

City Of Lake Geneva Committee Of The Whole Minutes
Monday, May 4, 2026 - 6:00 PM
Lake Geneva City Hall; Council Chambers

Call to Order

by Chairperson Yager at 6:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

by Alderperson Stoodley.

Roll Call

Present: Sherri Ames, JaNelle Powers, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Linda Frame, Brian Smith (via zoom), Joel Hoiland, Cathy Stoodley and Cindy Yager. Absent: None. Others present: City Administrator Dave De Angelis, City Clerk Lacey L. Reynolds and other interested persons.

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from March 2, 2026

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

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2). 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.

Mike Kramp, Alder Fesenmaier, Victoria Ross and Jim Gauger all spoke.

Presentation: Business Improvement District – “We Love Local Wednesdays”; Alexandria Binanti, Executive Director, Downtown Lake Geneva

BID Director Alex Binanti shared about We love local Wednesday's and the draft promotional postcard. Discussion took place.

Presentation: Geneva Lake Museum Update; Janet Ewing, Co-Director of Administration

Alder Frame shared about the June 13th event at the museum beginning at 4pm honoring local military heroes. Frame added the military room will be complete by this celebration.

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.

Personnel Committee-Chair Powers

Alder Powers shared the committee met today.

Public Works Committee-Chair Stoodley

Alder Stoodley shared Broad St construction began today and the HWY 120 construction is ongoing.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Yager

Alder Yager announced the hiring of the new Harbormaster, Luke Riesterer and spoke about wake-enhanced sports.

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

Alder Fesenmaier shared the utility portion of construction is now underway on HWY 120 and the 2025 consumer confidence report is posted on the Utility Commission website.

Tree Board-Ames

Alder Ames announced the tree planting in honor of Patrick Quinn was on April 24th.

Plan Commission-Powers

Alder Hoiland shared the Simple Food Group Concept Plan was reviewed.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Alder Yager reported on discussion about native plantings, a possible sound system at Brunk Pavilion and announced the Dunn Field Pickleball courts grand opening is May 16th from 3-6 pm.

Library Board-Ames

Alder Ames announced the Smith room construction is on schedule and the library bulletin is now available.

Historic Preservation Commission-Powers

Alder Powers reported on the Library plaque and other signs will be installed when weather permits.

Avian Committee-Frame

Alder Powers reported on the dark sky ordinance, the bird city application and the migratory bird day event. Powers also shared the purple martins have returned.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Smith

Alder Fesenmaier reviewed where tourism commission money comes from and announced 3 grants were approved.

Cemetery Board-Stoodley and Frame

Alder Stoodley announced the road construction will begin soon and the cold storage shed and columbarium should be complete before winter.

Hillmoor Commission-Yager

Alder Yager reported Zone 1 master plan and trails were discussed.

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

Alder Yager announced there are 3 new partners and restaurant week was a success.

Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland

Alder Powers reported the annual meeting was last month

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Smith

No report.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Alder Fesenmaier reported on the updated signs GLEA will provide to municipalities.

Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Smith

Alder Stoodley shared the Y is purchasing property.

Geneva Lake Use-Hoiland

Alder Fesenmaier reported Geneva Lake USE is still active but is no longer charging municipalities.

Business Improvement District-Stoodley

Alder Stoodley announced the meeting is this Wednesday.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds

City Clerk

Approved June 1, 2026