

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024 - 6:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Council President: Mary Jo Fesenmaier
Council Vice-President: Cindy Yager
Alderpersons: 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 – Alderperson Frame
Alderperson Frame led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from June 3, 2024
Motion by Ames to approve, second by Yager.
Discussion followed on the dates for the Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee meeting.
Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

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.

Ellen Green Kuroghlian, 526 Maxwell St; spoke on the Short-Term Rental Ad Hoc Committee, Code Enforcement on the Short-Term Rental Program, effects on neighborhoods and schools, and encouraged pressing on with Code Enforcement.

Troy Dyer, 133 Evelyn; spoke on ideas for Hillmoor, interactions with the Ad Hoc Committee, revenue opportunities, and various other topics covered in his proposal he prepared for the Ad Hoc Committee.

Presentation on "The Impact of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia in Our Community": Olivia Deering; Research Coordinator, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center; and Community Educator Volunteer, Alzheimer's Association
Olivia Deering introduced herself to the Committee, explained details of the study she is working on, and gave a presentation on "The Impact of Alzheimer's & Dementia in Our Community."

Questions followed between Ms. Deering and the Committee regarding topics such as care facility development, early stage medication, and brain changes prior to memory loss symptoms.

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
Alderperson Howell spoke on upcoming topics including the Budget Timeline, the search for the City Administrator, and Licensing.

The Committee has recently approved the Concerts in the Park, a Half Marathon for June 2025, and audio visual equipment replacement for Council Chambers.

Personnel Committee-Chair Yager

Aldersperson Yager gave a report on recent activities including picking a firm to hire for the City Administrator and Interim City Administrator recruitment services, job descriptions, and Ordinance changes.

Committee members offered their thanks to Aldersperson Yager for her hard work with the Personnel Committee.

Public Works Committee-Chair Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier spoke on topics including a potential GIS Sidewalk inventory, grants for a signal at Townline & Edwards, native plantings, and recent detailed staff reports.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Frame

Aldersperson Frame spoke on recent Committee topics including a presentation on a floating pier system for the lagoon and dredging bids for the lagoon. Upcoming topics include a presentation on a permanent pier system and other opportunities for 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 Howell spoke on efforts to coordinate with the Hwy 50 project for pipe work.

Aldersperson Fesenmaier stated the Utility Director gave a nice explanation of this project at the last Utility Commission meeting and spoke on the WI Power & Light substation.

Tree Board-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito announced the Cicadas are gone and reported on tree plantings in developments.

Decrease to damage to trees downtown remains a major concern, a tree care section will be added to the City website, and spongy moths are actively being treated.

Police and Fire Commission-Straube

No report given. The next meeting will be July 11th.

Plan Commission-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito reported that the June 17th meeting was canceled; the next meeting is July 15th.

Requests followed from Committee members for staff reports at Plan Commission meetings.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Aldersperson Yager spoke on topics such as changing the Ordinance to allow dogs in Veterans Park on the pathways, a possible celebration of dogs statue or brick program at Library Park, Pavilion Fees, Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, and sponsorship at designated areas.

Discussion followed regarding the status of the pickleball courts at Dunn Field and Maple Park.

Library Board-Ames

Aldersperson Ames reported that the Board received a tour of the room where books are received, bound, and cataloged for circulation. The library will be closed on July 4th.

She spoke about ongoing programs, including the music on the patio, the book bike, summer reading, and encouraged visiting the Library's online newsletter for more information.

Historic Preservation Commission-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito spoke about the Historic Railroad Site, the Three Graces Statue, Wisconsin History Maker's Tour at Library Park, coordination with VISIT Lake Geneva, the archaeological survey at Hillmoor, and links on the City website.

Avian Committee-Yager

There was no meeting, no report given.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Howell

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke on having the final evaluations of grant recipients on the agenda.

Alderson Howell spoke on a new system for evaluating events using AI.

Cemetery Board-Frame

Alderson Frame spoke on changing the meeting time to 4:00pm from 4:30pm, the logos on City Vehicles being updated, the purchase of a new columbarium, adding the Pioneer Cemetery to the Pontem software, and updating pricing.

Board of Review-Aldersons Straube, Frame, Hoiland, and Howell

Alderson Hoiland reported that there were no objections to be considered.

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 she attended the ribbon cutting for Buona Beef and Rainbow Cone.

Another ribbon cutting ceremony took place at Exodus Fitness.

The next meeting is July 11th.

*Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland

Alderson Hoiland reported on Museum activity including an upcoming Bingo Fundraiser, membership development, the elevator lift being completed, and grant opportunities for expansion.

Discussion followed on participation in Lake Geneva Day and the Gygax exhibit.

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Yager

Alderson Hoiland reported that Mashtun Brewery is looking to expand to the last lot in the office park for a retail location.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Alderson Fesenmaier reported on weekly beach testing, CD3 units, Clean Boats Clean Waters program, Chapter 30 Ordinance that allows local police to issue citations for invasives, fish restocking with the DNR, permitting at the DNR for contests, and a recent near-shore fishing survey.

*Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube

No report given.

*Geneva Lake Use-Frame

Alderson Frame reported that the Committee has not met yet, but will provide an update once a meeting occurs.

Business Improvement District-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on upcoming events including the Lemonade Walk. There is no meeting in July

Alderson Frame spoke on recent Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency activities, covering topics such as Memorial Day weekend, budgeting, citations, and information on boating activities.

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Hoiland.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy Clerk