

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 – 6:00 PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT, RICH HEDLUND, ALDERPERSONS: JOAN YUNKER, MARY JO FESENMAIER, TIM DUNN, CINDY FLOWER, SHARI STRAUBE, KEN HOWELL, AND JOHN HALVERSON

Council President Hedlund called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Aldersperson Fesenmaier led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Straube and Howell

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. 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.

Bill Huntress; 1015 Pleasant St; Spoke in opposition of the short term rental program. He also spoke in favor of an impact fee study being conducted again to add/update the fees.

Spyro Condos; 1716 Hillcrest Dr; Spoke in favor of an impact fee study being conducted again to add/update fees.

Stacy Smith; 1416 Rock Ridge Ln; Spoke in regards to the Center Street speed bumps and would like to have the answers to the questions posed, available to the public for viewing.

Charlene Klein; 817 Wisconsin St; Thanked the Water Safety Patrol, Harbormaster along with the Piers, Harbors, and Lakefront Committee for a great and safe summer.

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.

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Aldersperson Howell

Fesenmaier asked questions in regards to the Assessor firm; the Clerk confirmed that had been done and proposals had already been received. Hedlund added that the City will be looking into conducting Impact Fee Study for future proposals to be vetted. Fesenmaier added that she would like the committee to review procedures for placing items on committee agendas. Fesenmaier added that the committee will need to consider purchasing monotubes for traffic control. No action taken.

Personnel Committee, Aldersperson Hedlund

Hedlund noted the most recent Personnel meeting was to discuss employee health insurance and that final number should be available for consideration at the end of September. The committee is also exploring a plan that would incentive employees to not utilize the City health insurance plan, but maybe use a spouse's plan. The next meeting will include discussion regarding appointing an ADA Compliance Officer and City Leadership Team's involvement with contract management. No action taken.

Public Works Committee, Alderperson Flower

Flower addressed the committee regarding the recent Public Works meeting. She noted the department itself has been very busy with the summer. There will be conversations about the Oakhill Cemetery including software. They will also be discussing a sidewalk maintenance policy/program; this may include special assessing property owners and addressing trees that create damage. Flower added the conversations have begun regarding snow removal and more conversations will be coming forward. The Library has been looking to build additional bathrooms and that the proposed budget does include making them a three season bathroom. The disc golf bridge discussion has continued and that bids should be attained due to the potential interference with existing utilities underground. She added the parking enforcement department July revenue was \$396,000. Based on the public comment given about the speed bumps on Center Street, she is planning to add this to the next agenda. No action taken.

Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderperson Yunker

Yunker thanked the Harbormaster and the staff for their work at the beach this summer. The beach has generated approximately \$400,000 for the summer season excluding Labor Day weekend. She added that Public Works will be working on maintaining the weeds within the lagoon. No action taken.

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, Alderperson Flower

Flower spoke on the awarding work for the fiberglass cover coating work at the wastewater treatment plant, and for the sanitary manhole repair work.

Tree Board, Alderperson Halverson

Halverson added the Board has met to discuss public education regarding the City's urban forestry program. No action taken.

Police & Fire Commission, Alderperson Yunker

Yunker stated the Police Department had hired three new CSO officers. The String of Pearls Gala raised approximately \$70,000 for the First Responders. Fesenmaier would like the Police budget to include money for camera enforcement. No action taken.

Plan Commission, Alderperson Dunn

Dunn spoke to the August Plan Commission meeting. He noted that there was nothing of great public impact at the last meeting. The next meeting will be considering the Kwik Trip PIP on Wells St along with the development on LaGrange Dr. The new Plan Commission meeting will be held on September 20, 2021. Fesenmaier inquired when the Commission will be discussing the ER-1 Zoning; Dunn indicating that he was unsure but that the Plan Commission Chair was available for questions. Motion by Dunn to allow the Mayor to speak, second by Flower. Motion carried 6-0. Klein noted she believes this will be discussed at the September meeting and there will not be an October meeting. No action taken.

Board of Park Commissioners, Alderperson Fesenmaier

Fesenmaier stated that the committee has been discussing amending the City code as it relates to animal licensing and proper paperwork being available for animals that primarily out of state. She added that the committee continues to work on the Park and Open Space Plan. Flower asked that there be agenda items to discuss maintenance of Veteran's Park and possible advertising during tournaments. No action taken.

Library Board, Alderperson Halverson

Halverson stated the Library is still functioning even during the renovations and that the fundraising campaign has generated approximately \$700,000. He added that the library has been having book sales in front of the library on a donation basis. No action taken.

Historic Preservation Commission, Alderperson Dunn

Dunn stated the walking tour app is still available for download or you can obtain the book at the Geneva Lake Museum. The Oakhill Cemetery has also been added to the National Historic Registry. Dunn added the commission has concerns about historic homes being remodeled outside of historic standards, but the commission does not have control over that. Flower added the commission should consider having the street banners hung again. No action taken.

Avian Committee, Alderperson Flower

Flower stated that Swift Night Out will be held this Thursday, September 9 at the Geneva Lake Museum. The committee will also be hosting an educational raptor program. She added that Simple Bakery will be selling the "Cookies for a Cause" for fundraising. No action taken.

Tourism Commission, Alderpersons Hedlund & Fesenmaier

Fesenmaier stated that commission has been working on the grant application program and is hopeful for approval soon. Flower added that she would like to see the commission potentially discuss advertisement at Veterans Park. No action taken.

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.

VISIT Lake Geneva, Alderperson Halverson

Halverson stated that the VISIT website has had increased website traffic by 20% due to the Riviera activities. He added that the City will be hosting several travel writers this month. They are also working diligently to plan another excellent Christmas electric parade. No action taken.

Geneva Lake Museum, Alderperson Dunn

Dunn noted the Museum is slowly starting to bring back the Tuesdays and Two events; wherein the museum hosts speakers to give presentations on historical events in the area. He added the Dungeons and Dragons exhibit has since stalled but is hopefully it will start moving forward again. The museum will also be hosting the annual Parade of Trees this winter. He encouraged interested individuals to donate some time and volunteer at the Museum. No action taken.

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Alderpersons Hedlund & Howell

Hedlund added he was not present at the last meeting, but did note that some parcels have been sold. He added the drainage issue for the storm water pond had been resolved. No action taken.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderperson Fesenmaier

Fesenmaier stated that the City will be the last ones to host the CD3 machine and that the group is still looking for a director. No action taken.

Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderperson Straube

Hedlund noted there have been drainage issues that have been addressed and Fesenmaier will send that report out for review. No action taken.

Geneva Lake Use Committee, Alderperson Dunn

Dunn added that there has not been much with committee other than the Secretary/Treasurer for the Committee has resigned. He stated that if anyone was interested in that position to contact him. The committee will also need to look at conducting a lake use study, as the last one was done in 1999. No action taken.

Business Improvement District, Alderperson Straube

Clerk Kropf added that Oktoberfest will be held in downtown Lake Geneva on October 9 and October 10. She added that there will be lots of fun activities for adults and kids. No action taken.

Adjourn

Motion by Flower to adjourn, second by Fesenmaier. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.