

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Charlene Klein, Council President, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Council Vice President, Cindy Yager, Alderpersons: Tim Dunn, Peg Esposito, Linda Frame, Ken Howell, Shari Straube, 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 Dunn
Alderperson Dunn led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Dunn, Esposito, Fesenmaier, Frame, Howell, Straube, Yager, and Yunker
Absent: None

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

July 27, 2023- Gary Gygax Day Proclamation
Mayor Klein proclaimed Thursday, July 27, 2023 as "Gary Gygax Day". She then presented the proclamation to Gail Gygax, Gary's wife.

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
Kelly Nichols; 1190 Rolling Lane; Spoke in opposition to the proposed kayak launch fee.
Tom Gardiner; 500 Commercial Court; Spoke in favor of the alcohol license renewal being granted to Mama Ciminis and the agreement drafted between him and the City attorney.
Dick Malmin; N1991 S Lake Shore Dr; Spoke in favor of the continuation of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence
None

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of July 10, 2023 as prepared and distributed
Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Yager. 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 the Rotary Club of Lake Geneva for the event of Oktoberfest, to be held October 7 and October 8, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., located on Broad St and Geneva St

Tier 1 Event Permit Application filed by the Lake Geneva Business Improvement District for the event of Maxwell Street Days, to be held August 25-27, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, located at Downtown Lake Geneva Businesses
Motion by Howell to approve the consent agenda, second by Straube. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda
None

Second Reading of **Ordinance 23-06** an ordinance creating subsections (a), (b), and (c), Section 174, Transportation/removal of Aquatic Invasive Species, Article II, Lakes and Beaches, Chapter 90, Waterways, of the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code

Mayor Klein offered Ordinance 23-06 as a second reading.

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Fesenmaier noted that this ordinance came from the work of the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding the authorization to apply for the Historical Society Certified Local Government Grant (*Approved by the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee/Paula Porubcan presenter*)

Paula Porubcan gave a presentation of the archeological findings of the Hillmoor property. She explained that it would be the ethical thing to do, by studying the property and could steer the City away from surprises while doing any work at Hillmoor. She added that within the packet is a letter of intent to apply for the approximate \$30,000 sub grant.

Attorney Draper noted that conducting the archeological study will not violate the covenants of the property.

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Esposito. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding the continuation of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee and future focus (*Approved by the Hillmoor Ad Hoc/ Michael Krajovic presenter*)

Michael Krajovic addressed the Council regarding the continuation of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee. This would include approving the committee's vision statement and continued planning for the property. He then laid out the five objectives that the committee have been considering. He asked the Council to consider the extension of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee, for an additional six months, to accomplish this.

Frame stated that the committee has been given forty-five plus ideas for the property thus far and has concerns that the group will only receive more ideas from the public, without clear direction.

Krajovic added that several ideas had been given that would violate the covenants of the deed restriction on the property and that those could not be considered.

Krajovic added that there may be an eventual need to engage with professionals to derive hard data for the project, and that may require the committee to come to the City Council for possible funding.

Motion by Howell to extend the committee for six months, second by Fesenmaier.

Motion to amend by Esposito to add a current list of members and to add alternates that may attend in place of a member, second by Yager.

Motion amend failed by a roll call vote 4-5, with Straube, Howell, Yunker, and Dunn voting no. Mayor Klein voted no to break the tie.

Howell called the question to end debate. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0

Original motion was re-read and carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Motion by Fesenmaier to approve the purpose of the continued Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee in priority and sequential order: Vision statement and objectives, comprehensive map of the property, strategies best practices, and project evaluation, second by Yager.

Krajovic appreciated the suggestion from Alderperson Fesenmaier, but stated that he would like to have input from the committee before agreeing to a linear project timeline as presented.

Frame stated that she needs to hear more from the committee with project details, not just "all is going well".

Krajovic explained that the committee will continue to give updates to the Council and that nothing can be approved without Council consideration.

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

Motion failed 4-5 on a roll call vote with Straube, Yunker, Dunn, and Howell voting no. Mayor Klein voted no to break the tie.

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

Discussion/Action regarding the purchase of an aerator to circulate lake water on the east side of Riviera Beach in an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 to be paid from the Lakefront Fund

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Frame suggested that one should be one at the lagoon as well.

Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R41** a resolution amending the City of Lake Geneva Fee Schedule to add Kayak Launch Fees

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Yunker added that the fee would be used to fix the dinghy launch area that is currently in disrepair. Straube stated that she is not in favor of the proposed rate. Frame stated that years ago the ability to launch a kayak at the boat launch was banned and that west end area was meant to be for them. Yager stated that she is not thrilled about the idea of charging, but understands that money could greatly benefit that area and is in favor of that. Frame stated that the fishing pier is not utilized well and could maybe be used for the kayak launch.

Motion carried on a roll call vote 5-3, with Frame, Fesenmaier, and Straube voting no.

Discussion/Acceptance of the pre-paid and regular check reports approved July 18, 2023

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

Discussion/Action regarding a Renewal Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License and a "Class C" Wine License Application filed by Mama Cimino's LLC, d/b/a Mama Cimino's, 131 S Wells St, Kerry Kerros, Agent (Chief Gritzner recommended non-renewal)

Attorney Draper stated that the applicant has had many violations of not having a licensed operator on premises. He added that there was an agreement drafted for a stipulation of the renewal and that the Council should only be considering the renewal only.

Motion by Howell to approve the renewal, second by Yunker. Attorney Draper stated that the stipulation would need to be followed otherwise the City Clerk cannot release the license. The applicant will need to comply with the stipulation and surprise inspections by the Police Department to avoid possible revocation of the license. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7-1, with Fesenmaier voting no.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.