

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

February 22, 2022 immediately following the City Council meeting at 7:00 PM.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT	STAFF ATTENDING BY TELECONFERENCE
Bruno Hruby Kaven Kilburg (chair) Kosirog Marks Maladra Mayer Swanson Burns Godskesen (Clerk)		Burghart	McCready Sandack Tymoszenko Kruse Van Gyseghem Landers Holton	

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kilburg called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM, noting that Ald. Burghart was absent, and the remaining 9 aldermen were in attendance in chambers.

2. Recommend Suspending the Rules to Permit Alderman Kilburg to be the COW Chairman for this Meeting and to Vote on All Action Items on this Agenda.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Kosirog to approve the measure as presented.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 8/0 with Kilburg abstaining and one absence.

3. APPROVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES FROM February 7, 2022.

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

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 9/0 with one absence.

4. Items of Business

a. Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Auditing Services Agreement with Sikich, LLP for FY2022-2025.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Mayer to approve the measure as presented.

In response to a question from Ald. Kilburg, Finance Director Kruse described how relevant funds would be spent. There being no further questions:

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Burghart)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Consider Draft Resolution Waiving Bidding and Authorizing Purchase of Solenis Praestol Polymer and Solenis Zetag Polymer from Solenis, LLC.

Moved by Ald. Kosirog, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the measure as presented.

Ald. Mayer asked for a description of what the polymer is and how it is used by the city. Superintendent Van Gyseghem answered that it is used as a coagulant for waste solids from the sewage treatment plant, which are then used for land application. In response to questions from Ald. Hruby, Van Gyseghem confirmed that the material is used as fertilizer on farm fields west of the city. This is collected and distributed through a contractor, and the city does pay for the material to be hauled away. There being no further questions:

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Burghart)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

c. Consider Draft Resolution Awarding Bid to Professional Cemetery Services for City Cemetery Services for FY 2022 - FY 2027.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, seconded by Ald. Hruby to approve the measure as presented.

Ald. Kilburg noted under the new contract what the prices were for opening and closing a grave, and that weekend requests were more expensive. He also noted that the price would be increasing each year over the five-year term of the contract. There being no further questions:

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Burghart)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

d. Consider Draft Resolution Awarding Bid to Lake Shore Recycling Services, Inc. for 2022 through 2027 for Street Sweeping Services.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Mayer to approve the measure as presented.

Ald. Kilburg described the number of sweeps to be done per year, and that the cost to the city will be increased with the new contract. Kilburg asked Superintendent Landers about the city's satisfaction with the work performed to date, and whether residents could be notified when their neighborhoods were scheduled to be swept, comparing the signs put up for fire-hydrant flushing.

Landers responded that overall, satisfaction improved once the task was outsourced from city staff to a professional provider, and that notification was provided on the city website when areas were to be swept. When Kilburg noted that not all residents accessed the website for information and asked whether signs could be put up, Lander said he would ask Lake Shore if that could be done. In response to a question from Ald. Kosirog, Landers described two types of street-sweeping equipment, noting that the units with both vacuum and sweeping capability were more efficient than just a sweeper, and the city requests that the vacuum units be used in Geneva.

Ald. Mayer noted that the tops of medians were not cleaned during street sweeping. Landers responded that was not part of the contracted sweeping work, but that residents could contact the Streets and Sanitation department with any concerns. There being no further questions:

Roll Call:

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ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Burghart)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

e. Consider Draft Ordinance Restating Title 9 [Municipal Services]; Chapter 2, Article A, Section 1 [Definitions]; Chapter 2, Article B, Section 12 [Interconnection Policy]; and Chapter 2, Article B, Section 13 [Net Metering Policy] of the Geneva City Code.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Kosirog to approve the measure as presented.

Ald. Hruby read her comments regarding the current state and potential future of electric energy for the city. Highlights include: As each resident converts to solar energy, the remaining cost of purchasing electrical power increases for all other residents in the city. At a certain point, once enough customers convert, a break-even point will be reached where it would be cheaper for the city to shut down the Prairie State facility. Hruby mentioned that the Batavia City Website contains information explaining the history and costs of continuing the Prairie State facility, and urged that people read this as it provides a source of information that does not originate from the facility itself. She noted economic and environmental costs incurred with the current situation, and urged that the council move toward shutting down Prairie State within ten years.

There being no further questions or comments:

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Burghart)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

f. Consider Draft Resolution Accepting a Proposal from Cpower Energy Management to Administer Participation in PJM Energy Efficiency and Emergency Capacity Aggregation from 2022 through 2026.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the measure as presented.

Ald. Kilburg asked for a more in-depth description of what services would be provided with the proposal. Superintendent Holton introduced Kellen Bollettino, of Cpower Energy Management to the podium to give a description.

Bollettino described the services his company provides. Included are seeking energy efficiencies, utility updates, and helping to stop major outages or black-outs. He added that there is no cost to utility customers for these services, but that his company does take a small percentage and assumes all the risk. Bollettino added that they had been in business and providing this service for 25 years.

Kilburg asked for confirmation that this would be a pilot program with an assessment as to whether savings to the city were found. Bollettino added that the system was tested annually, and that of their many customers, most see improvements.

There being no further questions:

Roll Call:

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ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Burghart)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

5. New Business and Public Comment

None via the online system.

None in chambers.

6. Closed Session on the Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body

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

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ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Burghart)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

NOTE: The council adjourned to closed session at 8:00 PM and returned to open session at 8:19 PM. The public broadcast was turned off during the session.

Moved by Ald. Kaven, seconded by Ald. Bruno to return to open session.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 9/0 with one absence.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Ald. Marks to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote 9/0 with one absence.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

- *Submitted by City Clerk Godskesen*