

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 22, 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 6:00 pm.

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

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

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Proclamation declaring July 27th as Gary Gyga Day in Lake Geneva
Mayor Krause read the proclamation and presented it to Gail Gyga.
Paul Stormberg of the Gyga Memorial Fund spoke on the status of the Gyga Memorial in Library Park and this year's Dragon Days event.

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
Marilyn Nettle, 306 Debussy Dr; spoke in support of item 14c, allowing dogs on leashes in Veterans Park

Judy Dara, 414 Gallant Dr; spoke in support of item 14c, allowing dogs on leashes in Veterans Park.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence
Correspondence was received of Luke Pfeifer, Maxwell Mansion, regarding agenda item 12.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of July 8, 2024
Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yager.
No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 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.

Renewal Class "B" Beer / "Class C" Wine license application filed by House of Bogini LLC d/b/a House of Bogini, 152 Center St, Sasha Butinas, agent

Renewal Sidewalk Cafe Permit application filed by House of Bogini

Original Class "B" Beer / "Class C" Wine license application filed by Porch LG LLC d/b/a The Porch, 832 Geneva St Unit 2, Melissa Kenter, agent

Public Event Permit filed by Amorphic Beer for the event of Pop-Up Beer Garden to take place on August 3, 2024, from 2:00pm to 8:00pm, located at the Flat Iron Park Gazebo

Tier-1 Event Permit Application filed by the Lake Geneva Business Improvement District for the event of Downtown Lake Geneva Lemonade Crawl to take place on August 20, 2024, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm to take throughout downtown at various businesses

Tier-1 Event Permit Application filed by the Lake Geneva Business Improvement District for the event of Lake Geneva Maxwell Street Days to take place from August 23 to 25, 2024 from 9:00am to 9:00pm daily, located throughout downtown

Public Event Permit application filed by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-WI Chapter for the event of Walworth County Out of the Darkness Community Walk to take place on September 21, 2024, from 7:00am to 1:00pm located at Flat Iron Park

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on voice vote.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

None.

Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Special Assessments for Public Improvements for Sidewalks

Michael Folker 713 Henry St, 904 Center St; spoke on assessments at different locations.

Steve Blohm, 415 S Wells St, spoke on the different parcels that are being assessed in his development, ADA requirements, and parcels being assessed where no building exists.

Alderperson Linda Frame read the letter from Luke Pfeifer, Maxwell Mansion, regarding topics including assessment total, historic trees on the property, sidewalk vs path assessments, the condition of other sidewalks in the area, communication process and transparency with assessments, and asked for Baker St to be removed from the project.

Motion by Frame to close the public hearing, second by Hoiland.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 24-R54**, authorizing and levying special assessments against benefited property in the City of Lake Geneva for sidewalk improvements as part of the 2024 Street Improvement Project

Naomi Rausch addressed concerns brought up during the Public Hearing and gave background information on the carrying over of the project from last year, as well as the bid and assessment process.

She further explained the cost responsibility of the City for ADA ramps and fielded various questions and concerns of the Council members.

Motion by Howell to approve Resolution 24-R54, second by Hoiland.

Discussion followed on the payment plan options.

Motion carried 6-1 on a voice vote with Frame voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding rescheduling the August 12, 2024, Common Council meeting to Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 6:00pm to allow for set up for the August 13, 2024, Partisan Primary election

Motion by Ames to reschedule to August 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm, second by Yager.

Alderperson Hoiland mentioned that the Venetian Fest opening ceremony is that same day at 5:00pm, and that the Museum Board meeting is at 5:30pm.

Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Recommendation of the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee from July 16, 2024- Ald. Howell

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 24-R50**, authorizing a 2024 Budget Amendment for the use of allocating of Equipment Replacement Fund for adding Video Laryngoscopes Purchase

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Yager.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding the 2024 Budget Timeline

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Hoiland.

Alderperson Fesenmaier thanked the Comptroller for the revisions.
Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding **Ordinance 24-05**, an ordinance creating subsection (b)(3) of Section 10-67, Running at Large, of Article III, Dogs and Cats, of Chapter 10, Animals, of the City of Lake Geneva Municipal Code; permitting dogs on their leashes on pathways at Harold Fritz Veterans Park

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.

Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Acceptance of the pre-paid and regular check reports of July 16, 2024

Motion by Howell to accept, second by Ames.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding items from the Department of Public Works to be considered surplus and sold on Wisconsin Surplus Auction with the proceeds from equipment to be placed in the Equipment Replacement Fund and proceeds from logs to be placed in the tree fund (*Public Works Committee approved on June 24, 2024*)

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Ames.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Recommendation of the Plan Commission from July 15, 2024- Ald. Esposito

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 24-R51**, authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a proposed Commercial Indoor Lodging land use for the property located at 190 E. Main St. owned by Neil Gill in the Planned Business (PB) zoning district Tax Key No. ZA370600001

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Howell.

Discussion followed on the specifics of the plan pertaining to parking remaining in the back of the property, the driveway, and a pickleball court.

Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 24-R52**, authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the construction of a New Single-Family Home for Robert and Veronica Loquercio of the property located at 1310 W. Main St. in the Estate Residential – 1 (ER-1) zoning district Tax Key No. ZYUP00094N

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Yager.

Esposito offered background information on the setbacks in the zoning districts.

Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 24-R53**, Resolution authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Cindy Kuesis 1420 W. Main St Lake Geneva for a proposed Home Addition for the property located in the Estate Residential -1 (ER-1) zoning district Tax Key No. ZYUP00094C

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Frame.

Esposito offered background information on the setbacks in the zoning district.

Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

Mayoral Appointments: Discussion/Action regarding the appointment of Dana Furlo to the Board of Park Commissioners for a term to expire on May 1, 2025

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Frame.

Alderperson Hoiland requested some type of background information.

Motion carried 7-0 on voice vote.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to 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

Motion by Hoiland to go into closed session to include Attorney Draper, Comptroller Pisarcik, Deputy Clerk Jahns, and Luke Logic from Municipal Law and Litigation Group, second by Howell.

Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Council went into closed session at 6:58 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 Yager to return to open session, second by Esposito.

Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

The Council returned to open session at 7:19 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Frame to adjourn, second by Yager.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Council.

Vanessa Jahns

Deputy City Clerk