

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 - 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 at 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Howell

Alderperson Ken Howell led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Mayor Klein advised the Council that she has issued a Snow Emergency declaration that begins at 3AM Tuesday (tomorrow), January 9th.

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.

Kristen Freytag, 533 N. Lakeshore Drive, Fontana read a statement on behalf of the Geneva Lake Conservancy (GLC) stating that the GLC will not be proceeding with any further advocacy on the Hillmoor property until later date when the Hillmoor Ad hoc and its subcommittees have had more time to meet and make recommendations concerning a trail system. Freytag also noted that the proposed grant up for consideration tonight (agenda item 12) does not contain the updated 2024 cost estimates.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center Street, Lake Geneva addressed the Committee concerning agenda item twelve (12), and her support of the GLC not moving forward with the Knowles-Nelson grant at this time. Expressed her desire that the property be open to the public, but that the City take its time developing the parcel.

Cathy Stoodley, 919 Carey Street, Lake Geneva addressed the Committee, on behalf of the YMCA, thanking Mayor Klein and the Council for asking to have two people from the Hillmoor Ad hoc group who have not taken a position, to work on the Hillmoor YMCA subgroup.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

None

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of December 27, 2023, as prepared and distributed.

Motion by Straube to approve, second by Esposito.

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.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding an Original "Class C" Wine License filed by Mashtun Brewing LLC d/b/a Mashtun Brewing, Kristen Kettle, Agent, located at 700 Veterans Pkwy #203, Lake Geneva, WI

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Temporary Class "B" retailer's license application filed by St Francis de Sales Parish for the event of Chili-Cook Off to take place on January 20, 2024, from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm, located at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 148 W Main St, Lake Geneva

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Temporary Operator License filed by Robert E McCormick Jr, for the event of Chili-Cook Off, taking place on January 20, 2024, located at St Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 148 W Main St, Lake Geneva

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None

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

Discussion/Recommendation regarding a Complimentary Riviera Ballroom Event Request form filed by VISIT Lake Geneva for the event of Lake Geneva Winterfest, to take place from January 29, 2024, to February 4, 2024

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Fesenmaier.

Alder Fesenmaier requested the form include the dollar amount of the fee being waived and that the Riviera Marketing representative be provided with a copy of the request form once approved by Council. Motion carried 8-0

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Resolution 24-R01, a resolution adopting the Event Permit fees for Private and Public Events set by policy approved by the Common Council on December 11, 2023

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Fesenmaier.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0

Discussion/Acceptance regarding the pre-paid and regular check reports approved by the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee on January 3, 2024

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Knowles-Nelson Grant for Hillmoor wetlands (Agenda item request submitted by Alderpersons Esposito and Fesenmaier)

Discussion among several of the Council Members concerning the proposed grant. Some expressed their belief that the grant was premature and that it would be more appropriate to gather additional information from the Hillmoor Ad hoc Committee and its various subcommittees. Several council members thanked the Geneva Land Conservancy for their efforts.

The Mayor and others expressed disappointment that this grant might be delayed.

Howell so moved to allow Karen Yancy from the Geneva Lake Conservancy to speak. Seconded by Straube. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Yancy made several comments and answered various questions posed. Yancy noted that the future grant cycles will be more competitive and that this type of grant (at this time) is set to discontinue in 2025.

After further discussion Howell so moved to continue this agenda item until the first Council meeting in April. Seconded by Straube. It is hoped that this will allow the proposed grant to be reviewed by the Hillmoor Ad hoc Committee, its subcommittee(s), and the Common Council. Yancy did note that while she is agreeable to this proposal, it is ultimately up the Geneva Lake Conservancy Board if they wish to continue. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Straube.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Council.

David Nord
City Administrator