

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 – 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members

Council President: Rich Hedlund

Alderspersons: Tim Dunn, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Cindy Flower, John Halverson, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, and Joan Yunker

Council President Hedlund calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Aldersperson Halverson led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent: Flower

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from October 4, 2021 as prepared and distributed

Motion by Howell to approve, Second by Fesenmaier. No discussion. Motion carries 7-0.

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.

None

Presentation of Mobile Command Unit

Chief Rasmussen invites the Council to view the new Mobile Command unit.

A recess is taken at 6:03pm to allow the Committee to view the unit.

The Committee reconvenes at 6:21 pm.

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

Aldersperson Howell gave an update on upcoming topics involving projects for the Library and Public Works

No action taken.

Personnel Committee, Aldersperson Hedlund

Aldersperson Hedlund gave an update on today's meeting concerning the reviews for staff, health insurance details, employee handbook, wage scales, and the Riviera Janitor job description.

No action taken.

Public Works Committee, Aldersperson Flower

Aldersperson Hedlund spoke on the snow plow policy.

Aldersperson Fesenmaier gave more detail on 2022 Streets Improvement Project.

No action taken.

Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Aldersperson Yunker

Aldersperson Yunker gave an update on Committee activity including the LGBL lease,

Additional discussion followed concerning a TV from Tourism.

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, Aldersperson Flower

Aldersperson Hedlund gave an update on topics including an upcoming special meeting for utility easements in new development, the budget, rate cases, a commission vacancy being filled, digesters, and underground viewing of sewer lines.

No action taken.

Tree Board, Aldersperson Halverson

Aldersperson Halverson reports that there was no meeting this month, but the board has decorated and submitted a Tree at the Museum.

No action taken.

Police & Fire Commission, Aldersperson Yunker

Aldersperson Yunker gave an update regarding budgeting for officer staff positions.

No action taken.

Plan Commission, Aldersperson Dunn

Aldersperson Dunn welcomed questions.

An inquiry about the status of the Kwik Trip project is addressed.

No action taken.

Board of Park Commissioners, Aldersperson Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier spoke about the scheduling of a special work session for the Park and Open Space Plan. The next board meeting is December 21st.

No action taken.

Library Board, Aldersperson Halverson

Aldersperson Halverson spoke on the passing of children's librarian Sara, and welcomed Director Kornak to speak.

Aldersperson Halverson gave an update on the construction project status.

Further questions and discussion about memorial details for Miss Sara followed.

No action taken

Historic Preservation Commission, Alderperson Dunn

Alderperson Dunn gave a brief update on Commission activity involving the Cemetery Plaque for the historic register, Cemetery Tours, and the suggestion for a Historic Preservation Ordinance.

No action taken.

Avian Committee, Alderperson Flower

Alderperson Flower absent; no update given.

Tourism Commission, Alderpersons Hedlund & Fesenmaier

Alderperson Hedlund encouraged submission of grant applications because the Commission has plenty of money for grants.

Alderperson Fesenmaier adds that the Grant Application has been finalized.

Further discussion follows on the Walworth County Tourism Commission cancelling the bus tour contract.

The next meeting is December 13th.

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

Alderperson Halverson reported on recent activities including the Christmas Parade, a tree in the Museum, and recent media coverage.

No action taken.

Geneva Lake Museum, Alderperson Dunn

Alderperson Dunn spoke about the Tuesdays at Two program, the Tree Parade, the Legacy of Imagination display, and the new Museum sign.

No action taken.

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Alderpersons Hedlund & Howell

Alderperson Hedlund reported that there are 4 available lots at the Business Park, that the Corporation is actively looking for more development possibilities, and that they recently elected officers.

No action taken.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderperson Fesenmaier

Alderperson Fesenmaier gave an update on recent activity. The new director started mid-October. Big Foot watershed creek and Starry Stonewort are both being monitored. The next meeting is Thursday at George Williams College.

The new director is meeting with surrounding municipalities, and it is requested that his introduction be added to the next Committee of the Whole agenda in February.

No action taken.

Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderperson Straube

Alderperson Straube reports that the next meeting is this Thursday.

No action taken.

Geneva Lake Use Committee, Alderperson Dunn

Alderperson Dunn reports that the Committee did not meet. But items to be discussed include a lake noise ordinance, Starry Stonewort, and a request from GLEA for a whole-lake survey on lake use.

No action taken.

Business Improvement District, Alderperson Straube

Alderperson Straube gave an update on Oktoberfest, highlighting the success of the event on Saturday. Future activities include: the tree lighting ceremony, Santa's appearances around town, the Coco Crawl, the Wine Walk, and a spring fashion event.

General discussion and questions followed on the forensic audit. Requests follow to have the item put on the next Council agenda.

No action taken.

Adjournment

Motion by Straube to Adjourn, Second by Hedlund. No discussion. Motion carries 7-0, the Committee adjourns at 6:49 pm.