

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 Administrator De Angelis.

Roll Call

Present: Todd Krause, Sherri Ames, JaNelle Powers (via zoom), Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Linda Frame, Joel Hoiland (via zoom), Brian Smith, Cynthia Yager and Cathy Stoodley. Others present: City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds, City Attorney Dan Draper, Finance Director Laura Pisarcik and other interested persons.

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Saturday, September 27th is the 130th Anniversary celebration of the Lake Geneva Public Library.

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

Bill Huntress spoke about item 11b, Peg Esposito spoke about 11b, 13 & 18b, Mike Coolidge spoke about item 15, Alex Binanti spoke in favor of item 11b, Troy Dyer spoke about items 13 & 17, Gary Millette spoke about land appraisal and Spyro Condos spoke in favor of item 11b.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

Clerk Reynolds announced correspondence was received about trick or treating and other correspondence was sent on to the appropriate recipient.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator De Angelis reported the City's phone system update is in process and will take about 2 months to complete.

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

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of September 8, 2025

Temporary "Class B" Wine License application filed by Geneva Lake Arts Foundation, Inc for an Open House on November 7, 2025, located at 223 Broad St, David McConnell, Agent

Temporary Class "B" Beer License Application filed by Downtown Lake Geneva Inc. for Oktoberfest on October 11 & 12, 2025, located at Flat Iron Park, Alexandria Binanti, Agent

Amendment to Public Event Permit for Oktoberfest 2025 allowing for Street Closure of Wrigley Dr and switching of the locations of the children's area and the beer tent

Public Event Permit Application for Dragon Days™ Fantasy Festival from October 3 to 5, 2025 with updated map

Firework Permit application filed by the Badger High School Student Council for October 3, 2025 at approximately 9 PM

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Resolution 25-R50: A resolution to Establish an Annual Trick-or-Treat Day and Time in the City of Lake Geneva

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Fesenmaier. Administrator De Angelis reviewed the resolution and discussion took place. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Powers, yes; Frame, no; Smith, no; Hoiland, yes; Stoodley, no; Yager, yes. Motion carried 5-3.

Resolution 25-R51: A resolution designating city property located on Sheridan Springs Rd tax key parcels ZA467900001, ZA467900002, ZA468000001 & ZA468000002 as surplus property

Motion by Smith to approve, second by Frame. Discussion took place and an amendment was made. Motion by Fesenmaier to amend and remove ZA467900001, second by Ames. Roll call vote: Fesenmaier, yes; Ames, yes; Powers, no; Frame, no; Smith, no; Hoiland, no; Stoodley, no; Yager, no. Motion failed 2-6. Alder Yager made a motion to amend and retain an easement on ZA467900001 to allow access to Hillmoor determined through the negotiation process and approved by council, second by Alder Smith. Discussion took place and the amendment was withdrawn. Discussion continued. Alder Yager clarified she wanted it noted during negotiations that it should include an easement with parking and access to Hillmoor. Discussion continued. Motion by Stoodley to call the question, second by Hoiland. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Main motion vote - Roll call vote: Smith, yes; Frame, yes; Fesenmaier, no; Powers, no; Ames, yes; Yager, no; Stoodley, yes; Hoiland, yes. Motion carried 5-3.

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

Approval of Pay Application No. 6 to Wolf Paving for the 2024 Street Program for \$17,924.82

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

Approval of Pre-Paid Checks of \$207,167.00 and Regular Checks of \$312,888.92

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

Discussion/Action regarding Friends of Hillmoor HWY 50 entrance improvements

Motion by Fesenmaier to suspend the rules for Peg Esposito to speak, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Esposito explained the new layout for the plantings and discussion took place. Motion by Fesenmaier to approve conditional of Administrator De Angelis review of the landscape plan, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Action regarding adding a crosswalk on Center Street adjacent to Brunk Pavilion

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

Discussion/Action regarding approval of honorary 'Pioneers of Baseball' signs by the YMCA at Vet's Park pending the design matching the city colors (*Park Board recommendation*)

Attorney Draper advised this item should go to Plan Commission for review. Motion by Fesenmaier to refer this item to the Plan Commission, second by Yager. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Review and possible approval of Spectrum proposal for upgrade of services for public access channel 25

Administrator De Angelis explained the contract, cost and timeline. Motion by Frame to approve, second by Smith. Voice vote, 7-approved, 1-no (Stoodley), motion carried.

Review and possible approval of proposal for the creation of a Strategic Plan for the City of Lake Geneva

Administrator De Angelis reviewed the RFP process and each firm presented to the council. The council asked questions and discussed the proposals. Motion by Fesenmaier to approve Future iQ, second by Ames. Roll call vote: Fesenmaier, yes; Ames, yes; Powers, yes; Frame, no; Smith, yes; Hoiland, yes; Stoodley, no; Yager, no. Motion carried 5-3.

Mayoral Appointment

Dennis Lyon to the Utility Commission term expiring October 1, 2028

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

Betty Volquardsen to the Board of Park Commissioners term to expire May 1, 2026

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

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 1) Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 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 involved with the Town of Bloomfield and the Village of Bloomfield; and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec.19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding a possible Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement among the Town of Bloomfield, the Village of Bloomfield, and the City of Lake Geneva

Motion by Ames to adjourn to closed session to include the City Administrator, City Clerk, Finance Director and outside Counsel, second by Yager. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Yager, yes; Powers, yes; Stoodley, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 7:53 pm.

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 8:43 pm. No action taken.

Adjournment

Motion by Fesenmaier to adjourn, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds
City Clerk

Approved October 13, 2025