

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 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 called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderperson Frame 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

Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. John Swanson for his work with THE DREAM TEAM baseball program. Mayor Klein read the certificate of recognition to Mr. Swanson for his twenty-three years of service. Mr. Swanson addressed the council and audience concerning this worthwhile organization.

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

Kathleen Myer, 101 Broad Street, Unit 504, Lake Geneva. addressed agenda item 14 concerning her “excessive tax claim” as well as agenda item 21a expressing concern about the potential audio volume of the event.

Walter Smith, 101 Broad Street, unit 306, Lake Geneva addressed agenda item 13 concerning his “excessive tax claim”.

Paul Stormberg, 6311 11th Street, Omaha Nebraska addressed the Council concerning agenda item 11 supporting the Gygax memorial statue donation and approval of the site location.

Stevens Hamilton, W4257 Crescent Drive, Lake Geneva addressed the Council concerning agenda item 19 concerning his is “alleged palpable error” on his property located at 812 Geneva Street.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of March 11, 2024, as prepared and distributed

Yunker moved to approve, seconded by Yager, Alder Esposito requested that, moving forward, a little more information / context be included in remarks made during public comment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 Operator License applications filed by William Briggs, Tom Bachmann, Angela Carlson, David McConnell, Karlee Pass, Emily Syring, and Roger Wolff for the event of Spring Wine Walk to take place on April 7, 2024, located at various downtown businesses.

Tier 2 Event Permit application filed by the Lake Geneva Business Improvement District for the event of Murals in Motion, to take place in Flat Iron Park and various downtown businesses from May 15-19, 2024, with a rain date of June 5-9, 2024

Howell moved to approve the consent agenda. Straube seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda.

None.

Discussion/Action regarding approval of the Gygax memorial statue donation application filed by the Gygax Memorial Fund, Inc, and approval of the site location (Plan Commission approved site location on March 18, 2024).

Fesenmaier moved to approve. Second by Yunker. Some general conversation was held among the Council members. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

First Reading of Ordinance 24-02, Providing for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Consent of Electors and Property Owners of Territory Located in the Town of Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin, to the City of Lake Geneva, Walworth County, Wisconsin for the applicant, Ron Amann, for the 2.12-acre property located at Tax Key No. JA 5490001.

First reading was held for Ordinance 24-02

Discussion/Action regarding an excessive tax claim filed by Walter Smith for 101 Broad St Unit 306, Tax Key ZCNG00017.

Motion by Howell to allow the property owner (Mr. Smith) to address the council. Second by Fesenmaier. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Smith addressed the Committee concerning his concerns about the process. Mr. Dean Peters from Associated Appraisal Consultants then addressed the Council concerning the process. General discussion was held. City Attorney Draper stated that City could not approve the excessive tax claims as the owner did not participate in the Board of Review process. After further discussion, Howell so moved to deny. Second by Frame. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an excessive tax claim filed by Kathleen Meyer for 101 Broad St. Unit 504, Tax Key ZCNG 00025

Mr. Dean Peters from Associated Appraisal Consultants then addressed the Council concerning this specific tax claim filed. General discussion was held between Mr. Peters and various council members. Howell moved to deny the claim. Second by Frame. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an alleged palpable error on 2023 assessment of Parcel: ZA477000001, 1625 Dodge St.

Mr. Dean Peters from Associated Appraisal Consultants addressed the Council concerning the specific facts related to this 2023 assessment. General discussion was held between Peters and members of the Council. Howell moved to approve this request. Frame seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an alleged palpable error on 2023 assessment of Parcel: ZG 00006, 1015 Williams Street.

Mr. Mr. Peters (Associated Appraisal Consultants) addressed the Council concerning the specific facts related to this 2023 assessment. General discussion was held between Peters and members of the Council. Esposito moved to approve this request. Second by Howell Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an alleged palpable error on 2023 assessment of Parcel: ZOP 00404, 525 S Lake Shore Dr.

Mr. Mr. Peters (Associated Appraisal Consultants) addressed the Council concerning the specific facts related to this 2023 assessment. General discussion was held between Peters and members of the Council. Frame moved to approve this request. Second by Yager. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an alleged palpable error on 2023 assessment of Parcel: ZPI 00012A, 226 W Main St.

