

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA FINANCE, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 - 4:30 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Committee Members: Chairperson Ken Howell, Alderpersons: Joan Yunker, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, John Halverson, and Rich Hedlund

Call to Order by Chairperson Howell

Chairperson Howell called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Howell, Fesenmaier, Halverson, Hedlund, and Yunker

Absent: None

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda

Sonja Dailey; 531 Warren St; Spoke in regards to the Noxious Weed Ordinance and offered revisions.

Madison Lavary; Geneva Lake Conservancy; Spoke in regards to the Noxious Weed Ordinance and offered revisions.

Peg Esposito; 124 Darwin St; Spoke in regards to the Noxious Weed Ordinance and offered revisions.

Approval of the July 19, 2022 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee Meeting minutes as prepared and distributed

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Hedlund. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Licenses & Permits

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Tier II Event Permit Application filed by the Business Improvement District for the event of Lake Geneva Oktoberfest 2022, to be held October 7, 2022 through October 9, 2022 located at Flat Iron Park

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Fesenmaier. Hedlund stated that the City will be waiving \$1,440 in parking fees for this event and that the Council should evaluate waiving fees for these events. Fesenmaier added that she would like the staff to put something together to determine which groups would be eligible for waiver of fees. Clerk Kropf requested that the decision be made collectively between staff and the committee. Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License filed by the Lake Geneva Rotary Club for use at the Lake Geneva Oktoberfest 2022 on October 7, 2022 (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.), October 8, 2022 (Noon to 6:00 p.m.), and October 9, 2022 (Noon to 4:00 p.m.), located in Flat Iron Park

Motion by Hedlund to approve with staff recommendations regarding security, second by Yunker. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding an Alcohol Premises Extension request filed by the American Legion Post #24, to allow for alcohol throughout the entirety of 735 Henry St on September 10, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for the 15th Annual Car Show

Motion by Hedlund to approve, second by Yunker. Hedlund explained that the Legion has done this in the past with no issues. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License filed by the St Francis de Sales Parish for use at the Fall Festival, to take place on September 25, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., located at 148 W Main St

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Hedlund. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Temporary Operator License Application filed by Robert McCormick to be used at St. Francis de Sales Fall Festival to be held September 25, 2022

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Halverson. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding an Original Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License and Class "C" Wine License Application filed by Bad Axe House LLC d/b/a Bad Axe House, located at 253 Center St #900, Madelyna Kelly, Agent

Motion by Hedlund to approve, second by Halverson. Clerk Kropf explained that a representative from the company was available for any questions.

Motion by Hedlund to allow Madelyna Kelly to speak, second by Howell. Kelly explained that she would be opening an ax throwing business and would offer beer/wine to the patrons. Halverson expressed concerns about the safety of ax throwing combined with alcohol. Kelly explained that other places in Wisconsin do offer this activity and that alcohol consumption would be closely monitored by staff. Kelly added that food would be available for purchase and that patrons would need to be sixteen or older to enter. Hedlund stated that he would like to see a more detailed business plan before approving the licenses. Howell added that he would like to see a video showing the ax throwing and a layout of the facility.

Motion by Hedlund to continue to the next meeting, second by Fesenmaier. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Ordinance 22-06 an ordinance amending Sub-Section (a) and (b), and the creation of Sub-Sections (c) and (d), of Section 82-1, Control of weeds and grasses, Article I, General, of Chapter 82, Vegetation, of the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code; as it relates to the declaration of noxious weeds and guidelines for plantings

Assistant Building Inspector/Code Enforcer Jim Flower addressed the committee regarding the changes to the noxious weed ordinance. He stated that the current ordinance does not allow him to have grass mowed that is deemed as a noxious weed. The changes within the ordinance do follow the state statute and have provisions for individuals who wish to have a natural lawn with native plantings. He added that it is important to have guidelines within the ordinance to make it enforceable, but that the intention is not to write tickets.

The committee encouraged Flower to have a meeting with the public commenters to develop an ordinance that would satisfy everyone's needs.

Motion by Fesenmaier to continue, second by Howell. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding bid award for the City Hall Replacement Chiller project and to identify a funding source

City Administrator Nord explained that the bids received were in the packet for review. He stated that the lowest bid was from Southport Engineering Services at \$94,120. He did receive notice from the company that the most energy efficient chiller would be an additional \$3,000, but that even with the added cost, this bid was still the lowest. Finance Director Pisarcik noted this project will be paid for from the capital funds from roof project funds carried over from last year.

Motion by Hedlund to award the bid to Southport Engineering Services with funds to come from the capital project funds, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding request of additional funds of \$40,000.00 for City Fuel and Oil Budget

Finance Director Pisarcik stated that fuel prices have increased significantly since the approval of the budget and that this increase could be paid for with undesignated funds. Hedlund stated that he would like to see this paid from contingency instead.

Motion by Hedlund to approve the additional funds to be paid from the contingency fund, second by Howell.

Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion regarding June 2022 Treasurer's Report and Budget versus Actual

Finance Director Pisarcik stated that the Treasurer's report and budget versus actual report with the packet for review. She added that all items seemed to be in order other than the fuel and oil budget, as previously discussed. No action taken.

Presentation of Accounts

Prepaid Bills in the amount of \$45,687.42

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Halverson. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Regular Bills in the amount of \$387,104.73

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Hedlund. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Hedlund to adjourn, second by Halverson. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.