

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2024 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Mayor Todd Krause, Council President, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Council Vice President, Cindy Yager, Alderpersons: Sherri Ames, Peg Esposito, Linda Frame, Joel Hoiland, Ken Howell, and Shari Straube

Mayor Krause call the meeting to order
Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Esposito
Alderperson Esposito led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Straube, Frame, Esposito, Hoiland, Howell
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
Karen Dennis, Midwest Young Artists, spoke on item 13b and asked the Council to approve the fee waiver.

Fred Gahl, 661 S Lakeshore Dr; spoke on item 13b and asked the Council to approve the fee waiver.

Alan Dennis 2520 Cowper Ave, Evanston IL, Midwest young Artists; spoke on item 13b and asked the Council to approve the fee waiver.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence
None

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of June 24, 2024, as prepared and distributed
Motion by Ames to approve, second by Hoiland.
No discussion. Motion Carried 8-0 on 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 Richard Felt, Nicholas Fuson, Kurt Henkel, Bryan Iwicki, Christian Kolmos, Ryan Lasch, Kyle Peters, Jackson Rademaker, Travis Ross, James Schmidt, Michael Springer Jr, and Marty Vanderstappen for the event of Venetian Fest

Creamery Permit renewal application filed by Kilwins Lake Geneva
Motion by Howell to approve, second by Ames.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on voice vote.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda
None.

Discussion/Action regarding contract with CK Contracting for Lagoon Seawall Repairs

Motion by Frame to suspend the rules and allow Naomi Rausch from Kapur to speak on the item, second by Fesenmaier. No discussion. Motion Carried 8-0 on voice vote.

Naomi Rausch gave background information on the project.

Attorney Draper spoke on details of the project and explained why the bid is no longer valid.

Motion by Howell to pay the invoice, enter into mutual agreement with the contractor to dissolve the contract, and send back to Public Works for rebidding both options, second by Frame.

General discussion followed between Council members and Ms. Rausch on the process for rebidding, the pier replacement project, timeline for rebidding, budgeting, and scope of repairs.

Motion carried 8-0 on voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding an agreement between the Wisconsin Historical Society and the City of Lake Geneva for the Phase 1 Archaeological Survey of the Hillmoor Property

Alderperson Esposito gave background information on the agreement.

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Frame.

Discussion followed on costs, reimbursements, and consequences or repercussions of finding historical items.

Motion carried 8-0 on 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 August 25, 2024, from 7:00am to 12:00 pm located at Flat Iron Park (Finance, Licensing, & Regulation Committee recommended approval with the requirement that the event follow the City's existing noise ordinance)

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.

No discussion, Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding a Complimentary Riviera Ballroom Event Request form filed by Allan Dennis on behalf of Midwest Young Artists for the event of A Venetian Classical Music Concert featuring Lang Lang Scholars to take place on August 18, 2024, from 10:00 am to 2:15 pm

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Hoiland.

Discussion followed between Council members regarding the benefit events of this nature bring to the City, the need for a policy and procedure for comping the Riviera Ballroom, fee amount, local student involvement, probability of residents attending, local vs non-local non-profit status, the organization's history, potential for new audiences that MYA could bring to the City,

Hoiland urged support. Ames asked for clarification on if local students are involved.

Esposito asked about the actual costs of opening the Riviera, Mayor Krause offered logistical details and estimated costs.

Motion by Hoiland to call the question and close debate.

Motion failed 4-5 on a roll call vote with Esposito, Fesenmaier, Yager, and Ames, voting no and the Mayor breaking the tie.

Motion to amend by Fesenmaier to charge \$500 to cover costs, second by Ames.

Additional discussion on the costs and need for a policy,

Motion by Esposito to suspend the rules and allow Karen and Allan Dennis from MYA to speak, second by Frame.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Karen and Allan Dennis gave additional details about the event and answered the Council members' questions regarding costs and possible plans for future events.

Discussion followed among Council members covering the local impact of events of this nature, non-profit rental rates, alternative locations for future events.

Motion to amend carried 5-4 on a roll call vote with Straube, Frame, Hoiland, and Howell voting no. The Mayor voted yes to break the tie.

Original motion as amended carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding the selection of GovHR USA / GovTemp USA for services related to the selection of an interim City Administrator and the selection of a permanent City Administrator (recommended by the Personnel Committee on July 1, 2024, and the Finance, Licensing, & Regulation Committee on July 2, 2024)

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Esposito.
Alderpson Yager gave background information on the item.
No further discussion.
Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Acceptance of the pre-paid and regular check reports of July 2, 2024

Motion by Howell to accept, second by Frame.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action to increase the purchasing authority of the Comptroller to \$24,000.00 until an interim City Administrator is appointed

Attorney Draper gave an explanation of the purpose and need.
Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 1) Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session regarding: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between the Town of Bloomfield and the Village of Bloomfield. 2) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 19.85(1)(c) 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

Motion by Esposito to go into Closed Session and include the Attorney, Comptroller, and Deputy City Clerk, second by Frame.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.
The Council went into closed session at 6:55 pm.

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

Motion by Howell to return to open session, second by Frame.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on roll call vote.
The Council returned to open session at 7:26 pm.

Motion by Hoiland to authorize the City Attorney to consult with the Municipal Law and Litigation Group for potential litigation with the town and village of Bloomfield, and that the City Attorney will report back to the Council as soon as possible, second by Howell.
Motion passed 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Fesenmaier to discontinue employment without cause, of the City Clerk, Lana Kropf, second by Ames.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Hoiland.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

The Council adjourned at 7:30 pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Council.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk