item listed on the consent agenda may be removed at the request of any member of the Council. The request requires no second, is not discussed, and is not voted upon.

Motion by Yager to approve all items listed, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Public Event Permit application filed by the Lake Geneva Jaycees for Venetian Fest from August 11-18, 2025

Temporary "Class B" Wine / Class "B" Beer License application filed by the Lake Geneva Jaycees for Venetian Fest from August 11 to 18, 2025, at Flat Iron Park

Firework Permit Application filed by the Lake Geneva Jaycees for a display performed by J&M Displays on August 17, 2025, at dusk

Complimentary Riviera Ballroom Event Request form filed by VISIT Lake Geneva for Lake Geneva Winterfest from January 27, 2026, to February 1, 2026

Items removed from the Consent Agenda
None.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution 25-R11, approving the assigned fund balance for the First Responders donations account as of December 31, 2024

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Stoodley. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Resolution 25-R12, approving the assigned fund balance for the Fire Department accounts as of December 31, 2024

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Stoodley. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Resolution 25-R13, approving the assigned fund balance for the Fire Dues account as of December 31, 2024

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Resolution 25-R14, approving the assigned fund balance for the Police Department accounts as of December 31, 2024

Motion by Yager to approve, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Second Reading of Ordinance 25-02, amending the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code Sec. 34-64, Procedures for locally designated landmark structure or landmark site nominations, as it relates to Nominations of Private Properties by the Historic Preservation Commission

Attorney Draper explained this draft of the ordinance was not usable as written and he drafted another ordinance regarding this topic. Discussion took place. Motion by Ames to deny Ordinance 25-02, second by Esposito. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 25-03, amending the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code Sec. 34-64, Procedures for locally designated landmark structure or landmark site nominations, as it relates to Nominations of Private Properties by the Historic Preservation Commission

The first reading of Ordinance 25-03 took place. Attorney Draper explained the various documents in the council packet. Draper added the updates now allow the city to qualify for grants from the State Historic Society and it empowers the HPC to determine whether a house or site is a historic structure. Draper continued this is a large shift from how the ordinance was previously drafted. Discussion took place. Motion by Esposito to suspend the rules so Chris Brookes from the HPC can speak, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Chris Brookes shared this will make the HPC a CLG. She added the restrictions for remodeling historic structures are for the exterior only. More discussion took place.

Discussion/Action regarding the recommendations of the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee- Ald. Ames

Acceptance of the Pre-Paid Check Reports of \$92,256.85 and Regular Check Reports of \$83,453.85

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Stoodley. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Approval of Task Order #43 Citywide Sidewalk Evaluation Phase 2

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Approve purchase of replacement snow blower for DPW from Equipment Replacement Fund in the amount of \$203,675.00

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Sunday Morning Parking Program

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Fesenmaier. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Action on the recommendations of the Plan Commission- Ald. Esposito

Resolution 25-R22 approving a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the property located at 827 Dodge Street for Commercial Indoor Lodging land use in the General Business (GB) zoning district, Tax Key No. ZGD 00012

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Hoiland. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Resolution 25-R23 approving the Planned Development - Precise Implementation Plan for Topsy Turvy Brewery to allow for an expansion of the tap room and addition of food service for the property located at 727 Geneva Street Suite 2, Tax Key No. ZOP 00157

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Action regarding the recommendation from the Personnel Committee - Ald. Yager

Approval of the Parks Director Job Description

Motion by Yager to approve, second by Fesenmaier. Discussion took place regarding various topics including job duties and departmental coordination. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion by Hoiland to adjourn to closed session to include Interim City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds, City Attorney Dan Draper, Finance Director Laura Pisarcik, Attorney Samantha Schmidt and Attorney Tyler Pluff, second by Frame. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes; Esposito, yes; Stoodley, yes; Yager, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Straube, yes; Ames, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:04 pm.

pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding:

Tax assessment claims by Agree Stores, LLC c/o Walmart v. City of Lake Geneva

Potential claim by former City Clerk for unlawful termination

pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding the city administrator contract

Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session

Reconvened in open session at 8:03 pm. Tax assessment claims by Agree Stores, LLC c/o Walmart v. City of Lake Geneva - Motion by Frame to approve as discussed, second by Hoiland. Roll call vote: Frame, yes; Hoiland, yes; Esposito, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Straube, yes; Ames, yes; Yager, yes; Stoodley, yes. Motion carried. Potential claim by former City Clerk for unlawful termination - Motion by Frame to approve as discussed, second by Stoodley. Roll call vote: Frame, yes; Stoodley, yes; Yager, yes; Hoiland, yes; Esposito, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Straube, yes; Ames, yes. Motion carried. City administrator contract - No action taken.

Adjournment

Motion by Esposito to adjourn, second by Straube. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds
City Clerk

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Approved April 28, 2025