

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 - 6:00 PM
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, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, Cindy Yager, and Joan Yunker

Mayor Klein call the meeting to order

Council President Hedlund called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the absence of Mayor Klein.

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Yager

Alderperson Yager led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

(Mayor Klein did not preside over the Council meeting and was absent)

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Community Input Sessions for the Hillmoor Property

Clerk Kropf announced that there will be two community engagement sessions regarding the Hillmoor property. One will be on Sunday, January 15, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and one on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held in the Police Training Room located on the second floor of City Hall.

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

Goerge Chironis; 220 South St; Spoke in favor of the money from the Wis DOT for the traffic light project, being given to the School District.

Jim Gottinger; 3205 Vacaso; Spoke in favor of the money from the Wis DOT for the traffic light project, being given to the School District.

Marcie Hollman; 1566 Orchard Ln and Barb Dinan; 500 S Edwards Blvd #59; Spoke in favor of the money from the Wis DOT for the traffic light project, being given to the School District.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

None

Approve the Regular Common Council Minutes of December 27, 2022 as prepared and distributed

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

CONSENT AGENDA– 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.

NONE

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

NONE

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R01** a resolution to establish the 2023 Salaries for the Municipal Judge and City Attorney (*Personnel Committee recommended no change*)

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

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

Discussion/Action regarding approval of contract for 2023-2027 General Engineering Services with Kapur & Associates, Inc (continued at the December 12, 2022 Common Council Meeting)

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

Motion to amend by Fesenmaier to add the language that the contract be reviewed on an annual basis, second by Halverson. Fesenmaier stated that this should be done by the Public Works Committee and not just staff.

Motion to amend carried 7-1, with Howell voting no.

Fesenmaier stated that the Utility Commission had voted to add language that the engineer have the ability to obtain outside engineering services without going through the bid process. Attorney Draper added that provision is already written into the contract and an amendment isn't necessary.

Original motion as amended carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding a payment of \$82,703.86 received from the Wis DOT for work completed on the Bloomfield Rd/STH 120 Traffic Light project

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Fesenmaier.

Motion to amend by Yunker to give the school \$32,703.86 and that the City retain \$50,000 to be placed back in the contingency fund, second by Dunn.

Dunn stated that the school had an option to go to referendum on this, but chose to approach the City for the additional funds.

Fesenmaier stated that the money should go to the school, as the former school Superintendent did the work to get the money from the Wis DOT. Halverson added that the school isn't asking for extra money and that this money is only available based on the school's work. Dunn added that it's not fair to ask the tax payers to bare this burden and that no other municipality was approached to contribute to the project. He added that there is going to be a need for other traffic lights within the City limits and that this money could be used towards other projects.

Yager stated that the City Council agreed to pay the \$150,000 and the additional \$50,000; therefore the City should give that money back to the school. Yunker stated that the City taxpayers are being charged double taxes by paying for the \$200,000 and the taxes levied by the school.

Motion by Fesenmaier to suspend the rules to allow the School Business Manager, George Chironis, to speak, second by Yager. Motion carried 8-0.

George Chironis addressed the Council regarding the need for the money and that they have strict fund limits. He added that money will go back to the students in the district .

Motion to amend failed on a roll call vote of 5-3, with Fesenmaier, Halverson, Howell, Straube, and Yager voting no.

Original motion carried on a roll call vote 5-3, with Hedlund, Yunker, and Dunn voting no.

Discussion/Acceptance of the payment reports as approved by the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation on January 3, 2023

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

Adjournment

Motion by Hedlund to adjourn, second by Fesenmaier. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.