

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 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 – Ald. Straube

Alderpersion Straube led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Motion by Yunker to move up item #14f, second by Straube. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Clerk Kropf stated that candidacy paperwork is available at the Front Counter of City Hall and on the City's website. Candidacy paperwork for the offices of Alder, City Attorney, and Mayor can be circulated starting December 1, 2023.

Mayor Klein announced that the winners of the Snow Plow naming contest and the winners are posted on the City's Facebook page.

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

Spyro Condos; 1760 Hillcrest Dr; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.
Joe Doyle; W3340 McDonald Rd; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Carrie Spiegelhoff; W3474 Royal Glen Ct; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Sherri Ames; 603 Center St; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations and the increase of the annual resident beach passes.

Phil Hough; 1030 Teal Trl; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Anne Marie Ruggiero; 942 Carey St; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Sean Payne; 127 Sumner; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Dominic Lang; 915 Platt Ave; Read a letter on behalf of Tana Koublee; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Jeanne Cizon; W1383 Highland Blvd; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

John Trione; 311 S Wells St; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Ryan Stelzer; 215 Skyline Dr; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Tanner Dollhausen; 1161 Wells St; Read a letter on behalf of Tammie Cartstensen; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Christi Hunter; 1280 Promontory Dr; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Mike Kramp; 460 Oakwood Ln; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Steve Schroeder; 7075 Bay Rd; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.
Andy Kerwin; 1616 Evergreen Ln; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Sarah McConnell; 21 Lakeview Dr; Spoke in opposition of the special event permit fees for non-profit organizations.

Discussion/Action regarding updated fees related to special events

Motion by Howell to approve, no second was offered.

Motion by Yunker to not charge non-profits special event parking fees, second by Straube.

Fesenmaier stated that she would like to see this continued to the next Council meeting to have time to vet the information in the packet and address some of the issues brought up during public comment.

Motion by Fesenmaier to continue, second by Esposito. Motion to continue carried 6-2, with Straube and Yunker voting no.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

None

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of November 13, 2023 as prepared and distributed

Motion by Straube to approve, second by Howell. 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

Public Hearing and Presentation of the proposed 2024 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Lake Geneva

Mayor Klein opened the Public Hearing for the 2024 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets.

Finance Director Pisarcik addressed the Council and gave her presentation of the 2024 budgets. She noted that the overall budget had increased by 10.32% or \$1.5 M from 2023. The 2024 budget will also support an increase of 13.13% for salaries and wages which is mainly due to the hiring of 5.5 new employees. She added that the new mill rate will be available in mid-December as the Board of Review just concluded earlier today.

Frank Guske; 192 E Main St; Spoke in opposition to the proposed gateway ordinance.

Spyro Condos; 1760 Hillcrest Dr; Spoke in regard to how the assessed values affect the City's mill rate.

Tom Reed; 100 E Main St; Spoke in opposition to the proposed gateway ordinance.

Motion by Howell to close the public hearing, second by Esposito. Motion carried 8-0

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R52** a resolution adopting the City of Lake Geneva 2024 Budget and 2023 Tax Levy

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Fesenmaier noted that approval of a budget item does not automatically mean that an item within the budget is approved. Motion carried 5-3, with Fesenmaier, Frame, and Yager voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R53** a resolution approving the City of Lake Geneva Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Clerk Kropf explained that this is something that is done every so often to determine the City boundaries with WisDOT. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Discussion/Action regarding approval of the roadway acceptance for Symphony Bay Phase 3

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

Discussion/Action regarding Pay Request #1 filed by Wolf Paving Co, Inc for work completed on the 2023 Lake Geneva Street Program, in an amount not to exceed \$145,224.04

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

Discussion/Action regarding purchase of Spongy Moth Eradication materials for \$14,311.02

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

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R51** a resolution amending Fire Department fees

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

Discussion/Action regarding possible fee change for annual beach passes and possible regulation on eligibility for passes (*Finance, Licensing, and Regulation motion to approve failed 2-3, on November 21, 2023*)

Motion by Howell to deny, second by Yager. Howell confirmed that if the motion passes, then there will be no change to the current way this program is implemented. Dunn stated that he would like the pass amount changed to \$5 per pass or 6 passes for \$20. Yager stated that there is no rationale to increasing the fees and they should remain the same.

Yager called the question to end debate. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion to deny carried 6-1 with Esposito voting no and Dunn abstaining.

Discussion/Acceptance regarding the pre-paid and regular check reports approved by the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee on November 21, 2023

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

Recommendation of the Plan Commission- Ald. Yunker

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 23-R54** a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for James E. Willett Trust. 14628 John Humphrey Dr. Orlando Park, IL 60462 to allow to Raze of the existing building to addition to the existing single-family home at 1320W. Main St. for a property located within the Estate Residential - 1 (ER-1) zoning district Tax Key No. ZYUP00094H.

Motion by Yunker to approve, second by Howell. Yunker confirmed that nothing on the property is being torn down. Motion carried 8-0

Motion to go into Closed Session 1.) pursuant to Wis. State. 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 the Police Union Contract, and 2.) pursuant to Wis. Statutes 19.85(1)(g) conferring with legal counsel of the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved concerning class action settlement with Dupont and 3M

Motion by Esposito to convene the Council into Closed Session to include the City Attorney, City Administrator, City Clerk, Finance Director, and Utilities Director, second by Howell. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 8-0. The Council convened into closed session at 7:45 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 Esposito to reconvene the Council into Open Session, second by Frame. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0. The Council reconvened into open session at 8:17 p.m.

Motion by Esposito to approve the Police Union Contract to include a 4% wage increase for the sworn patrol officers and a 5% increase for the Detectives for 2024, second by Frame. No discussion.

Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Yager to opt in for 3M class action lawsuit, second by Howell. No discussion. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0

Motion by Yager to opt in for DuPont class action lawsuit, second by Howell. No discussion. Motion carried on a roll call vote 8-0.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Straube. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

