

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Esposito 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

Mayor Klein thanked the Council for their service to the community and specifically recognized Alderman Dunn and Alderman Yunker whose terms are expiring later this month.

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

Sheri Ames, 603 Center Street, Lake Geneva thanked Mayor Klein, Alderman Dunn, and Alderman Yunker for their service to the community.

Joel Hoiland, 390 Country Clube Drive, Lake Geneva addressed agenda items 11 – 15: recommending continuing agenda item eleven more for consideration and speaking in support of agenda items twelve through fifteen.

Don Rutt, Town of Geneva spoke in support of agenda item fourteen.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of March 25, 2024, as prepared and distributed

Yunker moved to approve, seconded by Straube. No discussion. 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.

Public Event Permit Application with Street Use filed by Fat Tire Charity Ride for the event of Fat Tire Charity Ride to take place on September 21, 2024, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, located on various streets beginning and ending at Champs Sports Bar, 747 W Main St, Lake Geneva.

Alcohol License Premises Extension Application filed by Lake City Social for the event of Murals in Motion Art Party to take place May 17, 2024, from 3:00pm to 10:00pm and May 18, 2024, from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, located at the parking lot of 111 Center St, Lake Geneva.

Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" fermented malt beverage and wine license application filed by the Walworth County Food & Diaper Bank for the event of Bacon Fest to take place from May 31, 2024, to June 2, 2024, located at the Bacon Fest Beer Tent, Flat Iron Park, Lake Geneva.

Temporary Operator License Application filed by Tamela M Dunn for the event of Bacon Fest to take place from May 31, 2024, to June 2, 2024, located in Flat Iron Park.

Public Event Permit filed by the Lake Geneva Farmers Market for the event of Lake Geneva Farmers market to take place every Thursday starting May 2, 2024, to October 31, 2024, from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, located at 330 Broad St, Lake Geneva.

Motion by Howell to approve the consent agenda. Second by Frame. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda.

None.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R27, resolution authorizing a 2024 Budget Amendment for the reallocation of Capital funds for adding a crosswalk on Sonata Way.

Alderperson Fesenmaier moved to adopt Resolution 24-R27 with a wording change “adding a crosswalk

on Townline Road”. Second by Alderperson Howell. General discussion was held to provide clarification on the exact location of the proposed crosswalk. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Second 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.

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

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

Discussion/Action regarding awarding the bid for the White River Disc Golf Course Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project to Glen Fern Construction Co for an amount not to exceed \$197,900.

Motion by Howell to approve. Second by Frame. General discussion was held on this topic. It was suggested that this item be held until the Hillmoor Ad hoc Committees addresses it. Also, some mention of replacing one bridge instead of both bridges. It was noted that the Park Board supports this project to replace the two bridges. The motion carried on a 5-3 vote with Esposito, Fesenmaier and Yager voting no.

Discussion/Acceptance of the pre-paid and regular check reports from April 3, 2024.

Moton by Howell to approve, second by Yager. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding Knowles-Nelson Grant for Hillmoor wetlands (continued from the January 8, 2024, Council meeting).

Moton by Howell to approve. Second by Yunker. Motion then was made by Howell to allow Karen Yancey of the Lake Geneva Conservancy to speak. Second by Straube. Moton carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yancy provided a review / history of the proposed grant and noted that this application was approved by the Hillmoor Ad hoc committee. General discussion and questions by various council members concerning topics including signage, landscaping, zoning, the list of proposed uses and amenities for the property contained within the grant application as well as various other topics.

Frame moved to continue this topic until the next council meeting. Second by Fesenmaier. Additional discussion was held. Motion failed on a 4 – 5 vote with Esposito, Fesenmaier, Frame and Yager voting yes: Howell, Straube, Dunn and Yunker voting no with Mayor Klein breaking the tie with a no vote.

The original motion to approve was then voted on, passing 6-2 on a roll call vote, with Fesenmaier and Frame voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R28, a resolution authorizing the Mayor, or their designee, to submit an application for available financial aid to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and to direct the approved project.

Motion by Yunker to approve. Second by Howell. General discussion was held. It was noted that the required revenue source for the City's required grant match will initially be taken from the City's capital fund. It is anticipated that the City will be submitting a tourism grant request to the Tourism Commission to provide the final source for match funding. After further discussion, the motion carried on a 6-2 roll call vote with Fesenmaier and Frame voting no.

Adjournment

At 7:49 p.m. Howell moved to adjourn. Second by Yager. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

David Nord
City Administrator