

## **GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, August 15, 2022**

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

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The August 15, 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: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Robert Swanson. Ald. Becky Hruby arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick.

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

**Elected Officials absent:** Alderspersons Gabriel Kaven, Amy Mayer.

**Others Present:** City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Attorney Ron Sandack, Community Development Director David DeGroot, Water Division Superintendent Bob Van Gyseghem, Electric Division Superintendent Aaron Holton.

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

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge was led by Ellen Odom.

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

Mayor Burns asked for a moment of reflection on the passing of Dr. Jim McCall, a long-time local dentist with his practice, McCall Dentistry, in Geneva. Dr. McCall was an avid musician and was involved with several bands in the area. Mayor Burns visited with the McCall family and acknowledged Dr. McCall's sons, Dr. Ryan McCall of McCall Dentistry, Brett, Michael, and Andy. Dr. McCall's wife and family granted the Mayor permission to begin the meeting with a moment of silence honoring Dr. McCall.

#### **Presentation by Ellen Odom – L.E.A.P. Fox Valley**

Mayor Burns introduced Ellen Odom. Ms. Odom is a resident of Geneva and is the director of L.E.A.P. Fox Valley. This is a 2-year program that introduces high school students to philanthropy. This program was started by Jay Christopher who, with his wife began The Pampered Chef. This program has been running in Oak Park-River Forest for 15 years and Ms. Odom convinced Mr. Christopher to let her start the program in Kane County. The program will involve all high schools in the county and will combine all high school students together in the program. The first year involves grant-making during which the students will identify non-profits, receive applications for grants, and award a total of \$20,000 in a grant or grants to one or more organizations. Students will also learn about endowments, foundations, and not-for-profit financials. The second year involves fundraising. Mr. Christopher will provide \$60,000 to the program for the first two years, after which it will become self-sustaining.

Ms. Odom stated that she is looking for assistance with four aspects of this program:

1. Contacting not-for-profits not only to receive the grants but to help with providing a source of future involvement by younger people;
2. Donors for the second year of the program;
3. Mentors from the community for the second year of the program;
4. Student involvement from a wide-range of kids.

Information for this program as well as the student application are available on the website: [www.LEAPcircle.org](http://www.LEAPcircle.org). The group will meet the third Tuesday of each month at the Geneva Methodist Church. Additionally, L.E.A.P. Fox Valley has partnered with Dominican University to receive up to 6 college credits for participating in the program.

On a question from Ald. Kosirog, Ms. Odom noted that L.E.A.P. stands for Leadership, Education, Altruism, and Philanthropy. Ald. Burghart stated that this was a wonderful program with which to provide young people the tools necessary to become involved with philanthropy. On a question from Ald. Bruno, Ms. Odom acknowledged that some local schools have been very receptive to this program while others have been hesitant. Getting the word out is important and she noted that both Marmion and Elgin Academy have been particularly interested in this program because of their required service hours. Some St. Charles schools have placed the information in their newsletters and she has contacted both Geneva and Batavia about the program. Ald. Hrubby noted that she is the director of religious education at the Unitarian Church and would love to have Ms. Odom speak to that group.

### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA**

Item 9(a): Consider Approval of Special Event Application from Geneva Chamber of Commerce for Festival of the Vine September 9-11, 2022 as Presented; and Item 9(b): Consider Approval of Special Event Liquor Licenses for Geneva Chamber of Commerce, Penrose Brewing, The Little Traveler, and The Royal Wren for Festival of the Vine September 9-11, 2022 as Presented have been removed from this meeting's agenda.

### **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 Special City Council Meeting Minutes from August 1, 2022 (Clerk recommends approval).

#### **\*REPORTS**

1. Tax Revenue Report
2. May and June Financial Reports
3. 1st Quarter Department Goals Status Report

#### **\* COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

\* Approve Resolution No. 2022-73 Authorizing Acceptance of the 2022 Employee Benefit Program Plan Renewal Effective November 1, 2022.

- \* Approve Ordinance No. 2022-34 Authorizing the Disposal of Personal Property Owned by the City of Geneva, Illinois. (Fire Dept. Truck No. 201)
- \* Approve Resolution No. 2022-74 Authorizing the Purchase of Twenty-Three Sets of Firefighting “Turnout” Gear in the Amount of \$61,580 Through Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Group.
- \* Approve Resolution No. 2022-75 Authorizing the Rejection of the 2022 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Bid from Alliance Contractors, Woodstock, IL.
- \* Approve Resolution No. 2022-76 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. Burghart.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Kaven, Mayer)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT: \$4,729,364.33**

Moved by Ald. Bruno, Seconded by Ald. Kosirog to pay the bills as presented.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Kaven, Mayer)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

### **PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, BIDS**

Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2022-35 Granting Variations to Allow More Than Two Driveway Entrances and to Increase the Allowable Lot coverage from 35% to 38.13% for the Property Located at 1258 Meadows Road.

On a question from Ald. Bruno, Dir. DeGroot acknowledged that the Planning and Zoning Commission’s recommendation to allow this approval of the requested variations was a unanimous decision.

Moved by Ald. Maladra, Seconded by Ald. Swanson.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Kaven, Mayer)

NAYS: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Consider Ordinance No. 2022-36 Amending Title 4 (Business and License Regulations), Chapter 2 (Liquor Control), Section 4-2-29 (Sale, Delivery, Consumption and Possession of Alcoholic Liquor on Public Property) of the Geneva City Code.

Moved by Marks, seconded by Maladra.

Roll call:

AYES: 8 (Bruno, Burghart, Hruby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Kaven, Mayer)

NAYS: 0

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 7:24 PM.

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Vicki Kellick  
Geneva City Clerk