

**City Of Lake Geneva Committee Of The Whole Minutes
Monday, November 3, 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 Feseimaier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance-Powers

Roll Call

Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Frame, Hoiland, Powers, Smith, Stoodley
Absent: None

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from October 6, 2025

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Powers.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Presentation:

Proposal for Bulk Items Collection Change; Johns Disposal

Nate Austin, John's Disposal spoke on the proposal to change bulk item pick-up to an on-call model. Questions and discussion followed between Committee members and Mr. Austin regarding various topics such as appliance vs electronic pick-up, road wear and tear from garbage trucks, resident reactions, the option for a 1-year test period, online requests, specifics of e-waste pick-ups, scheduling specifics, and bulk pick-up at apartments.

Introductions to TDS Telecom and Fiber Optic to the Home Technology

Bruce Shead from TDS Telecom gave an introductory presentation on TDS Telecom and fiber optic to the home technology. Questions and discussion followed between Committee members and Mr. Shead regarding service differences with competitors, company history, project timelines, and build out strategies for the networks. City Administrator DeAngelis spoke about City permitting processes, cabinet locations, and franchise fee payments.

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.

Karim Garne; from the US Small Business Administration, spoke on disaster support for homeowners and small businesses.

Sherri Ames; announced a Veterans Day program at the middle school and a concert later in the day at the Riviera.

Larry Happ, 1120 S Lakeshore Dr; spoke in support of the proposed changes to the bulk pick-up.

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

Aldersperson Ames reported on license & permits and budget activity.

Questions followed between Committee members and City Administrator DeAngelis regarding specific percentage increases for specific city staff members, designated vs non-designated fund balances, and fund balance policy totals.

Personnel Committee-Chair Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported on recent job description updates, code updates pertaining to the Personnel Committee, suggestions for leveraging technology into government efficiency, and policy manual reviews.

Public Works Committee-Chair Stoodley

Alderson Stoodley reported on updates pertaining to the 4 way stop at Broad and Dodge, the crosswalk on Center St between Flat Iron Park and the Donian Wetland Preserve, and the trail extension from Southwind through Veterans Park.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Yager

Alderson Yager reported that the Library Park kayak launch is being reviewed for accessibility updates, expansion of the brick donation program, potential ordinance updates, and the lakefront comprehensive plan.

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 annual election of officers, budgeting, and the RPF for concrete flooring at the wastewater facility.

Tree Board-Ames

Alderson Ames reported that the Board will next meet in January.

Police and Fire Commission-Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported on the Operational & Facilities study which will be forwarded to the Council, call statistics, the fire department youth apprenticeship program, Lexipol policy updates.

Discussion followed regarding potential site locations for a new public safety building.

Plan Commission-Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported on recent Commission topics including a Conditional Use Permit for a Commercial Indoor Lodging, a proposed planned development for an apartment building near Symphony Bay, outdoor storage of boats, and comprehensive plan amendments.

Discussion followed regarding the differences between Short-Term Rentals, Commercial Indoor Lodgings, hotels, and motels.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on recent Board topics, including the YMCA's proposed field work, Park Visioning Strategy discussions, Vets Park Playground updates, and pickleball court updates.

Discussion followed on requests or suggestions for the pickleball courts and how potential sponsorship would fall under the City's Donation Policy.

Library Board-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on the 130th anniversary celebration, circulation numbers, accolades and grants received from the IRS for the volunteer tax return, updates on the meeting room renovation.

Historic Preservation Commission-Powers

Alderson Powers reported on potential local landmark sites, updating the ordinance, and various signage discussions.

Avian Committee-Powers

Alderson Powers reported on efforts related to Dark Sky initiatives, grant activity, and potential bird boxes at Hillmoor.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Frame

Alderson Frame reported on recent grant applications.
Alderson Fesenmaier reported on grant packet updates and the development of a municipal development grant application.

Cemetery Board-Stoodley and Frame

Alderson Stoodley reported on project updates, various wishlist topics, fee schedule updates, and the Board's entry in the Museum's parade of trees.

Hillmoor Commission-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on the Hillmoor Commission's numerous activities, meetings, and actions taken this year, emphasizing the active and cohesive efforts of the Commission.
Discussion followed regarding the newsletter and RFP proposals.

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**

Alderson Yager reported on the annual impact awards.

***Geneva Lake Museum-Powers**

Alderson Powers reported on the upcoming parade of trees.

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

No report given.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on the recent boat count, upcoming meetings, and the Geneva Lake Management Plan.

***Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Stoodley**

Alderson Stoodley reported that the YMCA is building a subsidiary location in Delavan.

***Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

Alderson Frame reported that the Geneva Lake Use Committee will not be combining with the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency.

Business Improvement District-Stoodley

Alderson Stoodley reported on the Oktoberfest event, the Wine Walk, details on the potential BID expansion, the alleyway by Geneva Stage, communications between various entities, and public restrooms downtown.
Discussion followed between the committee members regarding the Riviera concourse restrooms.

***Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Krause**

No report given.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Stoodley.
No discussion, motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote. The Committee adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk
Approved December 1, 2025