

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 6:00 P.M.
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Charlene Klein, Council President, Rich Hedlund, Council Vice President, John Halverson, Alderpersons: Tim Dunn, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Cindy Flower, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, and Joan Yunker

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Aldersperson Yunker led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Dunn, Fesenmaier, Flower, Halverson, Hedlund, Howell, Straube, and Yunker

Absent:

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Learning to Soar Program partner St. Francis de Sales Proclamation

Mayor Klein presented the St Francis de Sales Catholic School and teach, Jill Lorenzi with a proclamation for their work in the Learn to Soar Program with the Avian Committee.

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

Jim Strauss; 1517 Meadow Ridge Cir; Spoke in favor of the Business Improvement District Financial Audit being conducted. He also spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Ben Lemke; 480 S Boulder Ridge; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Stacy Smith; 1486 Rock Ridge Ln; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Bill Huntress; 1015 Pleasant St; Spoke in favor of an Impact Fee Study being completed and Impact Fees being charged to new developments.

Edward Misick; 582 S Stone Ridge Dr; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Spyro Condos; 1760 Hillcrest Dr; Spoke in favor of the Business Improvement District Financial Audit being conducted.

Jim Crethers; 310 Stone Ridge Dr; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Kathy Brown; 307 N Stone Ridge Dr; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Steve Bartessa; 520 Ridge View Rd; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Karen Rachow; 600 Settler Ridge; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

Tonia Ward; 340 S Stone Ridge Dr; Spoke in opposition of the speed bumps on Center Street.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of August 23, 2021 as prepared and distributed
Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSENT AGENDA– Recommended by Finance, Licensing and Regulation on September 7, 2021. 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.

-Tier I Event Permit Application filed by the Badger High School for the event of Annual Homecoming Game to be held Friday, October 15, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (*portion of Wells Street to be closed from post-game to approximately 9:00 p.m.*)

-Fireworks Permit filed by Badger High School for the Annual Homecoming Fireworks to be held Friday, October 15, 2021 from post-game to approximately 9:00 p.m., located near Lake Geneva Middle School

-Temporary Operator License filed by Dana Erickson to be used at the FalzFest Event held on September 17, 2021, located at 965 Wells St

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None

Discussion/Action regarding speed bumps on Center Street

Motion by Fesenmaier to petition to the Town of Geneva to immediately remove the speed bumps on Center Street, second by Halverson. Fesenmaier noted that the City should convince the Town to remove the speed bumps without delay and it they should be removed before the first snowfall. Howell noted a letter may not be enough and that the City may need to think about adding another road to that development or a light at the intersection of Center Street/Interchange North. Hedlund added the Town had placed those particular speed bumps as they were the ones available in their inventory. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Fesenmaier to schedule a discussion for the September 21, 2021 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee concerning the annexation of half of Center Street, adjacent to City of Lake Geneva property, second by Halverson. Dunn stated the City should really consider annexing all property from Center Street to Oakhill Cemetery, south to Interchange North.

Motion to amend by Dunn, to discuss to annex the entire stretch of property from Center Street to Oakhill Cemetery and down to Interchange North, second by Hedlund. Amendment carried 8-0.

The amended motion was restated to read: “to schedule a discussion for the September 21, 2021 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee concerning the annexation of half of Center Street, adjacent to City of Lake Geneva property and to include the annexation of the entire stretch of property from Center Street to Oakhill Cemetery and down to Interchange North, second by Halverson. Attorney Draper stated that this amendment would include roadways and properties located within the township. He explained he would research the annexation process further and prepare a memo for review. Motion carried 8-0.

Fesenmaier would like the issue of the second access brought to the Plan Commission for discussion. Dunn added that the developer’s may have paid impact fees for that second access and wondered why that wasn’t followed through or implemented. No action was taken, but that this issue should be directed to the Plan Commission for discussion.

Discussion/Action regarding Downtown Business Improvement District Financial Audits (Agenda item request by Alderperson Fesenmaier and Alderperson Dunn)

Motion by Fesenmaier to complete a forensic audit for the Downtown Business Improvement District and to send out a request for a proposal for such, second by Straube, Straube stated the Board had approved this to be completed at the last meeting and for transparency, this needs to be completed. Finance Director Hall added the BID has had an audit completed for the last fourteen years, from what she can identify. She added that the City writes the checks for their invoices but does not vet their invoices prior to approval. Hedlund stated the City should not be responsible for paying for this audit. Motion carried 8-0.

Recommendation of the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee of September 7, 2021- Ald. Howell

Discussion/Action regarding obtaining proposals for an Impact Fee Study

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Hedlund. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Acceptance of September 7, 2021 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee Payment Approval Reports

Motion by Howell to accept, second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayoral Appointments

Appointment of Kyle Cary to the City of Lake Geneva Planning Commission with a term to expire May 1, 2022

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Fesenmaier. Mayor Klein added this is to replace William Catlin. Motion carried 8-0.

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 regarding: 1) Lake Geneva Animal Hospital Properties LLC

Motion by Howell to convene the Council into Closed Session to include City Staff, second by Hedlund. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0. The Council convened into Closed Session at 7:12 p.m.

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 Howell to reconvene the Council into Open Session, second by Hedlund. Motion carried 8-0. The Council reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Hedlund to adjourn, second by Straube. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.