

CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING

August 16, 2021

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MEETING LINK

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CALL TO ORDER

The Geneva City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Burns at 7:00 p.m.

Aldermen present: Mike Bruno, Becky Hruby, Dean Kilburg Brad Kosirog, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Amy Mayer, Robert Swanson

Attending by video or teleconference:

Aldermen absent: Tara Burghart, Gabriel Kaven

Staff Present: City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Ben McCready, City Clerk Roger Godsken, City Atty. Ron Sandack, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, Streets Superintendent Nate Landers, Water Superintendent Van Gyseghem

Staff attending by video or teleconference:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by John from Deuchler Associates.

Mayor Burns described the life and contributions of John Anderson, who recently passed at the age of 93. Anderson was a long-time resident of Geneva, and served as an Alderman and in several voluntary capacities for the city. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Introduce Street Maintenance Worker Shawn Corwin

Mayor Burns invited Shawn to the podium, where he described his education and background, including his high-school football experience.

a. Introduce Electric Manager Jose Ruiz

Mayor Burns invited Jose to the podium, where he described his education and background. Ruiz described his military education and growing up in Venezuela, and his travels and prior experience in the field.

a. Introduce Street Business Operations Specialist Jennifer Shelley.

Mayor Burns invited Jennifer to the podium, where she described her education and background.

All three new hires were welcomed to the City of Geneva.

b. Consider Approval of Special Event Application for Vargos Dance “Thriller on 38” October 28, 2021.

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote 8/0 with two absent.

c. Consider Approval of Special Event Application from Penrose Brewing Co. for Oktoberfest Event September 18, 2021.

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote 8/0 with two absent.

d. Consider Approval of Special Event Application for Geneva Chamber of Commerce’s Festival of the Vine September 10-12, 2021 With Conditions.

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote 8/0 with two absent

e. Consider Approval of Special Event Liquor Licenses for Festival of the Vine September 10-12, 2021.

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

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote 8/0 with two absent.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

OMNIBUS AGENDA

All Items listed on the Omnibus Agenda 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.

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Hruba, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Burghart, Kaven,)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

***6. Approve Minutes of the Last Regular Meeting on August 2, 2021 (Clerk Recommends Approval)**

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

Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE REPORTS

***a. Tax Reports**

***b. April/May 2021 Financial Reports**

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

Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

None

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

***a. Consider Acceptance of FY2021-22 First Quarter Goals Status Report**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

10. MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT

City of Geneva Expenditures - 8/16/2021	\$ 2,636,023.30
Manual Check(s) –	
Utility Billing Refund(s)	4,825.18
Misc. Refund(s) –	
Sales Tax Abatement –	
City of Geneva Payroll	621,313.50
Tri-Com Expenditures - 8/16/2021	173,732.64
Tri-Com Payroll	96,164.39
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,532,059.01</u>

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Hrubby, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Burghart, Kaven,)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

11. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

***11a. Approve Resolution No. 2021-67 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Strada Construction Co. for the 2021 ADA Concrete Accessibility Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000.00.**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

***11b. Approve Resolution No. 2021-68 Authorizing the Purchase of a Sludge Feed Pump for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from LAI, Ltd. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$23,326.00.**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

***11c. Approve Resolution No. 2021-69 Authorizing a Contract with DPS Equipment Services, Inc. for a Purchase of Primary Clarifier Flight Assemblies at a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$214,252.50.**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

CARRIED

***11d. Approve Resolution No. 2021-70 Authorizing Execution of Agreements Related to the General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021A, General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B.**

Moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the measure as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

12. PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS

12.a. Recommend Resolution No. 2021-71 Authorizing the Use of Rebuild Illinois Funds for the Kautz Road Widening and Reconstruction Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00.

Moved by Ald. Kilburg, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Hruba, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Burghart, Kaven,)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

b. Recommend Resolution No. 2021-72 Authorizing the Purchase of a 1-Ton Carrier Condenser Unit, Air Handler Unit and Duct Heater from RJ O'Neill Mechanical Contractors in the Amount of \$32,290.00 and Authorize the City Administrator to Approve Up to \$2,583.20 in Change Orders for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$34,873.20.

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 8 (Ald. Bruno, Hruba, Kilburg, Kosirog, Maladra, Marks, Mayer, Swanson)

ABSENT: 2 (Ald. Burghart, Kaven,)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

c. Sanitary Sewer Evaluation and Facility Plan Update Presentation.

