

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 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

Call to Order

by Mayor Krause at 6:02 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Aldersperson Esposito

Roll Call

Present: Todd Krause, Sherri Ames, Shari Straube, Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Linda Frame, Peg Esposito, Joel Hoiland and Cynthia Yager. Absent: Ken Howell. Others present.

Awards, Presentations, Proclamations, and Announcements

Mayor Krause announced there are multiple openings on various boards, committees and commissions. Interim City Administrator De Angelis gave an update regarding Channel 25. Mayor Krause wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Paul Hummel, Mary Janzen Quinn, Jeremy Nafziger, Kirk Ladu, Linda Robinson and Scott Robinson all shared concerns about the short term rentals and the STR ordinance. Ken Etten spoke about the budget and short term rental ordinance.

Acknowledgement of Correspondence

One email correspondence was received.

Approve the Regular Council Minutes from November 11, 2024

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Yager. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Mayoral Appointments

Discussion/Action regarding Appointment of Craig Lambrecht to the Board of Park Commissioners term ending May 1, 2026

Motion by Yager to approve, second by Hoiland. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Action on temporary appointment of Cathy Stoodley as alderman for the 4th District of the City of Lake Geneva in place of Ken Howell pursuant to §62.09(5)(d), Wis. Stats., until such time as Ken Howell can resume his duties as alderman of the 4th District

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Frame. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes; Straube, yes; Yager, yes; Esposito, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Ames, yes. Motion carried.

Aldersperson Yager asked about the process for filling the vacancies for positions currently held by Stoodley.

Discussion/Action on temporary appointment of Cathy Stoodley to all committees, boards, and commissions currently held by Ken Howell until such time as Ken Howell can resume his duties as alderman of the 4th District of the City of Lake Geneva

Motion by Frame to approve, second by Ames. Discussion took place regarding filling vacancies on boards, committees and commissions and the differences between designated and appointed roles.

Motion by Fesenmaier to amend and appoint Alderperson Ames as FLR chair, second by Yager. Roll call vote: Fesenmaier, yes; Yager, yes; Hoiland, no; Esposito, yes; Frame, no; Straube, no; Ames, yes. Motion carried 4-3. Main motion roll call vote: Frame, yes; Ames, yes; Straube, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Esposito, yes; Hoiland, yes; Yager, yes. Motion carried.

Presentation regarding Short Term Rental Statistics from the Police Department

Chief Gritzner reported on Police Department statistics regarding short term rentals comparing 2023 to 2024.

Presentation and Public Hearing of the proposed 2025 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets for the City of Lake Geneva

Finance Director Laura Pisarcik presented on the 2025 Municipal Operating and Capital Budgets. Mayor Krause opened the public hearing. Luke Pfeifer spoke regarding the budget and asked questions about the tourism and Riviera expenses. Scott Robinson asked about the STR software in the budget. Spyro Condos thanked city staff for their work on the budget and with the BID. The public hearing was closed.

Discussion/Action regarding Resolution 24-R61 a resolution adopting the City of Lake Geneva 2025 Budget and 2024 Tax Levy

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Ames. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Ames, yes; Yager, yes; Straube, yes; Esposito, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Frame, yes. Motion carried.

First Reading of Ordinance 24-20, an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article V, Boards and Commissions, Division 4, Library Board Section 2-281, Composition of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin is amended changing the description of an individual from an adjacent municipality who may become a member of the Library Board

Library Director Emily Kornak explained the library board requested that any adjacent municipality be able to recommend members for the library board. Motion by Yager to move to the second reading, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Motion by Ames to approve Ordinance 24-20, second by Yager. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Action regarding recommendation of the Finance, Licensing, and Regulation Committee - Ald. Ames

2025-2026 Commercial Buoy Lease Agreement with Marina Bay Boat Rentals, Inc

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Hoiland. Voice vote, all approved, motion carried.

Lifeguard Services Agreement with the Geneva Lake Water Patrol for the 2025 Summer Season

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Yager. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Bid award for Project 2024-13-A, post replacement at Lions Den Concession Building and concrete pads under player benches at Veterans Park to Glen Fern Construction for an amount not to exceed \$14,560

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Hoiland. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Hoiland, yes; Yager, yes; Straube, yes; Esposito, yes; Frame, yes; Fesenmaier, yes. Motion carried.

Purchase of five Park Benches from Columbia Cascade Company in an amount not to exceed \$22,500, to be paid for using Park Impact Fees

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Yager. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Yager, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Esposito, yes; Straube, yes; Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes. Motion carried.

Contract Change Order 2 from Wolf Paving for the 2024 Street Program in the amount of \$16,500

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Hoiland. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Hoiland, yes; Esposito, yes; Frame, yes; Yager, yes; Straube, yes; Fesenmaier, yes. Motion carried.

Pay Request 2 from Wolf Paving for the 2024 Street Program in the amount of \$278,007.84

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Hoiland. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Hoiland, yes; Frame, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Straube, yes; Yager, yes; Esposito, yes. Motion carried.

Pre-Paid and Regular Check Reports approved by FLR November 19, 2024

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Hoiland. Roll call vote: Ames, yes; Hoiland, yes; Fesenmaier, yes; Frame, yes; Straube, yes; Esposito, yes; Yager, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action regarding recommendation from Plan Commission - Ald. Esposito

Amendment to a Precise Implementation Plan (PIP) filed by Gregory Hughes, 2737 Central Street, Evanston, Illinois for the property at 80 Geneva Square, Tax Key No. ZYUP 00137C1 (referred from Plan Commission with no recommendation)

Motion by Esposito to send the item back to Plan Commission, second by Yager and discussion took place.

Motion by Esposito to suspend the rules, so the applicant can speak, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. The applicant spoke regarding the building, plans and ADA requirements. Alderperson Esposito withdrew her motion to send the item back to Plan Commission, second by Yager.

Motion by Esposito to approve the Precise Implementation Plan filed by Gregory Hughes, second by Frame. Voice vote, approved, motion carried.

Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance 24-13, Zoning Text Amendments to §98-206(y) Short-Term Rental, and all subsections thereunder of the City of Lake Geneva Zoning Ordinance and adding sub-sub-subsection 2. “Resident reporting” to §98-206(y) Short-Term Rental, of the City of Lake Geneva Zoning Ordinance all of which change definitions, regulations, and penalties for short-term rentals in the City of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin (continued from November 11, 2024)

Motion by Hoiland to approve, motion failed due to no second. Discussion took place regarding violations and enforcement.

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Straube. Roll call vote: Hoiland, yes; Straube, yes; Ames, no; Frame, yes; Yager, yes; Esposito, yes; Fesenmaier, no. Motion carried 5-2.

Adjournment

Motion by Hoiland to approve, second by Ames. Voice vote, approved, motion carried. Adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Lacey L. Reynolds
City Clerk