

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024 - 6:01 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

Aldersperson Yager called the meeting to order 6:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance – Aldersperson Howell

Aldersperson Esposito led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Yager, Ames, Frame, Esposito, Hoiland

Absent: Fesenmaier, Howell, Straube

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from August 5, 2024

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Ames.

No discussion. Motion carried 5-0 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.

Janine Osbourne, Business Improvement District, spoke on the opportunity of a possible parking structure in advance of the Main Street repair project in 2027.

Spyro Condos, 100 Broad St, BID Board member, spoke on planning for parking alternatives in advance of the Main Street repair project, including proposing a parking structure located behind the museum. The BID would like to work together with the City to come up with a plan.

Alexandria Binanti, executive director, BID, spoke on parking plans preparing for the Main Street repair project, and encouraged forming an ad hoc committee to focus on alternative parking ideas.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Ln; spoke on the Main Street repairs in the change order, spoke against the YMCA moving to Hillmoor, and spoke on other possible locations that YMCA could move to, and the timeframe for a parking garage.

Presentations:

Flock Camera-LT. Keller, Lake Geneva PD

Lt Seth Keller introduced Jason Bailey from Flock.

Mr. Bailey gave a demonstration on the Flock camera system.

Questions and discussion followed between the Committee members and Mr. Bailey and Lt Keller on the features of the system and the City's current camera system logistics.

Main Street Designation: Alexandria Binanti, Executive Director-Lake Geneva Business Improvement District

Alexandria Binanti, Executive Director, Lake Geneva Business Improvement District spoke on the strategic plan to gain Main Street accreditation, the Main Street Wisconsin program's tenants, opportunities within the program, and the BID's upcoming orientation into the program. She spoke on upcoming meetings in November, where members of the public can participate, stating the agendas and meetings will be posted on the BID's website.

Questions and discussion followed between the Committee and Ms. Binanti on the benefits and development opportunities that the program can assist with. Ms. Binanti highlighted specific grant opportunities open to Main Street communities.

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

Aldersperson Howell absent, no report.

Personnel Committee-Chair Yager

Aldersperson Yager introduced the new City Clerk, Lacey Reynolds. She provided an update on the City Administrator position. Interim City Administrator DeAngelis spoke on upcoming processes and timelines with the search.

Public Works Committee-Chair Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier absent, no report given.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Frame

Aldersperson Frame gave a report on recent activities, including the special meeting for the seawall, dredging, and lagoon pier replacement. The next meeting is October 8th at 5:00pm, and the possible replacement of the lagoon piers will be discussed, as well as updates on dredging and seawall projects.

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

Alderspersons Fesenmaier and Howell absent, no report given.

Tree Board-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito gave an update stating they are looking for an additional member and that their next meeting is tomorrow.

Police and Fire Commission-Straube

Aldersperson Straube absent, no report given.

Plan Commission-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito reported on recent approvals including 674 W Main St exterior updates, 1590 Elkhorn Rd business condominium plan, and the Short Term Rental Ordinance update process.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Aldersperson Yager reported there is a new chair of the Park Board, the current focus is developing 1, 3, 5 year budget plans, with an emphasis on playgrounds, and then developing a Board vision.

Library Board-Ames

Aldersperson Ames reported the Library will be closed on 10/25 and 11/6, and reported that they are conducting local entrepreneur interviews, and hosting free costume, book, and coat events, and a blood drive.

Historic Preservation Commission-Esposito

Aldersperson Esposito reported the Commission had an historic walk event at Black Pointe Estate, reported on the success of the Historical Society installation at the Library, and spoke on upcoming events for presentation of the archaeological survey of Hillmoor.

The old railroad station sign has been updated to highlight the footprint of the old station.

Avian Committee-Yager

Aldersperson Yager reported that the Avian Committee volunteers were recently recognized at a Council meeting. The Committee is looking for speakers for a climate change focus to help with world migration day.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Howell

Alderspersons Fesenmaier and Howell absent, no report given.

Cemetery Board-Frame

Aldersperson Frame spoke on recent discussions concerning the condition of the roads in the cemetery, and possible improvements. Public Works is also focusing on getting internet access to the building for cemetery records. Staff and board members attended a conference recently, and adjustments to the fee structure are being discussed.

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**

Aldersperson Yager spoke on the consistent addition of business partners, the addition of 2 new employees, and announced that the Impact Awards are October 17th.

***Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland**

Aldersperson Hoiland spoke on the state of affairs at the Museum and complimented the museum staff on their work. He updated on upcoming events including a fundraiser at Hawks View, trick or treating, and the Parade of Trees.

***Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Yager**

There was no meeting last month, no report given.

***Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube**

Aldersperson Straube absent, no report given.

***Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

There was no meeting, no report given.

Business Improvement District-Ames

Aldersperson Ames spoke on upcoming events hosted by the BID such as Oktoberfest.

***Geneva Lake Law Enforcement Agency-Mayor Krause**

Mayor Krause spoke on the upcoming meeting this week that will wrap up the season, and he will report back next month.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Hoiland.

No discussion. Motion carried 5-0 on a voice vote.

The Committee adjourned at 7:15 pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk