

City Of Lake Geneva Committee Of The Whole Minutes
Monday, August 4, 2025 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier
Council Vice-President: Cindy Yager
Alderspersons: Sherri Ames, Linda Frame, Joel Hoiland, JaNelle Powers, Brian Smith and Cathy Stoodley

Call to Order

Aldersperson Fesenmaier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - Hoiland

Aldersperson Hoiland led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Fesenmaier, Ames, Frame, Hoiland, Powers, Smith, Stoodley
Absent: Yager

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from July 7, 2025

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Stoodley.

No Discussion.

Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.

Mackenzie Wann, 331 Savannah Dr, Walworth; spoke on behalf of the CCI asking the City to issue a proclamation for service animals.

David Frost, 1156 Orchard Ln; spoke about the ability to legally drive golf carts on public roads and thanked the Committee for their efforts and work.

Peggy Schneider, 245 Lookout Dr; spoke about YMCA programming for school aged children, providing the YMCA with a cost estimate, STR listing for the public, against putting more slips in Library Park, in favor of a 4 way stop at Dodge and Broad, in favor of pedestrian crosswalk to connect Donnian & Flat Iron Park, and expressed thanks for new sidewalk.

Adam St. Marie, 1444 Dodge St; spoke in favor of 4-way stop at Dodge & Broad, expressed concern with rerouted traffic to Dodge St during the upcoming HWY 50 project, suggesting turning the rerouted streets into one way during the project.

Presentation: Nixel Community Alerts and Flock Cameras; Lake Geneva Police Department

Chief Ed Gritzner spoke on Community Alerts through Nixel.

Discussion between Committee members and Chief Gritzner followed regarding signing up for alerts and specific topics that could be communicated via Nixel.

Chief Gritzner spoke on the updated Flock Camera system, listed the locations of the 14 cameras, and highlighted details of use.

Questions and discussion followed between Chief Gritzner and Committee members regarding monitoring, signage at the skate park, the license plate recognition camera system, the possibility of a Flock camera at the Cemetery, and storage retention and data viewing procedures.

Discussion regarding Request for Proposal (RFP) for Strategic Planning-City Administrator DeAngelis

City Administrator David De Angelis introduced the proposed RFP. The dates in the proposed schedule need to be

pushed out 1 week.

Discussion followed on possible revisions; pushing the timeline out one week with final completion of the project set for December 15, 2025; the differences between Strategic, Operating, and Comprehensive plans; the reasoning for hiring a third party for strategic planning; budgeting and longevity of the plan, and the evaluation and award process.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS. The following Aldermen will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted on but referrals to the appropriate committees and/or individuals will be made.

Finance, License, and Regulation Committee-Chair Ames

Alderperson Ames reported on recent activity, including licensing and event permitting.

Personnel Committee-Chair Hoiland

Alderperson Hoiland reported on the new Parks Director, job description approvals, organizational chart recommendations, and policy manual reviews.

Public Works Committee-Chair Stoodley

Alderperson Stoodley reported on recent committee topics, including the Center St crosswalk, the stoplight at Townline and Edwards, and regulatory sign criteria.

A requests was made for a recurring agenda item for HWY 50 project updates.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Yager

No report given.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

Utility Commission-Fesenmaier and Smith

Alderperson Smith reported on billing and mural approval.

Tree Board-Ames

The Board did not meet in August, will meet again next week Tuesday.

Police and Fire Commission-Hoiland

Alderperson Hoiland reported on staffing changes, software, arrest and citation activity, Fire Department splash pads at Central Dennison, the appointment of an Assistant Fire Chief, other staffing changes, and call activity.

Plan Commission-Hoiland

Alderperson Hoiland spoke on ROW work for street program, 80 E Geneva Sq PIP amendment, mural across from Museum, and Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

No report given.

Library Board-Ames

Alderperson Ames reported on various upcoming programming and events.

Historic Preservation Commission-Powers

Alderperson Powers reported on topics concerning Maple Park, the cemetery office window replacement, local historic landmark application form, and the three graces statue.

Avian Committee-Powers

Alderperson Powers reported on the birding backpack locations, the Dark Sky Ordinance, and Swift Night Out event.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Frame

Alderperson Fesenmaier spoke on recent grant recipients, the updated Complimentary Riviera Ballroom Request Form, and advertisement of the Tourism Commission's hotel listing site.

Cemetery Board-Stoodley and Frame

Alderperson Stoodley reported on Columbarium space and the Cemetery Alliance conference.

Hillmoor Commission-Yager

Mayor Krause spoke on recent topics including the Hwy 50 entrance work, ecological restoration plans, architectural landscape plans for Zone 1.\

Discussion followed on Zone 1 considerations received.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

***No meeting or materials posted on the City website.**

***VISIT Lake Geneva-Yager**

No report given.

***Geneva Lake Museum-Powers**

Alderperson Powers reported on attendance, fundraising, membership, and financials.

***Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Smith**

No meeting, no report given.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Alderperson Fesenmaier reported on Agency topics including the purchase of an algae torch, installation of algae cameras, testing sites and result reporting, and potential guidelines for wake enhancements.

***Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Stoodley**

Alderperson Stoodley reported on YMCA programming activities and upcoming events, including participation at Venetian Fest as a food vendor.

***Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

No meeting, no report given.

Business Improvement District-Stoodley

Alderperson Stoodley reported on upcoming events including the Lemonade Crawl, Maxwell Street Days, and Art in Motion.

Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Krause

Mayor Krause reported on staffing issues.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Monday, October 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm

There will not be a meeting in September due to the Labor Day holiday.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Hoiland.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk

Approved October 6, 2025