

# **GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, March 6, 2023**

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

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The March 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: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Becky Hruby, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Craig Maladra, Amy Mayer, Robert Swanson.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick

**Elected Officials attending by video or teleconference:** None.

**Elected Officials absent:** Brad Kosirog, Richard Marks.

**Others Present:** Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Attorney Ron Sandack, Water Division Superintendent Bob Van Gyseghem, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Finance Director Rita Kruse.

**Others attending by video or teleconference:** None.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge was led by Nicole Collins.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Proclaim March as Women's History Month**

Moved by Ald. Burghart, seconded by Ald. Mayer.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously by voice vote of those present 8-0.

### **Proclaim March as National Athletic Training Month**

Mayor Burns welcomed Nicole Collins to the meeting. Ms. Collins is one of two athletic trainers at Geneva High School and is a GHS alum. She thanked the Mayor and the City for proclaiming March National Athletic Training Month. Ms. Collins noted that athletic trainers are also Allied Healthcare Professionals specializing in injury prevention and evaluation, rehabilitation, and emergency response. Last fall, she volunteered to chaperone the GHS homecoming dance and saved the life of a student there. She explained that the trainers are present Monday through Friday and for any practice or game. Additionally, funding for athletic trainers is becoming more important for schools now compared to the past.

On a question from Ald. Burghart, Ms. Collins explained that she has a BA in athletic training and must complete ongoing training every two years.

On a question from Ald. Kaven, Ms. Collins explained that the trainers travel with the football program to away games but otherwise travel with teams once they get to the sectionals. On another question, Ms. Collins noted that the trainers are spread out over the campus during the spring practice season. While they place themselves at the practices with the highest contact level, the trainers are in touch via walkie-talkie with the coaches of all teams.

Ald. Kilburg noted that the Kristoffer Larsen Foundation's heart screenings is a great program for the school district. He noted that the 85% participation level is impressive, and that during the program's time in the Geneva schools, 25-30 students who required additional follow-up have been identified. Ms. Collins noted that the trainers receive and keep health information on file for all athletes.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Kaven.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously by voice vote of those present 8-0.

### **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 FEBRUARY 21, 2023.

\*REPORTS

\*COUNCIL COMMITTEES

\*Approve Resolution No. 2023-18 Authorizing the Purchase of a Cardiac Monitor from Zoll Mechanical Corporation in the Amount of \$31,914.66.

\*Approve Resolution No. 2023-19 Authorizing the Acceptance of a Proposal from Ethos in an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000 for Stakeholder Facilitation to Create a Community Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Plan.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT: \$1,468,886.92**

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

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

None.

## **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Recommend Approval of Ordinance No. 2023-03 Amending Title 4, Chapter 2 (Liquor Control), Section 4-2-13 (License Fees and Number of Licenses) Adding One Class B-3 Liquor License for Ella's Italian Pub Located at 407 S. 3rd Street.  
Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Ald. Bruno invited petitioner Brian Goewey to the podium to discuss this new business. Mr. Goewey is the owner of BG Hospitality located in Geneva. Mr. Goewey stated that Ella's Italian Pub will be the group's 10<sup>th</sup> restaurant in 8 years. BG Hospitality also owns Gia Mia, Livia, and Moto|Moto locally. Ella's Italian Pub will be the first to feature Roman-style pizza in Chicagoland. The group has removed a wall in the space to enlarge the restaurant through to the archway and pass-through area behind to allow for curbside carry-out. They are planning to open on April 18.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson)  
ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)  
NAYS: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Recommend Approval of Resolution No. 2023-20 Authorizing the Issuance of a Certificate of Completion for "Greenhouse Pointe" – Nitti Development LLC  
Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson)  
ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)  
NAYS: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Recommend Approval of Resolution No. 2023-21 Rejecting a Bid by Jetco, Ltd. in the Amount of \$124,146.00 for Dodson Water Tower Repairs.  
Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

On a question from Ald. Kilburg, Supt. Van Gyseghem stated that Jetco is the company that previously painted the water tower and that the repair needed is for a pinhole leak at the weld area on the bottom of the bowl both inside and outside. On a second question, Supt. Van Gyseghem noted that engineers determined that the sandblasting done previously by Jetco would not have contributed to this leak, as the leak was caused from wear. The leak was detected after the painting was completed. Jetco was informed of rust that had been observed and upon inspection, the leak was found. On another question from Ald. Kilburg, Supt. Van Gyseghem confirmed that the tower would need to be drained but that service would not be impacted.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson)  
ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)  
NAYS: 0  
MOTION CARRIED

Recommend Approval of Resolution No. 2023-22 Ratifying the Execution of the Second Amendment to the Master Purchase and Sale Agreement By and Between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the City of Geneva.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, Seconded by Ald. Burghart.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Recommend Approval of Resolution No. 2023-23 Authorizing a Grant in FY2023 to the Geneva History Museum for the Promotion of Economic Development within the City of Geneva, Illinois.

Moved by Ald. Maladra, Seconded by Ald. Kilburg.

On a question from Ald. Bruno, Admin. Dawkins stated that the grant is to be issued solely for the fiscal year going forward.

On a question from Ald. Kilburg, Admin. Dawkins stated that the History Center will continue to provide support for HPC. On a second question from Ald. Kilburg, Admin. Dawkins noted that this grant does not impact any projects that have been earmarked to receive funding from the American Rescue Fund Act. She confirmed that the majority of the \$2.9 mil in that ARPA funding has gone toward infrastructure. On another question from Ald. Kilburg, Dir. Kruse noted that the Economic Development Department has been working to identify Vrbos and Air B&Bs for the hotel and motel tax total. Admin. Dawkins stated that the hotel and motel taxes received for the current fiscal year totaled \$272,000; FY19 totaled \$257,000; FY20 totaled \$258,000, and FY21 totaled \$145,000.

Roll call:

AYES: 9 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson, Mayor Burns)

ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Recommend Approval of Resolution No. 2023-24 Authorizing the Execution of FY2022-23 Budget Amendments.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, Seconded by Ald. Kaven.

On a question from Ald. Swanson, Dir. Kruse confirmed that the amount noted in Resolution No. 2023-24 should be \$51,000 instead of the \$50,000 listed.

Ald. Swanson moved to amend the amount to \$51,000. This friendly amendment was accepted by the Chair and City Council with no objections.

On a question from Ald. Hruby, Dir. Kruse outlined the budget layout. On a second question, Dir. Kruse explained that the ARPA fund did not have a budget for this fiscal year, so the budget had to be increased to include \$51,000 to the General Fund. This amount was originally budgeted in the Tourism Fund. On another question, Dir. Kruse explained that the reappropriation is the use of fund balance as is an offset.

Ald. Kilburg invited the representatives from the History Center who were present to speak. Board Member Mary Swanson thanked the City Council for the funds and noted that the group looks forward to sharing their plans for the funding.

Roll call:

AYES: 9 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Mayer, Swanson, Mayor Burns)

ABSENT: 2 (Kosirog, Marks)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ald. Kilburg commented that he wished to commend several GHS sports teams on a successful winter season. He noted that especially for senior citizens, the GHS sports programs provide a wonderful entertainment resource for the community.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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Vicki Kellick  
Geneva City Clerk