

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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
Mayor Klein called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Yager
Alderperson Fesenmaier led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Fesenmaier, Dunn, Esposito, Frame, 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

Sherri Ames, 603 Center Street, Lake Geneva spoke in opposition to agenda item 11(e) and expressed support for the Deputy Clerk who is currently carrying out the duties of the City Clerk.

Beth Gehris-Padro, 6262 Geneva Stret, Lake Geneva spoke in support of upholding the City's current parking permit policy (agenda item 11(a))

Acknowledgement of Correspondence
None

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of February 12, 2024, 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.

Tier-1 Event Permit filed by the Bager High School Student Council for the event of Badger Homecoming Parade to take place on October 4, 2024, from 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm, located on various streets in downtown Lake Geneva

Tier-1 Event Permit application filed by the Alzheimer's Association for the event of Walk to end Alzheimer's-Walworth County to take place on September 14, 2024, from 6:30 am-2:00 pm, located at Library Park

Alcohol License Premises Extension application filed by L.G. Axe Throwing LLC D/B/A L.G. Axe Throwing, 253 Center St #900, Lake Geneva

Temporary Class B Wine License application filed by Geneva Lake Manor for the event of Wine Tasting (Fundraiser) to take place on March 3-8, 2024, located at the rehab dining room & activity room in Geneva Lake Manor, 211 S Curtis St, Lake Geneva

Temporary Operator License filed by Nicole Weber for the event of Wine Tasting Fundraiser to take place on March 3-8, 2024, located at Geneva Lake Manor, 211 S Curtis St, Lake Geneva

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

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None

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

Discussion/Action regarding the City's vehicle parking sticker policy (Finance, Licensing, & Regulation Committee recommended leaving the policy as currently written on February 20, 2024)

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Fesenmaier.

Brief discussion among the committee members. Beth Gehris-Padro (Parking Clerk for the City) answered a few questions from the committee. Motion carried 6-2 with Esposito and Straube voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding a Complimentary Riviera Ballroom Event Request filed by the Lake Geneva Public Library for the event of Backyard Wildlife Management to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion/Action regarding the bid award for the Lagoon Pier Removal to Bruceskis Inc in an amount not to exceed \$24,900

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

General discussion among the council members. Fesenmaier so moved to allow the Harbormaster to speak, second by Yunker. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Harbormaster Steve Russell addressed the council to outline the issues with the existing lagoon slips and to clarify the facts related to the removal bid. After additional discussion, the original motion was approved on a 6-2 vote with Frame and Dunn voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding Gage Marine Estimate for repairing 2023 season damage to piers

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding a request for a donation of beach passes to the Friends of Woods School for the Woods School Annual Silent Auction (Finance, Licensing, & Regulation Committee recommended denial on February 20, 2024)

Motion by Howell to uphold the City's practice of not donating items to area not for profits, second by Yunker. Various discussion among the council members both for and against the request for the donation of beach passes.

Motion carried 7-1 with Straube voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding the City's Purchasing Procedure-Purchasing Policy

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. Discussion among the council members on this topic with additional information being provided by City Administrator Nord and Comptroller Laura Pisarcik. After further discussion, motion carried 7-1 with Fesenmaier voting no.

Discussion/Acceptance of the pre-paid and regular check reports from February 20, 2024

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Straube.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action on a request for water service by Grand Geneva Resort & Spa for an employee dormitory

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yunker. General discussion among the council members. Fesenmaier so moved to have Utility Director Josh Gajewski address the council to provide an overview of the request. After additional questions from the council, motion carried 8-0.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R19 a resolution amending the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee members

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Yunker. Brief discussion with the Mayor providing an overview of this agenda item. After additional discussion among the council members, 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: City Clerk

At 6:52 p.m. Motion by Esposito to go into closed session, second by Yager.
No discussion. Motion carried by roll call vote 8-0.

Motion to return to open session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (2) and take action on any items discussed in closed session

At 7:02 p.m. Motion by Esposito to return to open session, second by Howell.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 by a roll call vote.

At 7:05 p.m. Motion by Frame to extend the leave of absence for the City Clerk for thirty (30) days from the expiration of FMLA with the extended leave to include insurance benefits, subject to the certification (documentation) from the physician regarding her ability to return to work. Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0 by a roll call vote.

Adjournment

At 7:06 p.m. Motion by Howell to adjourn. Seconded by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried 8-0.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Council.
David Nord
City Administrator