

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 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, Linda Frame, Joel Hoiland, JaNelle Powers, Brian Smith and Cathy Stoodley

Call to Order

by Mayor Krause at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

by Alderperson Powers.

Roll Call

Present: Todd Krause, Sherri Ames, JaNelle Powers, Linda Frame, Brian Smith, Joel Hoiland and Cathy Stoodley. Absent: Mary Jo Fesenmaier and Cynthia Yager. Others present: Interim City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds, City Attorney Dan Draper, Finance Director Laura Pisarcik (via zoom), Fire Chief John Peters, Building & Zoning Director Renee Hanlon, Parking Manager Beth Gehris-Padro, Harbormaster Erick Nicia and other interested persons.

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Mayor Krause introduced and welcomed the Building & Zoning Director Renee Hanlon. Krause announced the Memorial Day parade times. Krause read the Library, American Legion and Municipal Clerk proclamations. Krause also announced meetings scheduled for Memorial Day Monday will be held on Tuesday.

Proclamation declaring August 2025 as Lake Geneva Public Library Anniversary Month

Proclamation declaring May 2025 as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Month

Proclamation declaring May 4-10, 2025 as Municipal Clerks Week

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

Ken Etten spoke in favor of items 11c & d. Chris Brookes spoke in favor of item 11d. Peg Esposito spoke in favor of items 11b & d as well as items 14 & 15. Brian Pollard of Fairwyn spoke in favor of items 16a & b and said he would be available if there are any questions when those items are being discussed. Tim Conley spoke regarding item 12c and the boat launch.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

The City Clerk reported all communication recieved was forwarded to the mayor and councilmembers.

Approve the Regular Council minutes from April 14, 2025 and the Council Organizational minutes from April 15, 2025

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

Public Event Permit Application for the 2025 Memorial Day Parade

Public Event Permit Application for the 2025 Farmers Market at Horticultural Hall

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolutions and Ordinances

Resolution 25-R15, adopting 2024 transfers from the Lakefront Special Revenue Fund and the Parking Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund

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

Resolution 25-R16, adopting a 2024 year-end budget amendment authorizing the re-allocation of funds in the 2024 budgets for certain revenues and expenditures exceeding their 2024 budgets

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

Resolution 25-R17, authorizing the carryover of General Fund budget amounts from 2024 to 2025

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

Second 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

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Powers. Attorney Draper spoke about the updates giving the HPC power to designate certain properties as historic structures, sites or neighborhoods. An appeal process is built in and includes a public hearing. Discussion took place. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Repeal Article V Child Safety Zones of Chapter 50 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Geneva

Attorney Draper explained his concerns regarding the ordinance. Draper requested the Council repeal the ordinance and allow him to draft a new ordinance. Police Chief Gritzner spoke about enforcement. Motion by Frame to repeal the ordinance, second by Smith. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

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

Acceptance of the Pre-Paid Check Reports \$61,492.05 and Regular Check Reports \$532,445.47

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

Approval of 6 Parking Placards for the Food Pantry on Wisconsin Street

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Stoodley. Alder Hoiland reviewed the timeline of events for the Food Pantry parking placards and suggested a policy be made prior to approval. Discussion took place. Motion by Ames to end debate, second by Stoodley. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Stoodley, yes; Hoiland, no; Smith, no; Frame, yes; Powers, yes. Motion carried. Main motion - Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Stoodley, yes; Hoiland, no; Smith, no; Frame, yes; Powers, yes. Motion carried.

Striping Seminary Park's Parking Lot F

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Stoodley. Alder Frame reviewed the parking plan for Lot F, trailers, shared her concerns about moving the boat parking and does not agree with this change. Discussion took place. Parking Manager Beth Gehris-Padro reviewed various parking options and explained why they will not work for trailer parking. Voice vote, 5-approved, 1-opposed (Frame), motion carried.

Amendments to the Business Improvement District (BID) bylaws

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

Approving \$5,000.00 to hire an architect to develop building design standards, site and landscaping design standards, for the Hillmoor property

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Frame. Motion by Hoiland to suspend the rules so Ken Etten can speak, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Main motion - Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Action regarding approval of YMCA summer camp beach passes

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

Discussion/Action regarding Lagoon Dredging Bids (forwarded by Piers, Harbor and Lakefront Committee April 8, 2025 without recommendation)

Mayor Krause explained the item and discussion took place. No formal action was taken and the city engineers at Kapur will continue to proceed with Task order #42.

Discussion/Action regarding Lagoon Pier Bids (forwarded by Piers, Harbor and Lakefront Committee April 8, 2025 with recommendation to turn down bids)

Discussion took place and Alder Hoiland made a motion to move forward with Somerset and for them to comply with any changes Kapur recommends regarding lagoon dredging. There was no second to the motion. Motion by Frame to turn down the bids, second by Ames. More discussion took place and Harbormaster Erick Nicia spoke about pier options. Motion by Ames to suspend the rules for Larry Larkin can speak, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Main motion - Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

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

Approval of Resolution 25-R24 for a Planned Development – General Development Plan application filed by Bloomfield Holdings, LLC, 875 E Townline Road, Lake Geneva, WI, to allow for a single-family residential development for the property located at Townline Road and North Road, Tax Key No. ZYUP 500003

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Smith. Motion by Hoiland to suspend the rules so Brian Pollard can speak, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Main motion - Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Approval of Resolution 25-R25 for a Preliminary Plat application filed by Bloomfield Holdings, LLC, 875 E Townline Road, Lake Geneva, WI, to allow for a single family residential development for the property located at Townline Road and North Road, Tax Key No. ZYUP 500003

The City Attorney informed the Council this item only needs to be approved by the Plan Commission. No action taken.

Mayoral Appointments

Dennis Loeser to the Tree Board with a term expiring May 1, 2026

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Stoodley. Voice vote, 5-approved, 1-opposed (Hoiland), motion carried.

Cathy Stoodley to the Cemetery Board for a term expiring April 20, 2026

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

Motion to go into closed session 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

Motion by Hoiland to adjourn to closed session to include Interim City Administrator De Angelis, City Clerk Reynolds, City Attorney Draper, Finance Director Pisarcik, Fire Chief Peters, Building & Zoning Director Hanlon, second by Frame. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes; Powers, yes; Ames, yes; Stoodley, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried. Motion by Hoiland to amend the motion to include Lee Szymborski, second by Frame. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes; Powers, yes; Ames, yes; Stoodley, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:32 pm.

2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Lake Geneva Firefighter's Association

Contract with Code Enforcement Company

City Administrator search/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 8:04 pm. Item A: 2025-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Lake

Geneva Firefighter's Association - Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Smith. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Smith, yes; Frame, yes; Powers, yes; Ames, yes; Stoodley, yes. Motion carried. Item B: Contract with Code Enforcement Company - Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Frame. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes; Powers, yes; Ames, yes; Stoodley, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried. Item C: City Administrator search/contract - Motion by Ames to approve the contract and hiring of Dave De Angelis subject to working out negotiations with MGT, second by Frame. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Frame, yes; Powers, yes; Smith, yes; Hoiland, yes; Stoodley, yes. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds
City Clerk

Approved May 12, 2025