

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022- 6:00 P.M.
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

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

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

Alderpersion Fesenmaier led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Proclamation for 2022 American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Month

Mayor Klein proclaimed the month of May 2022 as American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Month. This year marks the 100th year of this recognition of our country's Veterans. No action taken.

Announcement of Comprehensive Plan Amendments

City Clerk Kropf announced that Comprehensive Plan amendments will be accepted May 17, 2022 through June 30, 2022. More information and a timeline can be found on the front page of the City's website. No action taken.

Presentation by McGrath Human Resources Group regarding Compensation & Classification Study

Victoria McGrath from the McGrath Human Resources Group addressed the Council regarding an update on the compensation and classification study. She stated that the data is mostly all collected and now a new wage structure will need to be developed. She noted that most of the City employees are at or are hired rate an unacceptably low salary/hourly rate. She further added that eighty-five percent of the employees at the mid-range are under the acceptable threshold. She noted that the average years of service is about eight years; the national trend has shown that there is a twenty-one percent turnover rate in the public sector. She asked that the Council consider where on the pay scale the City should be on the higher end or at the average level. McGrath stated that the salary schedule will be crafted; they will consider a range, step, and a hybrid of the two.

Straube echoed some of the points that McGrath touched on; she agreed that if people don't feel appreciated in their job, they will not stay. No action taken.

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

Marcie Hollman; 1566 Orchard Ln; Spoke in regards to the funding for the traffic signal to be placed at Highway 120 & Bloomfield Rd. She read aloud the letter from Superintendent Gottinger from within the Council packet.

Barb Dinan; 500 S Edwards Blvd #59; Spoke in regards to the funding for the traffic signal to be placed at Highway 120 & Bloomfield Rd.

Linda Bailey- Bolini; W1873 Huntington Dr; Spoke in regards to the funding for the traffic signal to be placed at Highway 120 & Bloomfield Rd.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

None

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of April 25, 2022 as prepared and distributed
Motion by Hedlund to approve, second by Howell. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSENT AGENDA– *Recommended by Finance, Licensing and Regulation on May 3, 2022.* 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.

-Temporary Operator License Applications filed by Emily Albrecht, William Briggs, Karlee Fowler, Patricia Hardin, Meagan Lamon, Nicholette Marsicano, Monika Stinebrink, and Tanya Summerville for the Wine Walk to take place on May 22, 2022

-Tier I Event Permit Application filed by J3 Events INC, for the event of Wine Run 5K to take place on June 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., to take place on Edwards Blvd/Sheridan Springs Rd, to end at 401 E Sheridan Springs Rd

-Public Assembly Permit Application filed by Gena Orlando for the event of Walworth County Out of the Darkness Community Walk to take place on September 24, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on various streets in Downtown Lake Geneva, with the walk ending at Brunk Pavilion at Flat Iron Park; applicant is requesting waiver of parking fees

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

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None

Discussion/Action regarding City property located near the Stoneridge Development

Administrator Nord stated that this area is being used for an unsanctioned bike park including homemade structures that could be very dangerous. Fesenmaier mentioned that the area in question is listed as conservancy in the developer's agreement, but questioned if there was an easement to show as such. Attorney Draper stated that the City does have some municipal immunity, but that if the City is aware of a defect, the City should take steps to fix it.

Motion by Howell to place no trespassing signs and have Public Works Department to remove the structures, second by Halverson.

Attorney Draper noted that there is an ordinance forbidding trespassing and that any person found on that property could be ticketed by the Police Department.

Motion carried 8-0.

Recommendation of the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee of May 3, 2022- Ald. Howell

Discussion/Action regarding bid award for the 2022 Street Improvement Project to Wolf Paving Co Inc in an amount not to exceed \$541,552.00

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Discussion/Action regarding possible speed limit reduction on section of County Road H

Motion by Howell to approve the reduction of the speed limit from thirty-five to twenty-five in the section proposed, second by Hedlund. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding additional funding in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for the traffic light to be placed at Bloomfield Rd and Highway 120

Howell explained that the school had originally asked for \$90,000, but that the Finance Committee had agreed to pay an additional \$50,000. He added that if the City decides to not approve the additional funds, the school will still continue with the project.

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube. Fesenmaier stated that this is the reasonability of the City to help pay for since the City at one point in time had removed impact fees that could help fund this project. Dunn stated that there is nothing listed for contribution from any of the surrounding townships, the County or the State. He added that this particular intersection is not within the City and that the burden should not fall on the City alone. Straube stated that the intersection is extremely und\safe and that the City should help to fund it to make it safe.

Hedlund added that the school is a taxing body and that if they raised their tax rate then the surrounding communities that use the school, would be taxed equally. He felt that it isn't right that only the taxpayers of the City of Lake Geneva contribute to this project. Fesenmaier stated that the City could special assess for the additional funds, related to the costs of the project.

Motion by Howell to call the question, second by Straube. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Finance Director Hall noted that there was not a funding source identified and it was not made a part of the motion.

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

Discussion/Acceptance of May 3, 2022 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee Payment Approval Reports

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Halverson. No discussion. Motion carried.

Confirming Mayoral Appointments of:

Kevin Singh to the Lake Geneva Tourism Commission with a term to expire May 1, 2023

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

Susan Cardiff to the Lake Geneva Tree Board with a term to expire May 1, 2024

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

Jim Flower as the City of Lake Geneva Weed Commissioner

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

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding: 1) Police Sergeant Employment Contracts

Motion by Hedlund to convene the Council into Closed Session to include the City Attorney, City Administrator, Finance Director, and City Clerk, second by Howell. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote. The Council convened into Closed Session at 7:16 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 Hedlund to reconvene the Council into Open Session, second by Howell. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote. The Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:29 p.m.

Motion by Hedlund to accept the employment for Detective Sergeant Glen Nettesheim, second by Howell. Motion carried 8-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to adjourn the meeting of the Common Council, second by Straube. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.