

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 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
Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements
None

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
Karen Yancy; Geneva Lake Conservancy; Spoke in favor of the grant proposed for the work to be completed at the former Hillmoor property.
Peg Esposito; 124 Darwin St; Spoke in opposition of the grant proposed for the work to be completed at the former Hillmoor property.
Andrea Christian; 250 Havenwood Dr; Spoke in regards to the waiver of parking fees for both farmer market applications. She added that persons with mobility issues should be considered in regards to the Hillmoor trails project.
Fred Gahl; 661 S Lake Shore Dr; Spoke in favor of the grant proposed for the work to be completed at the former Hillmoor property.
Pete Wilson; School Superintendent; Spoke in regards to the proposed sidewalk project and the lack of communication.
Pete Peterson; 1601 Evergreen Ln; Spoke in opposition of the grant proposed for the work to be completed at the former Hillmoor property.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence
Luke Pfeifer; Maxwell Mansion; Spoke in regards to the preliminary special assessment resolution.

All items of correspondence have been distributed to the members of the Common Council.

Approve the March 27, 2023 Regular Council Minutes as prepared and distributed
Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Straube. 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.

Temporary Class "B"/"Class B" Retailer's License filed by St Francis de Sales for the event of Cinco de Mayo, to take place on May 7, 2023 from Noon to 6:00 p.m., located at 148 W Main St

Temporary Operator License Application filed by Cornelio Cruz to be used at the St. Francis de Sales Cinco de Mayo event to be held on May 7, 2023 from Noon to 6:00 p.m., located at 148 W Main St

Tier I Event Permit application filed by the Lake Geneva Public Library and Friends of the Lake Geneva Public Library for the event of Beachside Authorfest to take place on July 8, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., located in Library Park (Applicant is requesting waiver of parking fees)

Tier II Event Permit Application filed by VISIT Lake Geneva for the event of Concerts in the Park to take place on June 29, July 6, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, and August 10, located in Brunk Pavillion and Flat Iron Park

Tier I Event Permit application filed by the Lake Geneva Farmers Market at Horticultural Hall to take place every Thursday from May 2023 through October 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. located at 330 Broad St (Applicant is requesting waiver of parking fees)

Tier I Event Permit application filed by the Holy Communion Episcopal Church for the event of Farmers Market to take place every Thursday from May 2023 through October 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. located at 320 Broad St (Applicant is requesting waiver of parking fees)

Tier I Event Permit application filed by the Downtown Business Improvement District for the event of the Downtown Lake Geneva Annual Wine Walk to take place on May 21, 2023 from Noon to 4:00 p.m., located at various downtown Lake Geneva businesses

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

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None

First Reading of Ordinance 23-02 an ordinance amending Chapter 98, City of Lake Geneva Zoning Ordinance, Article 2, Lane Use Regulations, Section 98-203(1)-(9) Table of Land Uses, adding a column for "Extraction/Disposal", and Section 98-905 subsection (5) review, Public Hearing, and Recommendation by the Plan Commission, Sub-Subsection (d) removing a reference to Sub-Subsection (b), all of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Mayor Klein offered Ordinance 23-02 as a first reading. No action taken.

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

Discussion/Action regarding removal of abandoned driving range office at Hillmoor property to be paid for with the use of contingency funds

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

Discussion/Action regarding renewal of the 2023/2024 TAPCO Contract

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

Discussion/Action regarding the purchase of a 2023 F-250 4x4 SD Regular Cab 8' box 142" WB SRW XL (F2B) not to exceed \$48,820.00 for the Department of Public Works

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

Discussion/Action regarding the purchase of a 2023 F-250 4x4 SD Super Cab 6.75' box 148" WB SRW XL (X2B) not to exceed \$55,155.00 for the Department of Public Works

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

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 23-R17 a preliminary resolution declaring intent to exercise Special Assessment Powers for the City of Lake Geneva 2023 Street Improvement Project

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Hedlund. Fesenmaier asked the City Clerk to recap the correspondence that was received. City Clerk Kropf explained that the letter received of Luke Pfeifer cited displeasure with the lack of communication of the project.

Motion by Hedlund to allow City Engineer Naomi Rausch to address the Council, second by Fesenmaier. Motion carried 8-0.

