

GENEVA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 1, 2022

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

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Burns, Ald. Bruno, Ald. Burghart, Ald. Hrubby, Ald. Kaven, Ald. Kilburg, Ald. Maladra, Ald. Marks, Ald. Mayer, Ald. Swanson

Others Present: City Admin. Dawkins, Asst. City Admin. McCready, City Attny. Sandack, Dir. Tymoszenko, Dir. Babica, Chief Antenore, Dir. DeGroot, Dir. Kruse, HR Gen. Johnson.

Absent: Ald. Kosirog.

Call to Order

Council member Dean Kilburg, serving as chair, called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM noting all council members except for Ald. Kosirog were present.

Recommend Suspending the Rules to Permit Council Member Kilburg to Chair this Meeting and to Vote on All Action Items on this Agenda

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Maladra.

Voice Vote: 8-0 (Kosirog absent from voting, Kilburg abstaining).

MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Committee of the Whole Minutes from June 20, 2022 and July 18, 2022; and Special Committee of the Whole Minutes from June 27, 2022.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, seconded by Ald. Kaven.

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

Items of Business

Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the 2022 Employee Benefit Program Plan Renewal Effective November 1, 2022.

Moved by Ald. Mayer, seconded by Ald. Maladra.

Ald. Kilburg asked insurance broker representative Boomer Whipple to speak. Mr. Whipple thanked Admin. McCready and Gen. Johnson for their early work on renewing the City's insurance policies. He noted that one of the reasons that rate relief was secured for the upcoming term was the length of time the City had been using BCBS. Additionally, the fact that the City educates employees on the available plans and their benefits also contributes to the rate relief.

AYES: 9 (Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Draft Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the City of Geneva, Illinois. (Fire Dept. Truck No. 201).

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Marks.

Ald. Kilburg asked Chief Antenore to provide information about fire truck No. 201 which will be disposed. Chief Antenore stated that this snorkel truck replaced another snorkel truck in 1994 which had been in service since 1964. Truck No. 201 will be replaced with a tower ladder. It should be in the station later this week and will be ready for use after a two-month training period. Truck 201 still functions well and because of the low inventory and high demand for fire trucks, Chief Antenore believes that selling the vehicle at this time may be favorable for the City.

AYES: 9 (Bruno, Burghart, Hrubby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 1 (Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Twenty-Three Sets of Firefighting "Turnout" Gear in the Amount of \$61,580 Through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group.

Moved by Ald. Kaven, seconded by Ald. Swanson.

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

ABSENT: 1 (Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Rejection of the 2022 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Bid from Alliance Contractors, Woodstock, IL.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Mayer.

The only bid for this work was received by Alliance Contractors and was priced 50% over the budget estimate. On a question from Ald. Burghart, Dir. Babica stated that the City is looking to get the work done before October due to possible weather impacts. If it is not done now, it can be done in the spring but that is also subject to the weather. Ald. Mayer asked if the concrete market affected the bidding. Dir. Babica confirmed this and stated that pit workers were on strike over the summer and returned to work last week. As a result, aggregate is becoming more readily available now.

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

ABSENT: 1 (Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Draft Resolution Authorizing the Display of Directional Signage on City Utility Poles Within the Geneva Drive Right-of-Way for Lineage Logistics at 2088 Geneva Drive.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Marks.

Rick Oleson, co-manager of Lineage Logistics noted that the company started the new check-in procedure that day and it was the first day in the five years that he has been with the company that there were no trucks parked on the road. He noted that this will help to remove trucks not associated with the facility that park on the roadway. Such traffic gave a negative impression of the company in the past.

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

ABSENT: 1 (Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Public Comment / New Business

None.

Closed Session on Probable Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and the Purchase, Sale, or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

Moved by Ald. Mayer, Seconded by Ald. Kaven to go into closed session regarding probable litigation and the purchase, sale or lease of real property for the use of the public body.

Roll call:

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

ABSENT: 1 (Kosirog)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED to go into closed session at 8:22 PM.

Return to Open Session

The Committee of the Whole returned to open session at 9:03 PM.

Adjournment

On a motion by Ald. Marks, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 9:03 PM.

- Submitted by Clerk Kellick