

**CITY OF LAKE GENEVA REGULAR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 - 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 6:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes from December 2, 2024

Motion by Ames to approve, second by Stoodley.

No discussion. Motion carried 8-0 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.

Kate Meyer, 101 Broad St; spoke in opposition to the pier replacement project in the Lagoon, and spoke on other options discussed including an open water pier system on the lake.

Presentation: Introduction to Forbeck Foundation & Update on Half Marathon; Jamie Forbeck Collins, Executive Director and Steve Bingham-Hawk, Event Management Director

Jamie Forbeck Collins and Steve Bingham-Hawk presented on history of the Forbeck Foundation and the pending 5k and 1/2 Marathon planned for June 2025.

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 reported on recent Committee topics of discussion including the Church Placard Parking program, the lagoon seawall project, the Gage Marine contract for pier maintenance, updates to the fee schedule, and pre paid and regular checks.

Personnel Committee-Chair Yager

Aldersperson Yager reported that the City Administrator search is continuing.

Mayor Krause spoke on further on the Administrator search and that a new timeline will be provided.

Public Works Committee-Chair Fesenmaier

Aldersperson Fesenmaier reported the flashing beacons on Main St have been installed; upcoming work includes street, sidewalk, and ramp replacement projects.

Piers, Harbor, and Lakefront Committee-Chair Frame

Alderson Frame reported on recent Committee action including the pier replacement project options, dredging & seawall repair project updates, and the fee schedule.

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 and White River culvert replacement projects.

Tree Board-Esposito

Alderson Esposito spoke on spongy moth abatement, the budget, Park Director position, the downtown holiday lights, and tree parade at the Museum.

Discussion followed on mature tree removal in Maple Park and downtown.

Police and Fire Commission-Straube

No report given.

Plan Commission-Esposito

No Plan Commission meeting has taken place since last Council meeting, no report given.

Board of Park Commissioners-Yager

Alderson Yager reported that potential Veterans Park playground designs will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Library Board-Ames

Alderson Ames spoke on upcoming Library events and projects including book lockers, pop up libraries at Piggly Wiggly & YMCA, the 130th anniversary celebration, and various other programs throughout the year.

Historic Preservation Commission-Esposito

Alderson Esposito reported on recent Commission activities including a local Historic Landmark designation program, a grant for a study on local homes, work on the Old Mill pond signage with the Beautification Committee, and restoration project for the Three Graces Statue.

Avian Committee-Yager

Alderson Yager reported that the Committee has secured a speaker for a World Migratory Bird Day event at the Library; World Migratory Bird day is May 17, 2025.

Tourism Commission-Fesenmaier and Stoodley

Alderson Fesenmaier spoke on recent grant recipients, the hotel listings that grant recipients are required to use in their marketing materials, and updates to the grant application and evaluation form.

Cemetery Board-Frame

Alderson Stoodley spoke on pricing updates, grave reclamation, paving projects on the roads, and internet service at the Cemetery building.

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 spoke about planned Winterfest Activities.

***Geneva Lake Museum-Hoiland**

Aldersperson Hoiland reported that the parade of trees has concluded and that attendance information and winners will be available after the Board's next meeting.

Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation-Hoiland and Yager

Aldersperson Hoiland reported that the Corporation met in December and closed the last plot in the business park, which will accommodate the Mashtun Brewery expansion and that a spa will be opening in the business park. The Corporation continues to look for more land for future projects, and all officers were reelected at the most recent meeting.

***Geneva Lake Environmental Agency-Fesenmaier**

There was no December meeting; no report given. Aldersperson Fesenmaier will check into the Agency's opinion on piers being reinstalled into the Lagoon.

***Geneva Lakes Family YMCA-Straube**

Aldersperson Straube reported that she has been unable to attend these meetings as they are on the same day and time as the Police and Fire Commission.

***Geneva Lake Use-Frame**

No meeting; no report given.

Business Improvement District-Ames

Aldersperson Ames reported upcoming topics and events include the election of officers, an indoor sidewalk sale planned for this weekend, emergency contact plan in case the director is unavailable. Ames will bring up the Tree Board's concerns about the lights on downtown trees.

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

Mayor Krause reported the Agency will not meet until spring.

Adjournment

Motion by Ames to adjourn, second by Hoiland.

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 Committee.

Vanessa Jahns
Deputy City Clerk