

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 20, 2022

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

CALL TO ORDER

The June 20, 2022 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: Becky Hruby, Gabriel Kaven, Dean Kilburg, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Amy Mayer, Robert Swanson.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick.

Elected Officials attending by video or teleconference: None

Elected Officials absent: Alderspersons Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, and Brad Kosirog.

Others Present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, City Attorney Ron Sandack, Electric Division Superintendent Aaron Holton, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, Water Division Superintendent Bob Van Gyseghem, Public Works Director Rich Babica

Others attending by video or teleconference: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Sergeant Kenders.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Burns expressed his hopes that everyone had a good Father's Day. He then expressed his hopes that everyone had an opportunity to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday. He introduced the presentation of a video narrated by Annette Gordon-Reed (author of *On Juneteenth*) which provided a brief history of Juneteenth.

Mayor Burns later recognized City Administrator Dawkins and Human Resource Generalist Mera Johnson as recipients of the Illinois City/County Management Association's (ILCMA) Gregory J. Bielawski award. This award honors those who have gone above and beyond in a local government management profession. Administrator Dawkins received this award for her mentoring and teaching of young people, her support of colleagues, and her active participation in professional and community organizations. Ms. Johnson received the award along with nine colleagues for the 2011 formation of the Legacy Project which advances women in local government through career-building models that develop leadership skills, and through opportunities to network with professional women in government. The Legacy Project was formally granted affiliate member status with the ILCMA in 2012.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

OMNIBUS AGENDA (OMNIBUS VOTE)

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 Meeting Minutes from June 6, 2022.
- * REPORTS - Tax Revenue Report
- * COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Moved by Ald. Swanson, Seconded by Ald. Mayer to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call:

AYES: 7 (Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 3 (Bruno, Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Total expenditures: \$2,934,207.32

Moved by Ald. Maladra, Seconded by Ald. Swanson to pay bills as presented. Roll call:

AYES: 7 (Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 3 (Bruno, Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Consider Resolution No. 2022-49 Authorizing a First Amendment to Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Agreement with Riganato Old World Grille 700-720 E. State Street.

Moved by Ald. Kilburg, Seconded by Ald. Swanson. Roll call:

AYES: 7 (Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 3 (Bruno, Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, BIDS

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-52 Authorizing the Execution of a Public Utility Easement Agreement between Joseph Hish for the Benefit of the City of Geneva.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Mayer. Roll call:

AYES: 7 (Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 3 (Bruno, Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-53 Amending Purchase Power and Sale Agreement with NextEra Energy Power Marketing, LLC through December 31, 2031.

Moved by Ald. Marks, Seconded by Ald. Mayer.

Discussion on this issue included why Geneva would give up or reduce its hedge. Supt. Holton stated that this is based on the fact that Geneva needs less energy than originally anticipated. The City has looked back to 2013 and found that the years of 2014-15 were peak usage years with steady declines since then. The Covid years are an outlier but the City continues to see a decrease in energy use even YTD over last year. Supt. Holton stated that this agreement was good for both NextEra and Geneva. By freeing up the energy that NextEra is contractually obligated to provide the City, NextEra can sell the energy elsewhere. Likewise, Geneva doesn't have to buy the same volume of electricity, thereby lowering City energy costs. Extending the contract through 2031 allows Geneva to know that its energy cost will be \$42/mwh or less through the end of the contract. Supt. Holton noted that this is a hedge but that the City is trading stability for savings which is a good trade-off in the end. He stated that the energy industry has noted that the current market volatility will go away but energy prices are unlikely to go down. Additionally, an outside consultant looked at Geneva's energy needs in relation to the NextEra offer and believed this to be a good decision based on the City's decreased energy needs for both individual and industrial users.

Roll call:

AYES: 6 (Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 3 (Bruno, Burghart, Kosirog)

NAYS: 1 (Hruby)

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT/NEW BUSINESS

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 7:26 PM.

Vicki Kellick
Geneva City Clerk