

**City Of Lake Geneva Common Council Minutes**  
**Monday, January 26, 2026 - 6:00 PM**  
**Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers**

**Call to Order**

by Mayor Krause at 6:02 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

by Alder Fesenmaier.

**Roll Call**

Present: Todd Krause, Sherri Ames, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Joel Hoiland, Cynthia Yager (via zoom), JaNelle Powers (via zoom), Linda Frame, Brian Smith and Cathy Stoodley. Absent: None. Others present: City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds, City Attorney Dan Draper, Finance Director Laura Pisarcik, Parks Director David Winger (via zoom) and other interested persons.

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

Mayor Krause announced Winterfest beginning Wednesday and thanked DPW staff for their help with snow and setup. The HWY 50 project does not begin until February of 2027.

**Reconsider business from previous meeting**

None.

**Acknowledgement of Correspondence**

City Clerk Reynolds announced three emails were received and all are in regard to the Sheridan Springs Property.

**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**

John Nelson, Troy Dyer, Robert Nabasny, Dan Schermerhorn all spoke in opposition of item 16 - Sheridan Springs Property. (owner of Geneva Square). Constance Kosowski, Brooke Hammel, Michelle Walsh, Mark Moller Gunderson, Lynn Lein, Stephanie Lein, Bill Kahn, Tom Hartz, Elliot Leech, Young Cho, Jim Connors all spoke in favor of item 16 - Sheridan Springs Property. Candy Kirchberg spoke in favor of Symphony Bay adding trees and Sheridan Springs Property sale. Mary Daley spoke in favor of item 14 - trolleys, Spyro Condos, Christie Hunter, Alex Binanti and Bridget Leech spoke in favor of items 16 and 14, Michael Krajovick spoke in favor of item 15.

**Discussion/Action regarding Offer to Purchase and Counter-offer #1 Sheridan Springs Property**

Motion by Fesenmaier to move item 16 up after public comment, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Motion by Ames to move item 14 up after item 16, second by Smith. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Administrator De Angelis explained the timeline of events beginning in August 2025 regarding the Sheridan Springs Property presentation, offer, discussions and direct negotiations. Attorney Draper explained negotiating in open and closed session. Motion by Ames to approve the purchase and counter offer, second by Frame. Discussion took place. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Frame, yes; Fesenmaier, no; Smith, no; Hoiland, no; Stoodley, yes; Yager, yes; Powers, no. Tie vote 4-4. Mayor Krause vote; yes, motion carried 5-4.

**Discussion/Action regarding mitigating parking loss through purchase or lease of trolleys**

Alder Frame made a motion to approve and Alder Ames seconded the motion. Administrator De Angelis explained trolleys are available, but details regarding trolley operations and the cost of operations are not complete. Discussion took place. Motion by Stoodley to suspend the rules for Alex from BID to speak, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Alex spoke about partnerships between entities, vans, trolley availability and grants. Motion by Frame to approve and move ahead with the possible purchase of the trolleys, second by Ames. Voice vote, all opposed, motion failed. Motion by Smith to move forward with the concept of purchasing a trolley system, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

**City Administrator's Report**

Administrator De Angelis reported Spectrum has an appointment to work on Channel 25 this week. The next

Strategic Plan date is February 17th for a Council session from 3-5 pm with a public session to follow at 5:30 pm. City staff and engineers met with the DOT regarding HWY 50 last week.

**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 a-e, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

**Approve the Special Council Minutes of December 22, 2025**

**Approve the Regular Council Minutes of January 12, 2026**

**Public Event with Street Use Permit application filed by the Geneva Lakes Family YMCA for the Sprint for Spring 5k Run/Walk on April 25, 2026**

**Public Event Permit application filed by the Alzheimer's Association for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in Walworth County on September 19, 2026, in Library Park**

**Acceptance of the Pre-Paid and Regular Check Reports**

**Items removed from the Consent Agenda**

None.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

**Resolution 26-R05: A resolution amending the Schedule of Fees - Alcohol License Fees (*recommended by the FLR Committee 01/20/2026*)**

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

**Resolution 26-R06: A resolution authorizing May 9, 2026, as World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Lake Geneva**

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Fesenmaier. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

**Discussion/Action regarding approval of Financial Software Contract with BS&A (*recommended by the FLR Committee 01/20/2026*)**

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Smith. Alder Fesenmaier requested the Comptroller give regular updates during the process. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

**Discussion/Action regarding the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Planning (CORP) 2026 (*recommended by the PHL Committee and Park Board 01/20/2026*)**

Motion by Smith to approve, second by Stoodley. Discussion took place. Voice vote, 7-approved, 1-opposed (Frame), motion carried.

**Discussion/Action regarding the HWY 50 pathway recommendation from Hillmoor Commission and Park Board**

Administrator De Angelis reported the Hillmoor Commission and Park Board submitted recommendations and a decision needs to be made between a 10-foot pathway or a sidewalk along HWY 50. Motion by Stoodley to approve the HWY 50 pathway that was recommended, second by Frame. Voice vote, 7-approved, 1-opposed (Fesenmaier), motion carried.

**Discussion/Action regarding directing the City Administrator to compose and send a letter to our State Representatives regarding City proposals to financial disruptions caused by the State's reconstruction of HWY 50 in the city (*Agenda item request form submitted by Alders Fesenmaier and Yager*)**

Motion by Smith to approve, second by Ames. Administrator De Angelis will draft a letter to bring back to council for approval. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

**Discussion/Action regarding potential ordinance change to enable two alders to submit agenda items to any committee, commission, board or council (*Agenda item request form submitted by Alders Fesenmaier and Yager*)**

Motion by Fesenmaier to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance change and bring back to council, second by Frame. Voice vote, 7-approved, 1-opposed (Hoiland), motion carried.

## **Mayoral Appointments**

### **Kenton Martzke - BID board term expiring January 1, 2027**

Motion by Fesenmaier to approve the appointment, second by Ames. 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 the Sheridan Springs Property, and Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g) 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 regarding Bloomfield Holdings, LLC and Fairwyn SB, Inc. and City of Lake Geneva v. Village of Bloomfield and Town of Bloomfield**

The council took a 5-minute recess. Motion by Smith to adjourn to closed session to include the City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk, Finance Director and outside counsel Stan Riffle, second by Frame. Roll call vote: Smith, yes; Frame, yes; Stoodley, yes; Powers, yes; Yager, yes; Hoiland, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Ames, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned to closed session at 9:00 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 Hoiland to amend a previous action regarding Bloomfield Holdings, LLC and Fairwyn SB, Inc., second by Smith. Voice vote, 6-approved, 2- opposed (Fesenmaier & Ames), motion carried.

Motion by Fesenmaier to instruct the attorneys to pursue action at the court of appeals level regarding City of Lake Geneva v. Village of Bloomfield and Town of Bloomfield, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Stoodley. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds  
City Clerk

Approved February 9, 2026