

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 6, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

The February 6, 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:

Alders: Tara Burghart, Becky Hruby, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Robert Swanson.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick

Elected Officials attending by video or teleconference: Mike Bruno, Amy Mayer.

Elected Officials absent: None.

Others Present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Attorney Ron Sandack, Electric Division Superintendent Aaron Holton, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Community Development Director David DeGroot, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, Finance Director Rita Kruse, Police Chief Eric Passarelli, and Fire Chief Michael Antenore.

Others attending by video or teleconference: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Julie Walls.

After the pledge, Mayor Burns welcomed the family of former Alderman Richard Walls who passed away on January 18. The Mayor noted that Mr. Walls served on the City Council from 1967-1975 and had also been a member of the library board. He owned Dick's Texaco station at the corner of 4th and State Streets in Geneva and eventually owned a business in St. Charles. His daughter Julie Walls thanked the City on behalf of the family and acknowledged that the City meant a great deal to Mr. Walls. A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Walls.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclaim February as Black History Month

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Hruby.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Admin. McCready presented a video by Global Citizen entitled "Kids Explain Black History Month." Afterwards, Mayor Burns stated that the Pan-African Flag

would fly outside of City Hall during the month of February to acknowledge Black History Month in Geneva.

Public Hearing on the FY 2024 City of Geneva Budget

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Kaven to open the public hearing on the FY 2024 budget.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 10/0.

No public comments were made.

Moved by Ald. Kosirog, Seconded by Ald. Marks to close the public hearing on the FY 2024 budget.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 10/0.

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 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2023 AND SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2023.

*REPORTS

*December 2022 Financial Report

*Third Quarter Goals Status Report

*COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Kosirog.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruba, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT: \$1,465,128.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, Seconded by Ald. Burghart.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruba, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

None.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2023-11 Authorizing the Execution of Temporary Construction License Agreement with the Union Pacific Railroad.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Kosirog.

Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2023-12 Adopting the FY 2024 City of Geneva Budget.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Kaven.

Moved by Ald. Hruby, Seconded by Ald. Burghart to propose an amendment to the FY 2024 City of Geneva budget to add \$50,000 in funding for FY 2024 to the Geneva History Museum from the tourism fund.

Ald. Hruby also asked that such funding also be added to the 2025 fiscal year budget. Attny. Sandack stated that the city could not fund a fiscal year other than the one currently being considered which is only FY 2024.

Ald. Hruby then stated that the City of Geneva has historical significance, and the Geneva History Museum supports and promotes this history. As a result, she stated that the City should show appreciation for the museum's role with financial support. She also noted that there is no need for a grant program with which to fund the museum since no other entities have served the City for over 80 years.

Ald. Maladra commented that a policy for funding an entity should exist because there have been three requests by entities for funding. He stated that without a policy, the Council can only choose which entity to fund based on feelings. He noted that a funding policy would tell what type of entity to fund, what activities to fund, and why an entity was funded. He also noted that there is no consensus on whether to donate to the History Museum in the future or whether a grant program should exist. He stated that after the Strategic Planning Meeting, there was consensus to allow staff to bring a program to examine.

Moved by Ald. Burghart, Seconded by Ald. Swanson to call the question.

Roll call:

AYES: 6 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kilburg, Maladra, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 4 (Kaven, Kosirog, Marks, Mayer)

MOTION CARRIED

On a question from Mayor Burns, Admin. Dawkins confirmed that the City does not commit to allocating resources to any department head a year in advance.

On a point of order from Ald. Maladra, Attny. Sandack stated that a vote to call the question cannot be reconsidered by a member of the majority.

Roll call:

AYES: 5 (Burghart, Hruby, Kilburg, Marks, Swanson)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 6 (Bruno, Kaven, Kosirog, Maladra, Mayer, Burns)

MOTION FAILED

On the main motion to adopt the FY 2024 budget:

Roll call:

AYES: 11 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson, Burns)

ABSENT: 0

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Vicki Kellick
Geneva City Clerk