

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 - 6:00 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, Cathy Stoodley

Call to order

Council President Fesenmaier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Fesenmaier, Yager, Ames, Esposito, Frame, Hoiland, Stoodley

Absent: Straube

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from October 7, 2024

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Yager.

No discussion. Motion carried 7-0 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.

Stacey Smith, 1486 Rockridge Ln; spoke about safety concerns at the intersection of Stone Ridge Dr and Interchange N.

Presentation: Walworth County Needs Housing, Pam Carper, Walworth County Economic Development Alliance

Pam Carper, WCEDA, gave a presentation on housing needs in Walworth County.

Questions followed between Committee members and Ms. Carper on topics including state funding for infrastructure, grants vs loan programs, resident involvement, different issues facing potential homeowners, potential locations and specific community needs, resources for potential homeowners, the effect of Short Term Rental properties on average home prices, and different financing situations including TIFs and TIDs.

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 Ames

Aldersperson Ames spoke on recent activities including approved contracts, the bid award for the Lions Den concrete pads, park bench purchases, and payment to Wolf Paving.

Aldersperson Fesenmaier noted that the Channel 25 broadcast will be returning.

Personnel Committee-Chair Yager

Aldersperson Yager reported that the City is down to 4 finalists for the City Administrator position.

Public Works Committee-Chair Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier spoke on recent PWC activity including parking on North St, potential intersection and sidewalk improvements, safety improvements at various intersections throughout the City, the speed limit on Hwy 50 in front of Hillmoor, and improvement to areas on Main St.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Frame

Alderson Frame reported on the ongoing discussion of plans for the Lagoon and a timeline for project updates regarding the seawall. Upcoming topics include possible pier replacement options and discussion on different open water pier systems.

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 Stoodley

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke on the lift station at South Street.

Questions followed regarding the Commission's involvement with the electric substation and excess materials from the South Street lift project.

Tree Board-Esposito

Alderson Esposito spoke about budgeting, the Park Director position, and the BID's holiday lights on the trees downtown.

Police and Fire Commission-Straube

Alderson Straube absent, no report given.

Plan Commission-Esposito

Alderson Esposito reported on the plans for the new development on Geneva Sq.

Questions and discussion followed on the design for the electric substation behind the Museum.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on the Board's focus on the city's playgrounds, recent use of impact fees, and the status of basketball & tennis court resurfacing.

Library Board-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on foundation liquidation, the landmark designation process, employee interviews, 130th anniversary plans, and the tree entry in the parade of trees at the museum.

Historic Preservation Commission-Esposito

Alderson Esposito reported on the Hillmoor archaeological survey, a grant application for a survey of homes that are at least 50 years old, and the restoration of the 3 Graces Statue.

Avian Committee-Yager

Alderson Yager reported on the Bird City USA renewal and new criteria concerning climate change.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Stoodley

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke on grant recipients and recurring post event evaluations.

Cemetery Board-Frame

Alderson Frame asked Alderson Stoodley to report on Cemetery Board activity. Alderson Stoodley spoke on pricing updates, the abandoned grave process, logo creation, and timing of improvements to cemetery roads in order to accommodate other projects.

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**

Alderson Yager reported on partnership increase, the upcoming Christmas Parade, and Winterfest.

***Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland**

Alderson Hoiland reported on attendance, the Parade of Trees, and recent donations.

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

Alderson Hoiland reported the corporation will be putting in a bid on the property north of the roundabout, with the plan to develop commercial properties, residential developments, and another road out of the Stone Ridge development.

Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier

Alderson Fesenmaier reported multiple plant & animal surveys have been posted on the GLEA website along with the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. Upcoming areas of focus include wake size effects on plant and animal life.

***Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube**

Alderson Straube absent, no report given.

***Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

Alderson Frame reported that this Committee meets only as needed, and there have been no meetings.

Business Improvement District-Ames

Alderson Ames reported on expanding boundaries, increasing the mill rate, and upcoming community learning sessions.

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

Mayor Krause reported the final meeting for the season was last month.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Yager.

No discussion, motion carried 7-0 on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Committee.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk