

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 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 6:01 pm.

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

Roll Call
Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Esposito, Frame, Hoiland, Howell, Straube
Absent: None

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements
Mayor Krause announced that there is a new camera and sound system, that Channel 25 is not currently functional, the City is exploring equipment replacement for channel 25, and that meetings can be viewed on the City's website.

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
None.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence
None.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of August 26, 2024
Motion by Ames to approve, second by Fesenmaier.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a 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 "Class B" Wine / Class "B" Beer license filed by Rock Central, Inc. for Rock the Lake on October 3, 2024, from 5pm to 11pm at the Riviera Ballroom, 812 Wrigley Dr
Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.
No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Items removed from the Consent Agenda
None.

First Reading of Ordinance 24-08, An ordinance amending Chapter 54, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Board of Park Commissioners, Section 54-61, Composition, amending language related to non-voting members and resident membership
Mayor Krause offered a first reading of Ordinance 24-08.
Motion by Yager to move Ordinance 24-08 to second reading, second by Esposito.
Mayor Krause offered a second reading of Ordinance 24-08.
Discussion followed on the reasoning for removing Alders as voting members.

Esposito offered that she sees the alders as advisors on the resident committees, boards, and commissions.
Motion by Ames to approve Ordinance 24-08, second by Yager.
Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

First Reading of **Ordinance 24-09**, an ordinance amending Chapter 54, Parks and Recreation, Article III, Board of Park Commissioners, Section 54-68, Board powers and duties, Subsection (3) Tree Board, related to the composition of the Tree Board

Mayor Krause offered Ordinance 24-09 as a first reading.
Motion by Yager to move to Ordinance 24-09 second reading, second by Ames.
Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.
Mayor Krause offered a second reading of Ordinance 24-09.
Motion by Yager to approve Ordinance 24-09, second by Ames.
Discussion followed on the number of residents on the Board.
Alderpersion Frame reiterated that the Alders serve as advisors on the resident boards, committees, and commissions, but do vote on the standing committees.
Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

First Reading of **Ordinance 24-10**, an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards and Commissions, Division 6, Plan Commission, Section 2-313, Composition, removing the President of the Park Board as a member of the Plan Commission

Mayor Krause offered Ordinance 24-10 as a first reading.
Alderpersion Hoiland outlined the benefits of having a Park Board member on the Plan Commission, and asked the Council to support an amendment that would include a Park Board member on the Plan Commission.
Alderpersion Howell echoed that a Park Board member would be beneficial on the Plan Commission, but not automatically the Park Board President.
Discussion followed on communication avenues between the different committees.
Alderpersion Fesenmaier stated she believes the membership should be spread out and that the City has enough residents that duplication between committee membership is not necessary.
Further discussion followed regarding Park Board membership, qualifications to serve on the Plan Commission, communication between the Park Board and Plan Commission, and the timeline for changes.
Motion by Yager to move Ordinance 24-10 to a second reading, second by Ames.
Motion to move to a second reading carried 7-1 with Hoiland voting no.
Mayor Krause offered a second reading of Ordinance 24-10.
Motion by Hoiland to amend the language to say there shall be seven members of the Plan Commission. The membership shall include the Mayor, a member of the Park Board, one Alderman, and four residents, second by Straube.
Alderpersion Howell would like to remove the Park Board President as an automatic appointment.
Alderpersion Hoiland and Straube withdrew their amendment and resubmitted the amendment with the following language: There shall be seven members of the Plan Commission. The membership shall include the Mayor, strike the following: the President of the Park Board, add: a member of the Park Board, one Alderman, and strike : five residents, add: four residents.
Alderpersion Straube expressed that a member of the Park Board would be beneficial on the Plan Commission, but understands that spreading membership out is also beneficial.
Further discussion followed regarding membership make up of the various Committees, qualifications of Park Board members, and the communication route between the Committees and Boards and their Alder representatives.
Motion to amend failed 5-3, with Ames, Esposito, Fesenmaier, Yager, and Frame voting no, and Howell, Hoiland, and Straube voting yes.
Motion to approve Ordinance 24-10 by Yager, second by Ames.
Motion to approve Ordinance 24-10 carries 5-3 on a roll call vote with Ames, Esposito, Fesenmaier, Yager, and Frame voting yes, and Hoiland, Howell, and Straube voting no.

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

Discussion/Action regarding the bid award for the Lake Geneva Public Works Parking Lot project to Poblocki Paving for an amount not to exceed \$123,179.00

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Hoiland.

Aldersperson Frame opposed the project because the roads need more attention.

Aldersperson Fesenmaier also expressed opposition to the project, stating that the roads need repair.

Aldersperson Ames expressed opposition to the project, and expressed support instead for projects that the residents can see.

Aldersperson Yager asked for financial details and Comptroller Pisarcik offered clarification that the project was budgeted for as a line item. Yager also asked if the budget could be amended to use this funding elsewhere, Pisarcik answered that it could.

Aldersperson Frame expressed support for other capital improvement projects such as repairs to Cemetery roads.

Aldersperson Fesenmaier also expressed support for Cemetery road improvement.

Aldersperson Hoiland stated that there are no doubt areas that need maintenance and repair, the Public Works department is the City's maintenance and repair department, and it is a major issue if they have necessary parking lot repairs that are affecting their vehicles that service the rest of the City. Hoiland urged support because this needs to be done, and timing for an asphalt project is running out for 2024.

Motion to approve the bid award failed 5-3 with Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Esposito, and Frame voting no, and Hoiland, Howell, and Straube voting yes.

Discussion/Action regarding **Resolution 24-R56**, a resolution authorizing a 2024 Budget Amendment for the use of Contingency funds for a rapid flashing beacon on Main Street near Mill Street to be paid from the Contingency fund in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00

Motion by Howell to approve Resolution 24-R56, second by Ames.

Mayor Krause gave background information on the need for signage in the area in order to improve safety, and that the equipment can be reallocated once the Hwy 50 project is completed.

Aldersperson Frame explained that the area is high traffic and dangerous for pedestrians.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Acceptance of the Pre-Paid and Regular Check Reports from September 3, 2024

Motion by Howell to accept, second by Esposito.

Aldersperson Hoiland asked for clarification on some of the checks, Comptroller Pisarcik answered that many of them are safety deposit refunds for weddings held at the Riviera,

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding: Candidates for the City Clerk position

Motion by Hoiland to move into closed session including the Attorney Draper, Comptroller Pisarcik, Deputy City Clerk Jahns, and Interim City Administrator DeAngelis, second by Esposito.

Motion to go into closed session carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

Council went into closed session at 6:42 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 Ames

No discussion. Motion to return to open session carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

The Council returned to open session at 7:00pm.

Motion by Hoiland to hire Lacey Reynolds as the City Clerk, second by Ames.

Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote with Aldersperson Fesenmaier abstaining.

Motion by Yager to approve the terms of the offer letter for Lacey Reynolds, second by Howell.

Motion carried 7-0 with Aldersperson Fesenmaier abstaining.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Ames.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Council.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk.