

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 2023

City Hall Council Chambers
109 James St., Geneva, IL 60134

CALL TO ORDER

The August 21, 2023 meeting of the Geneva City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Kevin Burns.

Elected Officials present:

Alderspersons: Anaïs Bowring, Mike Bruno, Becky Hruby, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Amy Mayer, Martha Paschke, Robert Swanson.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick.

Elected Officials attending by video or teleconference: None.

Elected Officials absent: None.

Others Present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Attorney Ron Sandack, Water Division Superintendent Bob Van Gyseghem, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko.

Others attending by video or teleconference: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Superintendent Dr. Andy Barrett.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Consider Approval of Festival of the Vine Special Event Liquor Licenses for Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Penrose Brewing Co., The Little Traveler, Up North Wine Tasting Room, and The Royal Wren September 8-10, 2023.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Bruno.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

OMNIBUS AGENDA

All Items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda. All items on the Omnibus Agenda require a simple majority vote unless otherwise indicated.*

*APPROVE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JULY 24, 2023 AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM AUGUST 7, 2023. (Clerk recommends approval)

***REPORTS**

Revenue Report

June 2023 Financial Report

***COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

*Approve Resolution No. 2023-80 Authorizing the City Administrator to Enter Into a Contract with Ogni Group in the Amount of \$486,153.00 and Allow the City Administrator to Approve up to \$48,615.30 in Change Orders for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$534,768.30 for Water Plant HVAC Rehabilitation and Modernization.

*Approve Resolution No. 2023-81 Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Engineering Solutions at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$41,600.00 for Phase III Water Plant HVAC Engineering Services.

Moved by Ald. Bowring, Seconded by Ald. Kosirog.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT: \$1,863,004.43

Moved by Ald. Bruno, Seconded by Ald. Paschke.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Consider Resolution No. 2023-82 Authorizing Execution of a Public Utility Easement Agreement with the Fox Valley Commerce Center, Phase II, LLC.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, Seconded by Ald. Bowring.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Resolution No. 2023-83 Declaring Electric Cable and a New Holland Skidsteer as Surplus Property.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Bowring.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Ordinance No. 2023-15 Amending Title 3 (Boards and Commissions) Chapter 10 (Cultural Arts Commission) of the Geneva City Code.

Moved by Ald. Bowring, Seconded by Ald. Kosirog.

Ald. Kosirog noted that he hopes that the Commission will be replaced by something soon. Ald. Kilburg thanked the many volunteer contributors to the Commission and noted that the legal ramifications and complexities involved contributed to the Council's decision. He stated that he also hopes to find a path forward to foster arts in the community.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Resolution No. 2023-84 Supporting the 12-Year Extension of the East State Street Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment Project and Plan.

Moved by Ald. Paschke, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Dir. Tymoszenko explained that TIF 2 expires in 2023. For ten years, the City has been working with the Illinois Department of Transportation toward roadway utility and roadway enhancements on East State Street. 40% of the linear roadway there is located in TIF 2. IDOT has delayed the project's start a few times and currently, the City is amid land acquisition which is one of the final steps prior to bid letting and construction. IDOT has confirmed a bid letting date at the end of 2024 with construction to start in the spring of 2025 continuing for 24 months. The schedule brings the timeline and the spending rate beyond the limits of TIF 2. Without the TIF extension, the project is at risk. The estimated total cost of the project is \$19.7 million with costs rising over 20% during the last few years.

On a question from Ald. Swanson, Dir. Tymoszenko stated that the payout limit is December 31, 2024. Admin. Dawkins noted that while the project is underway, it has not been let for construction resulting in nothing for which to encumber the funds. On another question from Ald. Swanson, Dir. Tymoszenko noted that the City has budgeted every year for East State Street costs. Since 2020, costs have increased for construction while some of the funding has changed. Ald. Swanson noted that his fear is that this is becoming a perpetual TIF and that his hopes are that the TIF will be concluded when the project ends.

Ald. Mayer commented that there is still a considerable amount of work to complete and is in favor of extending the TIF until the work is complete. Ald. Bowring stated that it makes sense to extend the TIF as long as it is managed responsibly. Ald. Kilburg stated that the project has been a successful undertaking and that the East Side businesses have contributed greatly to the welfare of the community.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bowring, Bruno, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Paschke, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Jay Rule made comments related to a recent claim he made regarding a tree that fell on his property. He expressed his frustration with the City's claim process and desired to meet with the City's claim representative in person. Lastly, Rule stated that he did not believe the City and its claim representatives were acting in good faith.

Mayor Burns introduced new Geneva School Superintendent Dr. Andy Barrett. Dr. Barrett stated that he is excited to begin his new position and is feeling positive about the school year. School kicked off last week and he noted that he hopes to have the opportunity to continue to work together with the City.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Paschke stated that August 21 is National Fentanyl Awareness Day and August 31 is National Overdose Day. She noted that these are important dates to observe due to increased fentanyl and drug overdoses. She commented that St. Charles recently received a Naloxone vending machine which the Kane County Health Department is encouraging throughout the county and suggested the City also find a location for such a machine and encouraged everyone to get trained in the administration of Naloxone. She noted that the Kane County Health Department will have a drive-through distribution of Naloxone on August 31 at their Highland Avenue location from 12-2pm and 5-7pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Kosirog to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Vicki Kellick
Geneva City Clerk