

**City Of Lake Geneva Common Council Minutes**  
**Monday, November 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM**  
**Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

City Administrator DeAngelis led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

**Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements**

Mayor Krause announced the Christmas Parade on December 6, 2025.

**Proclamation for the Rotary Club of Lake Geneva's 50th Anniversary**

Mayor Krause read a Proclamation honoring the Lake Geneva Rotary Club's 50th anniversary.

**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**

Tom Earle, Director of Public Works, spoke on the the Public Works Department's budget, and thanked the Council for their consideration.

**Acknowledgement of Correspondence**

None.

**City Administrator's Report**

City Administrator DeAngelis gave a report on various City projects and topics.

Questions and discussion followed between Council members and Administrator DeAngelis followed regarding Channel 25 and the stop signs at the intersection of Broad and Dodge St.

**Presentation and Public Hearing of the proposed 2026 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Lake Geneva**

Comptroller Pisarcik presented the proposed 2026 budget.

Mayor Krause opened the public hearing on the 2026 budget.

Motion by Hoiland to close public hearing, second by Yager.

No discussion, Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote with all voting yes.

**Resolution 25-R56: a resolution adopting the City of Lake Geneva 2026 Budget and 2025 Tax Levy**

Motion by Hoiland to approve Resolution 25-R56, second by Frame.

No discussion, motion carried 7-1 on a roll call vote with Hoiland, Powers, Smith, Stoodley, Yager, Ames, and Frame voting yes and Fesenmaier voting no.

**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 Frame to approve the consent agenda, second by Powers.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

**Approve the Regular Council Minutes from November 10, 2025**

**Acceptance of the Pre-Paid and Regular Check Reports from November 18, 2025**

**Approval of Public Event Permit application filed by the Downtown Lake Geneva BID for the Light Up Lake Geneva Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, November 28, 2025, in Flat Iron Park**

**Approval of Complimentary Riviera Ballroom Event Request Form filed by the Lake Geneva Public Library for an author event on February 28, 2026**

**Approval of Change Order 4 in the amount of \$5,830.00 for the 2025 Street Program**

**Items removed from the Consent Agenda**

None.

**Discussion/Action regarding re-approval of the HWY 50 relocation order**

Administrator DeAngelis explained the need to reapprove in order to meet the recording deadline for the relocation order.

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Stoodley.

No discussion, motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

**Resolution 25-R57 a resolution canceling the December 22, 2025 Regular Common Council Meeting**

Motion by Ames to approve Resolution-25-R57, second by Smith.

Discussion followed regarding the process for paying bills in the second half of December.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

**Discussion/Action regarding approval of city beach bracelets with QR code**

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Yager.

Discussion followed regarding the partnership with VISIT regarding the QR code and the possibility of expanding to other local businesses including those located in the Business Improvement District.

Harbormaster Erick Nicia clarified on the businesses included, and explained how the QR code would be directed.

Discussion followed on the logistics of the QR code, the timeline of ordering, additional advertising for businesses who are not included in the website listing, and the possibility of delaying ordering the wristbands so that advertising questions can be considered.

Clarification was offered by Harbormaster Nicia between the daily wristbands that would include the QR code and the seasonal resident wristbands that would not. The resident wristbands can be ordered in time for tax season, and the daily wristband order can be delayed.

Motion by Fesenmaier to continue to the first Council meeting in January, second by Ames.

Motion carried 7-1 on a voice vote with Stoodley voting no.

**Discussion/Action to accept the bid of \$575,900.00 by Glen Fern Construction, LLC for the Library Program Room Renovation**

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Powers.

No discussion, motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

**Discussion/Action regarding the option of objecting to the Lake Geneva Historic Preservation Commission notice of intent to nominate the Lake Geneva Public Library as a Local Historic Landmark as set forth in Sec. 34-93(5) and (6) of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Geneva**

Administrator DeAngelis introduced the item, explaining that by code, since the City is the owner of the building, the Council has the option to object to the nomination. If the Council does not object, the nomination will continue.

Motion by Ames to approve support of the designation, second by Frame.

No discussion, motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

**Discussion/Action regarding proposal for Council adoption of a Traffic Control Device Policy (*Agenda item request submitted by Alders Hoiland & Smith*)**

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Smith.

Motion by Hoiland to amend item 6 under Policy Guidelines to include the Department of Public Works as an authorizer in the first bullet point, second by Frame.

Motion to amend carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion on the main motion as amended followed regarding the discussion of the policy at the Public Works Committee.

Stoodley expressed the need to involve Public Safety in Traffic Control discussions.

Ames spoke in opposition to the policy, stating the policy will make it more difficult for the residents to request changes.

Hoiland spoke on the policy's review history at the Public Works Committee, with the City Engineer, and with various City Departments.

Motion by Fesenmaier to refer the Policy to the Public Works Committee as a Discussion and Action item, second by Frame.

Stoodley spoke on the importance of getting the proper input and ensuring the policy isn't too limiting in future instances.

Yager spoke on the importance of a connection between alderpersons and the residents, and questioned details regarding payment for required studies and the petition requirements.

Attorney Draper spoke on municipal immunity regarding discretionary versus mandatory acts, stating that he would like the opportunity to review the legalities of the policy.

Frame voiced agreement with Stoodley and Yager, and stated that the policy needs legal review.

Fesenmaier reiterated the importance of referring the policy back to the Public Works Committee so that residents can weigh in on the issue.

Hoiland spoke on previous meetings that this item had been addressed at and explained that the policy had been circulated to staff.

Powers expressed appreciation for the work, and spoke on the need to consider the residents and legalities.

Attorney Draper explained the procedure for asking for a legal opinion on a topic.

Ames expressed opposition to the policy, and discussed the importance of fiscal responsibility and safety considerations.

Stoodley reiterated that she is not against a policy, and asked about incorporating a legal review prior to consideration at the Public Works Committee.

Frame spoke on the existence of an Ordinance for traffic control, and questioned the need for an additional policy.

Administrator DeAngelis spoke about the procedures going forward, explaining that the Attorney will review the policy prior to its consideration by the Public Works Committee.

Motion to refer to the Public Works Committee for Discussion/Action carried 6-2 on a roll call vote with Powers, Stoodley, Yager, Ames, Fesenmaier, and Frame voting yes and Hoiland and Smith voting no.

### **Mayoral Appointments**

Motion by Frame to approve the appointments of Ackerman and Parrish to the Tree Board, second by Powers.

Discussion followed regarding additional applicants and the Mayor's process for retaining applications.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

### **Kathy Ackerman - Tree Board term expiring May 1, 2027**

### **Abbigayle Parrish - Tree Board term expiring May 1, 2027**

### **Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of 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 or is likely to become involved**

Motion by Ames to go into closed session including City Administrator DeAngelis, Attorney Draper, Comptroller Pisarcik, and Deputy Clerk Jahns, second by Smith.

Fesenmaier asked for clarification regarding the wording on the agenda.

Attorney Draper clarified the necessary language regarding closed session and attorney client privilege.

Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote with all voting yes.

The Council went into closed session at 7:32 pm.

### **Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session**

Motion by Smith to return to open session, second by Yager.

No discussion, motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote with all voting yes.

The Council returned to open session at 8 pm.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Stoodley.

No discussion, motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Vanessa Jahns

Deputy City Clerk

Approved December 8, 2025