

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 6:01pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Alderperson Frame

Alderperson Frame 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

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Carol Zimmermann, Jeff Gardner, Nancy Wolff, and Brad Robbins for their work as volunteers for the City of Lake Geneva's Avian Committee.

Sarah McConnell, Avian Committee Chair spoke on behalf of the Committee, thanking the volunteers for their hard work and recognizing their accomplishments.

Mayor Krause announced the previous City Administrator, David Nord, had passed away over the weekend.

Mayor Krause provided an update on the City Administrator recruitment project.

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

Harold Johnson, 315 Haskins St, spoke in support of the Park Use Permit for Dragon Days, explained the event, offered background information on the timeline for the application, and asked for approval for the permit.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

Correspondence was received from Jane Lochowicz regarding the Noise Ordinance and was forwarded to all members of the Council.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes of September 9, 2024

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Yager.

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" Beer License Application filed by the Lake Geneva Business Improvement District for Oktoberfest from October 11-13, 2024

Temporary "Class B" Wine License application filed by Downtown Lake Geneva Inc, for the Downtown Lake Geneva Wine Walk on November 3, 2024, from 11am-4pm

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Hoiland.

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

Items removed from the Consent Agenda

Discussion/Action regarding a Park Use Permit for Dragon Days on September 28 & 29, 2024

Mayor Krause introduced the item.

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Frame.

Discussion followed regarding attendance.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action regarding the City of Lake Geneva Insurance Policy Renewal for 2024-2025

Motion to move item 14 up by Howell, second Frame.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Paul Lesila presented the policy renewal for 2024-2025, introduced new products for this upcoming year, and discussed reasons for price changes.

Questions followed between Mr. Lesila and the Council members regarding topics such as Worker Comp policy changes, the Ready Rebound program and its effects on Worker Comp, Committee consideration procedure, process of the League's underwriters, dividends from the Mutual program, Interim Administrator DeAngelis gave information on the process of the League Insurance's mission.

Motion by Howell to approve the policy renewal, second by Frame.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

First Reading of Ordinance 24-06, an ordinance amending Chapter 46, Nuisances, Article I, General Regulations, Section 46-4, Loud and Unnecessary Noise, Subsection (b) Loud and/or Unnecessary Noise Prohibited, deleting times that loud and/or unnecessary noise is prohibited

Mayor Krause offered a first reading of Ordinance 24-06.

Motion by Yager to move to a second reading, second by Frame.

Motion to move to a second reading passed 8-0 on a voice vote.

Mayor Krause offered a second reading of Ordinance 24-06.

Motion by Yager to approve Ordinance 24-06, second by Frame.

Aldersperson Fesenmaier spoke about proposed amendments.

Motion by Fesenmaier to amend section b to state: unnecessary noise especially between the hours of 9 pm and 7am on weekdays, second by Esposito.

Discussion followed between the Council members and Attorney Draper regarding enforcement issues.

Motion to amend failed 6-2 on a roll call vote with Fesenmaier and Esposito voting yes.

Motion to amend by Fesenmaier to change language of section (c), to insert Utilities Director shall have the authority, upon determining that the circumstance is an emergency, to grant a permit, second by Esposito.

Discussion followed on what constitutes an emergency vs a necessity.

Motion to amend carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Motion to amend by Yager, to add The City Council has the right to add an exemption to this provision for public necessity, second by Howell.

Motion to amend carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Original motion as amended carried 7-1 on a voice vote with Fesenmaier voting no.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R58, a resolution authorizing a 2024 Budget Amendment for the use of additional 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 \$1,750.00

Motion by Frame to approve Resolution 24-R58, second by Yager.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Action on the Recommendations of the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee- Ald. Howell

Resolution 24-R57, a resolution authorizing the write-off of 2022 delinquent personal property taxes in the amount of \$3,926.85 deemed uncollectible, either due to business closure or Assessor error

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

Amendments to Sec. 90-174, Municipal Code of Lake Geneva regarding transportation of aquatic plants and animals

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

Setting the 2024 Trick or Treating date & time: Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm and request Lake City Social to participate on Halloween

Motion by Howell to approve, second by Ames.
Discussion followed on the different time offerings.
Aldersperson Straube expressed support for holding trick or treating hours on Halloween.
Aldersperson Ames spoke on the various reasons discussed at FLR.
City Administrator DeAngelis offered an
Motion carried 7-1 with Frame voting no.

Discussion/Action on the Recommendations of the Plan Commission- Ald. Esposito

Resolution 24-R56, a resolution authorizing the issuance of a Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) for the construction of a multi-unit commercial property for Greg Hughes d.b.a. Geneva Square – GS Outlot 3 LLC, 2737 Central St. Evanston, IL 60201, of the property located at 80 Geneva Square, in the Planned Development (PD) zoning district Tax Key No. ZYUP00317C1

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Howell.
Aldersperson Esposito explained the plan for the development.
Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Ordinance No 24-07, an Ordinance Repealing Article 8. Signage Regulations, Secs 98-801 through 98-809 of Chapter 98. Zoning and replacing it with Article 8. Signage Regulation adding new Sec 98-801 through and including Sec 98-840 of Chapter 98. Zoning of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin updating and bringing the sign regulation for the City of Lake Geneva in compliance with current law and repealing Subsection (11) of Sec. 98-913 regarding signage in the Downtown Design Overlay Zoning District

Motion by Esposito to approve, second by Ames.
Attorney Draper and Aldersperson Esposito offered explanations for the need for the change.
Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding the formation of a Hillmoor Commission (*Agenda Item requested by Alderspersons Fesenmaier and Yager*)

Motion by Fesenmaier to recommend that a Hillmoor Commission be formed, second by Yager.
Aldersperson Fesenmaier offered explanations for the reasoning behind the agenda item request.
Mayor Krause discussed plans to form a permanent Committee, funding issues, and a timeline for the formation.
Discussion followed between the Council members, Mayor, Attorney, and Interim Administrator regarding the differences between a Committee, Commission, and Boards, the required Ordinance providing for appointment, powers, and membership.
Aldersperson Hoiland stated that there should be future planning regarding eventually pulling Hillmoor into the Parks system.
Aldersperson Frame expressed support for the Committee/Board/Commission to report to Council.
Motion by Fesenmaier to refer to the Mayor for planning, second by Hoiland.
Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Mayoral Appointments: Discussion/Action regarding the appointment of James Marquardt to the Utility Commission for a term to expire on October 1, 2024

Mayor Krause noted the scrivener's error on the agenda item and clarified the term expiration date was October 1, 2027.
Motion by Frame to approve James Marquardt to the Utility Commission for a term to expire on October 1, 2027, second by Ames.

Motion carried 8-0 on a voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Howell to adjourn, second by Ames.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Council.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk

