

**City Of Lake Geneva Committee Of The Whole Minutes
Monday, October 6, 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
Council President Fesenmaier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance — Yager

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

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from August 4, 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.
Jon Nelson, 1035 Park Row; spoke on a potential easement with the surplus land off of Sheridan Springs, Channel 25 issues, and a public record request for an appraisal done at Hillmoor.

Casey Schiche, Ridge Rd; spoke on the process for potential land sales.

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant St; spoke on the potential sale of surplus land by Sheridan Springs Rd, the surplus land policy, land appraisals in general, the BID district, and VISIT Lake Geneva.

Discussion/Referral to the Plan Commission: Proposed changes to zoning ordinance 98-706(b)2, in order to extend the allowable time period of outside parking of recreational vehicles and equipment from Memorial Day until Labor Day to Memorial Day until October 15th (agenda item request form submitted by Alders Fesenmaier and Frame)

Discussion took place between Committee members regarding the timeframe.
Aldersperson Frame would like the time frame to be specific to boats on trailers and be from May 1st to November 1st due to pre-and post-boating season activities.
Aldersperson Stoodley would like the wording to be specific to boat trailers instead of recreational vehicles.
General discussion followed regarding parking on paved versus non-paved surfaces.
City Administrator DeAngelis spoke on the need to expand the timeline and discussed the procedure for this at the Plan Commission.
Aldersperson Hoiland discussed recent zoning code amendments and the procedure at the Plan Commission.
General discussion followed on parking in lots throughout the City.
No action taken, referral to the Plan Commission by consensus.

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

Alderson Ames reported on recent meeting activity including public event permits, pay requests, various license applications, and a budget workshop.

Personnel Committee-Chair Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported on recent committee activity covering topics such as job descriptions, policy manual recommendations, code updates for the Personnel Committee, and operating excellence and efficiency.

Public Works Committee-Chair Stoodley

Alderson Stoodley reported on brush drop off and pick-up, recycling events, the crosswalk on Center St by Flat Iron Park, and upcoming street work.

Discussion followed regarding the signage placement on Dodge & Broad.

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

Alderson Smith reported on the Symphony Bay lift station and other capital projects.

Tree Board-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on the tree removal list, and announced vacancies on the Board.

Police and Fire Commission-Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported on a facility workshop, current facility deficiencies, potential new facility locations, health insurance premiums, and a new youth apprenticeship program.

Plan Commission-Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported on recent activity and proposals, including Comprehensive Plan Amendments, a proposal from the developer and owner for the parcels next to Town Bank, the potential Library Public Restroom restoration project, and potential developments along hwy 120.

Discussion followed on the difference between low income, affordable, and workforce housing.

Clarification was offered on the easement development on the surplus land on Sheridan Springs Dr.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

No report given.

Library Board-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on the Smith Meeting room restoration project, upcoming programming and events, and the 130th Library's Anniversary party.

Discussion followed on the restoration project and mural installation.

Historic Preservation Commission-Powers

No meeting last month, no report given.

Avian Committee-Powers

Alderson Powers reported on the recent topics including the Swift Night Out, the hotel birding backpack program, the Bird City application, and grant opportunities.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Frame

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on the various commission topics, including the addition of a budget line item for Municipal Development Grants, recent grant recipients, and fund movement for the Knowles Nelson Grant.

Cemetery Board-Stoodley and Frame

Alderson Stoodley reported on the new chapel roof, window replacement, and the engineering study for the

roads.

The Committee is inviting employees to participate in their parade of trees entry.

Hillmoor Commission-Yager

Mayor Krause reported on the RFP activity, discussed Zone 5, the newsletter, budgeting, and changes to the entryway.

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**

Aldersperson Powers reported on the upcoming parade of trees event and the military room work.

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

Aldersperson Hoiland reported on the potential buy back of a property in the business park and corporation visions and goals for business in the City.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier reported on research between piers and buoys, fundraising activities, septic system regulation development, e-coli research, phosphorus levels in the stream, and upcoming website updates.

***Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Stoodley**

Aldersperson Stoodley spoke on upcoming events including the volunteer recognition dinner, the upcoming 5 Things Drive, and other donation opportunities.

***Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

No meeting, no report given.

Discussion followed on the possibility of assuming the committee into GLEA.

Business Improvement District-Stoodley

Aldersperson Stoodley reported on upcoming events, volunteering opportunities for Oktoberfest, the potential BID expansion, and the Main Street Program.

Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Krause

Mayor Krause reported that the Council has voted to leave GLLEA. Mid November, the City will be officially terminated from GLLEA. The 25% payout option is being researched by the City Administrator.

Adjournment

Aldersperson Frame reiterated the importance of the Library Restroom locations and stressed the importance of communication between departments.

Aldersperson Ames and Mayor Krause clarified some details regarding ownership and regulation of the library building.

Aldersperson Hoiland stated that the responsibility for public restrooms falls onto the City, so the City does need to find a solution.

Aldersperson Stoodley spoke on the need for consistency regarding public restrooms.

City Administrator DeAngelis spoke on the importance of communication and consistent messaging across various departments.

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Hoiland.

No discussion, motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk

Approved November 3, 2025