

City of Lake Geneva Common Council Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers (Main Level)

Call to Order - by Mayor Krause at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance - by Alder Stoodley.

Roll Call

Present: Todd Krause, Sherri Ames, JaNelle Powers, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Linda Frame, Brian Smith, Joel Hoiland, Cathy Stoodley and Cynthia Yager. Absent: None. Others present: City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds, City Attorney Dan Draper, Finance Director Laura Pisarcik, Building & Zoning Director, Fire Chief John Peters and other interested persons.

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Mayor Krause announced meeting about a possible trolley acquisition.

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

Constance Kosowski, Nick Vorpapel, Sean Payne, Mark Moller Gunderson, Beverly Leonard, Shannon Blay, Tom Hartz, Elliott Leech, Bridget Leech, Scott Koster, Young Cho, Lynella Gramm, Michelle Walsh, Elena Bisabarras, Corbin Koster, Spyro Condos, Jim Connors, Peggy Schneider, Jim Gaugert, Josh Holmes and Michelle Noel all spoke in favor item 15 Sheridan Springs Property. Troy Dyer, Bill Huntress, Ross Magnuson, Chantal Schuerr and Gary Milliette spoke against item 15 Sheridan Springs Property. Peg Esposito spoke about items 11, 13c and against item 15.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

City Clerk Reynolds reported 3 communications were received regarding item 15 Sheridan Springs Property and copies are available for review.

City Administrator's Report

Administrator De Angelis reported there are no new updates regarding Channel 25 and the Strategic Plan Think Tanks were last week when approximately 50 people attended each session.

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 all listed, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes from December 8, 2025 Acceptance

of the Pre-Paid and Regular Check Reports

Temporary Class "B" Beer License application filed by St Francis de Sales Parish for the Chili Cook Off on January 17, 2026, Robert McCormick, Agent

Temporary Class "B" Beer / "Class B" Wine License application filed by St Francis de Sales Parish for the Valentine Spaghetti Dinner on February 14, 2026, Robert McCormick, Agent

Temporary Class "B" Beer License application filed by St Francis de Sales Parish for the Irish Trivia Night on March 17, 2026, Robert McCormick, Agent

Approval of Pay App 1 from Kompan for the Vet's Park Playground in the amount of \$240,204.70 Approval of Pay App 6 from Wolf Paving for the 2025 Street Program in the amount of \$32,310.00

Approval of Acquisition and Appraisal Services for STH 120 in the amount of \$31,160.00

Items removed from the Consent Agenda - None.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 26-R01 A resolution amending the Schedule of Fees - Lakefront Fees

Motion by Yager to approve, second by Stoodley. Discussion took place about a scrivener's error and how it does not affect the item on today's agenda. Discussion continued about fee increases, percentages and the lagoon fees being removed. Voice vote, 6-approved, 2-opposed (Fesenmaier and Frame), motion carried.

Discussion/Action regarding city beach bracelets with QR code (continued from November 24, 2025, Council meeting)

Motion by Smith to approve, second by Yager. Discussion took place about business advertisement through the QR code. Roll call vote: Smith, yes; Yager, yes; Stoodley, yes; Hoiland, yes; Frame, no; Fesenmaier, no; Powers, no; Ames, no. Tie vote 4-4. Mayor Krause voted no, motion failed. This item will go back to the Piers, Harbors and Lakefront Committee.

Discussion/Action on the recommendations of the Plan Commission

Ordinance 26-01 An ordinance amending subsections (2)(a) and (b) Section 98-706, Exterior storage standards in residential zoning districts, of Article 7, Performance Standards of Chapter 98, Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Geneva, changing when recreational vehicles, boats, boat trailers, canoes, kayaks, canoe trailers, and kayak trailers may be parked on an existing driveway in front or side yards

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Stoodley. Building and Zoning Director Hanlon reviewed the changes to the code. Alder Frame wanted clarification of the date changes. The updated dates are April 1 until November 15. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Resolution 26-02 A resolution authorizing the approval of a Limited Conditional Use Permit application filed by Kristin Stahulak, POB 312, Pell Lake, WI, to operate a Commercial Indoor Lodging facility at 723 Williams Street, Tax Key No. ZF 00028

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

Resolution 26-03 A resolution authorizing the approval of an Amended Planned Development— Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) application filed by Bloomfield Holdings, LLC, 875 Townline Road, Lake Geneva, WI, to allow for a single family residential development for the property located at Townline Road and North Road, Tax Key No. ZYUP 500003

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Smith. Alder Fesenmaier asked for a review of what was proposed and removed by the Plan Commission. Discussion took place. Motion by Fesenmaier to amend Resolution 26-03 to add in more trees per staff satisfaction, second by Ames. Discussion continued regarding adding more trees, how many trees, where trees should be added, staff and Plan Commission recommendations. Hanlon explained she recommends trees behind the homes in addition to the lot line, but not doubling the amount of trees. Motion by Hoiland to suspend the rules so Rick Zerk can speak, second by Smith. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Smith, yes; Frame, no; Fesenmaier, no; Powers, no; Ames, no; Yager, no; Stoodley, yes. Motion failed 3-5. Discussion continued and Hanlon recommended the developer amend the landscape plan per staff satisfaction. Roll call vote for amendment 1: Fesenmaier, yes; Ames, yes; Yager, yes; Hoiland, no; Powers, yes; Stoodley, yes; Smith, no; Frame, yes. Motion carried 6-2. Motion by Fesenmaier to amend Resolution 26-03 to add in a buffer of bushes with staff review and approval, second by Powers. Alder Hoiland asked for it be noted on record that he resents the inappropriate comment by Alder Fesenmaier. Roll call vote: Fesenmaier, yes; Powers, yes; Frame, yes; Stoodley, yes; Smith, no; Ames, yes; Yager, yes; Hoiland, no. Motion carried 6-2. Main motion - Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Smith, yes; Stoodley, yes; Powers, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Ames, yes; Yager, yes; Frame, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 26-04 A resolution authorizing the approval of a Final Plat of Subdivision for Symphony Bay Phase 8 at the Southwest Corner of Townline Road and North Road, Lake Geneva, WI Tax Key No. ZYUP 500003 filed by Bloomfield Holdings, LLC, 875 Townline Road, Unit 103, Lake Geneva, WI

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

Discussion/Action regarding Performance Review Policy Framework and Form

Motion by Smith to approve, second by Hoiland. Administrator De Angelis summarized the revisions and discussion took place regarding the edits. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding Offer to purchase Sheridan Springs Property and 19.85 1 (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding Employment Contract for the Fire Chief

Motion by Yager to adjourn to closed session to include the City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, Finance Director and Fire Chief, second by Stoodley. Roll call vote: Yager, yes; Stoodley, yes; Hoiland, yes; Smith, yes; Frame, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Powers, yes; Ames, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 8:37 pm. The Council took a 5

minute recess.

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

Returned to open session at 10:12 pm. Motion by Hoiland to approve the employment contract for the Fire Chief and remove paragraph 3, second by Smith. Voice vote, 7-approved, 1-opposed (Fesenmaier), motion carried.

Motion by Frame to direct staff to negotiate with the buyer as discussed in closed session, second by Ames. Roll call vote: Frame, yes; Ames, yes; Smith, yes; Stoodley, yes; Powers, yes; Yager, yes; Hoiland, yes; Fesenmaier, no. Motion carried 7-1.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Stoodley. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds, City Clerk

Approved 01.26.26