

CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

January 19, 2021

In strict adherence to Gov. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-73 (with exceptions permitted only for compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act), prohibiting indoor meeting gatherings of any size; public City of Geneva meetings are now virtual. Meetings are livestreamed for the public to provide the ability to contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony and roll call votes of the open meeting in real time. Please visit the City website for details on how to watch the meeting live. While the public may not attend meetings in person, individuals wishing to provide public comment may do so in advance (recommended) or during the meeting by sending an email to <mailto:publiccomment@geneva.il.us> . In addition, individuals may be recognized during the meeting (audio only) by accessing the meeting via the link below:

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For more information please see: "Notice Regarding Meeting and Public Comment Rule Modification Due to COVID-19".

CALL TO ORDER

The Geneva City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Burns at 7:00 p.m.

Aldermen present:

Aldermen and Clerk attending by video or teleconference: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Becky Hruby, Craig Maladra, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Richard Marks, Jeanne McGowan, Robert Swanson, Roger Godskesen.

Aldermen absent:

Staff Present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready

Staff attending by video or teleconference: City Atty. Ron Sandack, Finance Manager Rita Kruse

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Ben McCready

Mayor Burns opened the meeting by noting that due to Covid-19 restrictions, all City meetings would be conducted virtually until those restrictions are changed. Only the Mayor, who is required to be present by law, the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator, who monitors the meeting software, would be present in chambers. All other staff, elected officials and members of the public will attend virtually.

Burns noted the passing of former City employee Dave Adams, who worked for the department of streets from 1972 to 2002. A moment of silence was observed in Mr. Davis' memory.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

OMNIBUS AGENDA

All Items listed on the Omnibus Agenda 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.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the measure as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

***Approve Minutes from the City Council Meeting on January 4, 2021. (Clerk recommends approval)**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

***APPROVE REPORTS**

- a. November Financial Report
- b. Tax Reports

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Discussion on FY22 Draft Budget.

A discussion followed regarding filling an opening for a new position on the police department, and about open positions in the building inspector's office. Concerns were expressed due to the uncertain financial picture and revenue challenges to the City because of the pandemic.

Swanson felt uncomfortable adding another police officer to the payroll until finances get better, and suggested deferring the hire for another year.

Maladra asked for clarification whether the hire was for a replacement or a staff increase, and asked what the council was trying to accomplish by deferring the hire.

Administrator Dawkins noted that the police position was approved in the past, but has already been deferred for a number of years.

Hruby asked whether the police department was looking for experienced or new officers, and asked what would happen if this hire were deferred.

Kilburg noted that the city had lost personnel in the Permitting and Inspection department, asked whether outsourcing would be an option, and if permits were expected to decrease, in which case hiring might be delayed. Dawkins noted many people were using this time to improve their properties, the number of permits was steady compared to recent years, and described the city's attempts to hire replacements.

Burghart would like more discussion regarding the police hire, and felt that maybe the position could be put on hold and recommended holding off due to the economic situation.

Kosirog would like further input on the police hire.

McGowan remembered Chief Passarelli giving input on why the additional police position was needed, and how it could actually save money related to staffing and overtime issues.

Dawkins said she would ask Chief Passarelli to join the January 25, 2021 meeting, and asked that council members submit their questions regarding the issue before the meeting.

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT

City of Geneva Expenditures - 1/19/2021	\$ 3,687,728.70
Manual Check(s) –	
Utility Billing Refund(s)	404.95
Misc. Refund(s) –	
Sales Tax Abatement –	
City of Geneva Payroll	639,880.09
Tri-Com Expenditures - 1/19/2021	18,525.35
Tri-Com Payroll	101,980.35
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,448,519.44</u>

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Kosirog to approve the bills as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

***a. Consider Approval of Certificate of Acceptance for South Street Estates**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the measure as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Dawkins and Asst. Administrator McCready reported that no one had submitted comments through the email system, nor was anyone waiting to speak through the virtual platform.

CLOSED SESSION REGARDING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Marks to adjourn to closed session.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

NOTE: (The council adjourned to closed session at 7:30 PM and the virtual session ended to ensure that only authorized staff and elected officials were in attendance on a new virtual meeting for the closed session. The council returned to open session at 7:52 PM.)

Return to Open Session

Moved by Ald. McGowan, seconded by Ald. Swanson to return to open session.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. McGowan to approve the measure as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0 Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

City Clerk
Roger Godskesen