City Engineer Rausch addressed the Council concerning the resolution. She noted that this is the first setup in the

City's desire to exercise special assessment powers for the sidewalk repair. The Clerk will then publish a Class I notice in the paper and mail notices to all of the affected property owners.
Original motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding increasing the Lot B rental rate from \$750.00 to \$1,300.00 per day, to more accurately reflect the \$4.00 per hour weekend pricing

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

Discussion/Action regarding designating Lot I as a reserved daily parking lot during June, July, and August with the cost adhering to 10 hours or parking at the current hourly rate (*Parking Ad Hoc Committee recommended approval*)

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Alderperson Yager noted that the only advantage would be a reserved spot, but nothing else. Mayor Klein explained that this would be useful to help alleviate the parking congestion on Main Street and that it would be on a trial basis.

Motion to amend by Fesenmaier to allow the stall reservation on only half of the parking lot, second by Yager. Mayor Klein stated that lot isn't used frequently so it does not make sense to divide that lot. Motion to amend carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Original motion as amended carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding the application of the Knowles Nelson Grant by the Geneva Lake Conservancy for improvements to be made at the Hillmoor Property (*Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee recommended approval; Motion to approve failed 2-3 at the April 5, 2023 Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee*)

Motion by Howell to deny, second by Fesenmaier.

Motion to amend by Yunker to approve the application for the grant with the funds to be placed in the 2024 budget, second by Straube.

Mayor Klein explained that if the Council were to go through with this grant application then the funds would be budgeted in 2024. She added that this would need to be done by resolution of the Common Council, but that even if the resolution were to pass there could be funds raised to help offset the cost to the City. Yager stated that the City needs to guarantee that match before a grant can be accepted. She added that there are many other needs in the City that the 2024 budgeted funds could be used towards and she feels that this project is being rushed. Dunn noted that the park should be cleaned up and that the trails should be built to facilitate the citizens' ability to use Hillmoor. Straube added that she agrees with the building of the trails and the support of the conservancy. Howell explained that he agrees with the use of the land but is worried that the City does not already have the money earmarked to match the grant.

Motion by Howell to allow Karen Yancy to address the Council, second by Straube. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Karen Yancy, of the Geneva Lake Conservancy, explained that if the grant were to be received and the match was not available, then the City could send the money back. While that is not desirable, it will not bar the City from receiving the grant in the future. Yancy added that other groups will be approached to help with the grant match as well, but not until July 2023. Time is of the essence as the deadline for the grant is May 1, 2023. Yancy explained that any preliminary donors would be noted to the WI DNR as donors, versus just the City, for the match.

Fesenmaier stated that the Council would be voting for a grant for the future without knowing the full plan. She added that there is nothing in writing addressing how this will affect the school property and she would like to see the grant before voting for it. She added that the environmental impact, per the plan, has not been fully vetted and it should be reviewed by the WI DNR. Fesenmaier added that volunteers can come in to start cleaning up the property before any grant is applied for; she would like to see more time to vet the application and get the other parties involved. Motion to amend carried 5-4 on a roll call, with Howell, Yager, Fesenmaier, and Halverson voting no; Mayor Klein voted yes to break the tie.

The original motion as amended carried 5-4 on a roll call vote, with Howell, Yager, Fesenmaier, and Halverson voting no; Mayor Klein voted yes to break the tie.

Discussion/Action regarding the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency Chapter 30 ordinance related to Aquatic Invasive Species

Motion by Howell to approve and direct the City Attorney to draft the ordinance for Council consideration, second by Hedlund. Attorney Draper stated that he would need to review the ordinance and determine where in the existing code it would best fit. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Acceptance of the Regular and Pre-Paid Bill reports approved by the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee on April 5, 2023

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

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. State. 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding: **1) Lieutenant Way Employment Contract and 2) Lieutenant Keller Employment Contract**

Motion by Hedlund to convene the Council into Closed Session to include the City Administrator, City Clerk, City Attorney, Finance Director, Police Chief, and the Lieutenants, second by Howell. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0. The Council convened into Closed Session at 7:19 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 Straube. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0. The Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion by Hedlund to approve the employment contracts of Lt. Way and Lt. Keller to be retroactive to January 1, 2023, second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Hedlund to adjourn, second by Halverson. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.