Mr. Mr. Peters (Associated Appraisal Consultants) addressed the Council concerning the specific facts related to this 2023 assessment. General discussion was held between Peters and members of the Council. Yager moved to approve this request. Second by Frame. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an alleged palpable error on 2023 assessment of Parcel: ZOP 00249, 812 Geneva St.

Mr. Mr. Peters (Associated Appraisal Consultants) addressed the Council concerning the specific facts related to this 2023 assessment. General discussion was held between Peters and members of the Council. Yager moved to approve this request. Second by Frame. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an alleged palpable error on 2023 assessment of Parcel: ZRA 00018, 824 Williams St.

Mr. Mr. Peters (Associated Appraisal Consultants) addressed the Council concerning the specific facts related to this 2023 assessment. General discussion was held between Peters and members of the Council. Frame moved to approve this request. Second by Yager. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Discussion/Action regarding a Public Event Permit application filed by Lakeland Community Church for the event of Church in the Park to take place on July 7, 2024, from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm, located at Flat Iron Park (Finance, Licensing, & Regulation Committee recommended approval with the requirement that sound from the event not go beyond the property line of the park).

Howell moved to approve. Second by Straube. General discussion was held by the Council members. Yager moved to allow Cathy Stoodley to address the Council on this topic. Second by Frame. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Stoodley stated that the portion of the service involving sound would not occur until 9 a.m. After additional discussion was held, the original motion to approve the permit was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R22, a resolution adopting 2023 transfers from the Lakefront Special Revenue Fund and the Parking Special Revenue Fund to the General Fund.

Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R23, a resolution adopting a 2023 year-end budget amendment authorizing the re-allocation of funds in the 2023 budgets for certain revenues and expenditures exceeding their 2023 budgets

Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding updated City Policy Manual.

Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding a fuel pump replacement proposal from Walts Petroleum in an amount not to exceed \$30,360.69.

Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous (8-0) roll call vote.

Discussion/Action regarding declaring Thursday, July 11, 2024, as "Lake Geneva Day" and that all City Resident Parking Permit Holders have free parking all day.

Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Frame. Some general discussion was held. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Acceptance of the pre-paid and regular check reports from March 19, 2024.

Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Recommendation of the Plan Commission- Ald. Yunker.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R24, a resolution authorizing the issuance of Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Kurt Jennison N3382 County Rd. H, Lake Geneva, to allow for Indoor Commercial Entertainment at 772 W. Main St Ste 302 for a property located within the Central Business (CB) zoning district Tax Key No. ZOP00321.

Motion by Yunker to approve. Second by Yager. Discussion was held among the Council members. Esposito moved to suspend the rules to let Kurt Jennison (applicant) address the Council. Second by Frame. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Jennison answered a few questions from Council members. After additional discussion, the original motion to approve was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R25, a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Daniel and Jennifer Lites 1633 Lake Shore Dr. Lake Geneva for a proposed home renovation to the property located in the Estate Residential – 1 (ER-1) zoning district Tax Key No. ZLM00020.

Motion by Yunker to approve. Second by Straube. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R26, a resolution authorizing the issuance to amend the existing Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for Golden Years Living, 270 Ridge Rd. Walworth WI 53184 to allow for the construction of a pergola in the Planned Development (PD) zoning district located at 611 Harmony Dr. Tax Key No. ZA47500001.

Motion by Yager to approve. Second by Esposito. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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 7:16 p.m. Esposito moved to go into closed session. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously by an 8-0 roll call vote.

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

At 7:31 p.m. Frame moved to return to open. Second by Yager. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously by an 8-0 roll call vote.

Howell so moved to extend the City Clerk's Leave of Absence and allowing the City Clerk to work on a reduced hour basis beginning April 6, 2024, for an average of twenty (20) hours per week. Health insurance being extended with the Clerk paying the employee portion of the health insurance cost. The Clerk's rate of pay will be converted to an hourly amount based on her current salary. The thirty-day extension will expire on May 6, 2024. Second by Yunker. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

At 7:34 p.m. Howell so moved to adjourn. Second by Yager. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

David Nord
City Administrator