

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA RE-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023 - 5:30 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Charlene Klein, Alderpersons: Tim Dunn, Peg Esposito, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Linda Frame, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, Cindy Yager, and Joan Yunker

Mayor Klein call the meeting to order
Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Esposito, Fesenmaier, Frame, Howell, Straube, Yager, and Yunker
Absent: Dunn

Invocation
Municipal Judge Henry Sibbing led the Council in the Invocation.

Swearing in of newly elected officials
Clerk Kropf swore in the newly elected Municipal Judge Henry Sibbing and the new Alders: Shari Straube, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, and Kenneth Howell.

Welcome by Mayor Klein
Mayor Klein welcomed the new members of the Council and the audience.

Election of Council President
Motion by Straube to elect Howell, second by Yunker.
Motion by Frame to elect Fesenmaier, second by Yager.
Mayor closed the floor for nominations.
Clerk Kropf tallied the ballots for the vote for Council President.
Aldersperson Fesenmaier was elected as the Council President.

Election of Council Vice President
Motion by Fesenmaier to elect Yager, second by Esposito.
Motion by Yunker to elect Straube, second by Howell.
Mayor closed the floor for nominations.
Clerk Kropf tallied the votes for Council Vice President.
Aldersperson Yager was elected the Council Vice President.

Resolution 23-R22 a resolution designating Local Depositories, pursuant to Section 34.05, Wisconsin Statutes and Authorized Signatories for the City of Lake Geneva
Mayor Klein offered Resolution 23-R22 for consideration.
Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube.
Fesenmaier stated that there was correspondence received regarding the use of the specific banks listed in the resolution and if those banks contribute back to the community. Finance Director Pisarcik explained that the banks on the list were in place prior to her arrival. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution 23-R23 a resolution designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Lake Geneva
Motion by Frame to approve, second by Esposito. No discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Resolution 23-R24 a resolution confirming the Mayor's Aldermanic Appointments to Standing Committees for the City of Lake Geneva

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Yager added that she would like to amend the resolution. City Attorney Draper advised her that she is not able to do so as the Council only has the authority to confirm the Mayor's appointments, but not change them. Yager stated that she takes issue with the lack of District #2 appointments to the City standing committees. She offered a handout with suggested changes. Fesenmaier added that the correspondence received of the Council also noted that discrepancy.

Mayor Klein explained that all districts have representation on the Council, which is the governing body. She added that any alder can attend any meeting and give feedback. Also that any alder can advocate for their district while advocating for the taxpayers as a whole.

Esposito added that she would like to see District #2 more fairly represented as well.

Fesenmaier added that the Alders of District #2 have the ability to attend these meetings and that she would not be voting in favor of the resolution. Frame echoed the same sentiment as Alder Fesenmaier.

Motion to approve failed on a roll call vote 3-4, with Esposito, Fesenmaier, Frame, and Yager voting no.

Resolution 23-R25 a resolution confirming the Mayor's Aldermanic & Citizen Appointments to certain Non-Standing Committees and Commissions for the City of Lake Geneva

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Straube.

Fesenmaier stated that she will not approve this resolution either, as the standing committee resolution failed which may cause a need for the non-standing resolution to be changed.

Mayor Klein noted that if the resolution is not approved then some of the non-standing committee may not be able to meet if a quorum cannot be achieved.

Howell called the question, which ended debate.

Motion to approve failed on a roll call vote of 3-4, with Esposito, Fesenmaier, Frame, and Yager voting no.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Straube. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.