

**CITY OF GENEVA, IL**  
**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**  
**February 24, 2020**

**Present:** Burns, Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson  
**Staff Present:** Dawkins, McCready, Babica, Wright, Kruse

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at Geneva City Hall Council Chamber at 7pm noting all council members were present.

2. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Bill Kael stated his hope that the City would welcome more options for clean energy and voiced his concerns regarding climate change.

3. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a. Presentation on the City of Geneva's Energy Portfolio, Rate Structure Program and Potential Impacts on the State and National Energy Markets.

Electric Div. Supt. Hal Wright began the presentation with a general overview of the different types of energy sources that the city utilizes. Energy consultant Gary Price then provided information on current trends and forecasts for consumption and costs. Updated rate scenarios were provided to the aldermen for consideration in the coming fiscal year. Initial discussion centered on consumption and conservation strategies and how rate increases would affect each user type. Mr. Price recommended increasing the monthly residential customer charge (flat rate) from \$6.75 to \$20.70 to bring the rates in line with other nearby communities and to offset the decrease on usage by customers. Increases to general service rates (commercial/industrial) were also recommended. Concerns regarding underutilizing solar energy were heard, as well as possible subsidies for low income and elderly residents. Rate increases were to be implemented in Fall of 2020.

Mayor Burns noted that any resident can currently call the Electric Div. for a free energy audit. On a comment from resident Bill Scown, Burns noted that pulling out of the Prairie State agreement would involve finding that base energy load somewhere else and warned against believing a state-run utility company as the solution. Burns also reminded all of the history of rate increases going back to 2006 there had been three increases since. Resident Sally Williams expressed her concerns on added costs to residents.

4. CLOSED SESSION ON THE PURCHASE, LEASE OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY.

On a motion by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Swanson, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:15pm.

ROLL CALL: AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

The meeting returned to open session at 9:23pm on a motion by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Swanson

ROLL CALL: AYES: 10 NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ald. Marks, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 9:23pm.

*-submitted by Recording Secretary Fornari*