

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier
Council Vice-President: Cindy Yager
Alderspersons: Sherri Ames, Shari Straube, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, Joel Hoiland, Ken Howell

Call to order-Council President Fesenmaier
Council President Fesenmaier called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance-Aldersperson Hoiland
Aldersperson Hoiland led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Straube, Frame, Esposito, Hoiland
Absent: Howell

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from February 5, 2024, as prepared and distributed
Motion by Yager to approve, second by Esposito.
No discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Be further advised that matters brought up at this time may be referred to the appropriate committee or individual for further discussion and consideration.
Sherri Ames, 603 Center St; congratulated Badger Graduate, Caleb Monge, on his accomplishment of being a drum major at UW Madison.

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant St; congratulated the new elected officials and spoke on the developer's agreement for Symphony Bay and changes to the plan and impact fees, and the effect of new annexations.

Andrea Christian, 250 Havenwood Dr; spoke on accessibility to the new GLEA office, and safety concerns with the condition of streets, sidewalks, and sidewalk ramps.

Todd Krause, Mayor, 1112 Wisconsin St, spoke on addressing accessibility and working to improve the condition of the streets and sidewalks. He also announced that on Saturday, May 18th at 10:00am, there will be a ribbon cutting at Hillmoor.

Dennis Loeser, 336 W Laurie St, spoke on annexations, growth and development, Air BnBs, capacity of utilities, and congratulated the elected officials.

Sherri Ames, 603 Center St; repeated her congratulations from earlier due to technical difficulties during her comment period.

Presentation regarding No Mow May: Julie Hill, UW-Extension
Julie Hill from UW-Extension gave a presentation on the history, goals, and benefits of No Mow May, reducing chemicals, and the impact on Pollinators, and let the public know they can call or email her with any gardening questions.
Questions and discussion between Committee members and Ms. Hill followed covering topics such as Lake Geneva's Ordinance, which states no tickets are issued for lawn length between January 1-June 1, and natural plantings in terraces to reduce mowing.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS. The following Aldermen will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. It is not contemplated that these matters will be discussed or acted on but referrals to the appropriate committees and/or individuals will be made.

Finance, License, and Regulation Committee-Chair Howell

Aldersperson Fesenmaier gave an update on topics including the City's new policy manual, the employee handbook, the accessible sidewalk at the beach, the crosswalk from Symphony Bay to Veterans Park, and the disc golf bridge replacements.

Esposito reported on the acceptance of the Historical Grant on the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

Personnel Committee-Chair Yager

Aldersperson Yager reported that the first personnel committee meeting of the year just took place and that many issues that need to be addressed have come up including the employee evaluation process and Personnel Committee ordinances.

Public Works Committee-Chair Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier reported on recent topics such as accessibility on public vs private sidewalks and whether the issue is a public works or code enforcement issue, the 2024 street improvement program.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Frame

Aldersperson Frame reported that her first meeting as Chair will be May 14th, and the main topic will be the Lagoon.

COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

Utility Commission-Fesenmaier and Howell

Aldersperson Frame reported that the Grand Geneva employee dorm project has been completed, spoke on water main breaks, and discussed the utility work needed prior to the upcoming hwy 50 project.

Tree Board-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito announced arbor day and earth day celebrations, including a new tree planting in Donian and a children's event hosted by the Parks Superintendent, and tree protectors for the trees on Main St.

Police and Fire Commission-Straube

Aldersperson Straube announced that her first meeting is this Thursday. No report given.

Plan Commission-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito reported on the ordinance change to allow for paintings on the buildings, the developments in the Geneva Square area, retention ponds, and a gateway ordinance.

Aldersperson Hoiland reported on the Short Term Rental ad hoc committee activities, including marking up the ordinance and hearing public input. He announced he is hopeful to have an ordinance ready to begin the process in June.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Aldersperson Frame reported on activities at the last meeting surrounding the approval of the YMCA contract renewal.

Discussion followed on the terms of the agreement.

Library Board-Ames

Aldersperson Ames reported on the Library activities including Ellen receiving her master's degree, upcoming programs, Badger Talks, the tax return preparation program, youth services, tech services, and circulation.

Aldersperson Esposito highlighted an upcoming lecture series concerning the archaeological survey at Hillmoor.

Historic Preservation Commission-Esposito

Alderson Esposito reported that the Commission is very involved with the archaeological survey.

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke on the possible implementation of a local ordinance specifying historical structures and landscapes

Avian Committee-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on various Committee topics including a request for a presentation at Symphony Bay, a Bee City USA application partnership request from the Friends of Hillmoor, the Storybook Trail signs have been updated at Four Seasons and the past Purple Martin story will be re-installed, the Bird-watching backpacks at the Library, and Monarchpalooza with the Rotary Club at the butterfly garden at the Library which will take place June 22 from 12-2pm.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Howell

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on the great best practices of the Tourism Commission concerning their packet materials and minutes. Recent agenda items include Grant applications for the Riviera wood floor and the Wee Whiskey Fest, hotel listings on the website, and the follow-up evaluations has been added as a constant agenda item.

Cemetery Board-Frame

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on the need for road improvement, ordering another Columbarium, and spoke about the Pontem burial search software program which is available on the City's website.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES SERVING ON OTHER BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The following committee representatives will be given the opportunity to make announcements or reports at the meeting in regards to committee activities they have been involved in since the last meeting on behalf of the City, future activities and citizen contacts. These matters will be required to be placed on the agenda to comply with Wis. Stats.

*No meeting or materials posted on the City website.

*VISIT Lake Geneva-Yager

Alderson Yager reported that they are very busy with event planning and encouraged everyone to visit their website for information.

*Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported that they are meeting this Wednesday at 5:30pm.

*Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Yager

NO

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on topics including hiring a college intern, clean boats clean waters, a fishing tournament, and the new office in William's Bay.

Questions followed regarding the funding structure. Alderson Fesenmaier explained the budgeting from the different municipalities as well as private fundraising efforts.

*Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube

Alderson Straube reported that recent activity included the contract being approved.

*Geneva Lake Use-Frame

Alderson Frame reported that they meet on an as-needed basis, and has morphed into the Geneva Lake Association, which meets annually. Topics of interest include CD3 machines, farm run off, commercial boat usage, the lagoon, and damage to the seawall.

Business Improvement District-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on details for the Spring Wine Walk, spoke about upcoming events including Murals in Motion, Music on Broad, and thanked Alex with the BID and VISIT for all their hard work.

Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Frame

Alderperson Frame reported that they have not met yet,. They begin patrolling the lake Memorial Day weekend. They are in the midst of spring training. The next meeting is June 12th. They recently relocated to Fontana from Williams Bay.

Alderperson Fesenmaier thanked everyone for attending and discussed the importance of recapping the committees and highlighted the presentations.

Alderperson Frame thanked the Mayor for the various appointments.

Future meeting date: June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Yager to adjourn, second by Frame.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns

Deputy City Clerk