Superintendent Van Gyseghem introduced representatives from Deuchler Engineering. The firm had performed a sanitary sewer survey for the city, and presented a report on their results and recommendations for the city.

The introduction began with a summary, noting areas of concern and that the city was broken down into six "basins" that have had overflow issues.

A recap of the causes of the problems, notably because of stormwater intrusion into the sanitary system which can exceed the capacity of the system and resulted in overflows and backups. Remediation methods were described, and it was noted the city's sanitary sewer systems contains approximately 120 miles of public lines, and 120-175 miles of private lines. The private lines are mainly those connecting homes/businesses with the public sewer lines.

One area of particular concern from the study is where the sewage water crosses the Fox River using a single 20-inch diameter pipe which does not have a backup. The presentation concluded with cost estimates for various phases of rehab and upgrades to the system, and with a suggestion for a test that would entail rehab of the private lines in an area of 100 homes.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions and comments from the dais. Bruno asked about the extent of the work suggested for private lines, which would cover the first 30 feet, and is where most problems occur. Hraby asked about liability on the part of the original builders of subdivisions and about homeowner's insurance covering repairs. Van Gyseghem noted that claims would have had to happen shortly after construction was completed, that failure of service lines is typical over the passage of time, but that he did not know about insurance. He added that during recent inspection of sump pumps, 70% of homes were tested and no illegal hookups were found in the proposed test area.

Mayer asked about clay pipes used in service lines, whether PVC was better, and whether the proposed test area was a good representative to be tested. Babica responded that prior to the 1980's, clay pipe was commonly used, PVC was generally better. The proposed test area would be good as a proof of concept, and additionally, he noted that an EPA warning had been received for the area.

Kilburg asked about procedures if the wastewater system cannot handle the volume, such as during a large storm event, and how rehab of private lines will be approached. Van Gyseghem described how staff monitors the water flow, and what procedures are in place to recognize and respond to a volume problem. Private lines can generally be rehabbed by accessing the public line, and digging is not usually needed.

Kosirog asked about the lifespan of repairs by grouting and relining. Deuchler responded that there is a one-year warranty on work they perform, and that grouting is cheaper but lining normally lasts longer.

Babica noted that since the lines in the test project to be rehabbed are private, the city would need to work with homeowners to gain access. He added that the city needs to be aware that based on past experience, once it works on private lines there can be an expectation from homeowners that the city is responsible for any issues in the future .

Hraby asked for typical costs of rehabbing a private line, which is \$7,000-\$10,000 and suggested that a cost-sharing program with the city be set up to assist private homeowner repairs.

NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Leben and Paula Schmidt, of the Chamber of Commerce, raised concerns about certain conditions and issues that had not been finalized before the Festival of the Vine approval was voted on tonight. Atty. Sandack defined how these conditions would be discussed and addressed. Mayor Burns asked if there were any concerns from the council about the issues. A discussion followed, the gist of which involved concerns over the Chamber's plan to add a carnival to the event, which by necessity would require a second location north of Rt. 38. The Chamber wanted approval quickly so they could make the necessary commitment to the Carnival company in time to plan for the event, and noted the importance of the event to the city and how the addition of a carnival for the first time would help make it a success.

Kosirog, Mayer and Kilburg noted concerns about the hours of operation for the carnival, the issues of police manpower and commented that their votes to approve were with conditions.

Police Commander Mike Frieders noted the department's need to provide 4 officers for the original event location, and that it did not have the manpower available for a second location (the carnival) and to provide safety for attendees and for pedestrians crossing Rt. 38 to reach the carnival. Frieders added that he felt the discussion between the Chamber and the department had reached an impasse on the issue.

Discussion over possible alternate locations, a suggestion that the carnival be a separate event on another date, and electrical supply concerns followed. Suggestions were made for city staff to research the issues and for a special council meeting on August 30 be held to make a final decision, but the Chamber said that would be too late to secure the carnival contract.

The discussion closed with suggestions that the event had outgrown its current location, a note that serving alcohol was prohibited on County property thereby limiting use of that location, and that further growth of the event could be better handled by advanced planning for next year.

On other business, Linda (last name inaudible) commented on water erosion problems within Good Templar Park, and asked if this had been studied in the stormwater evaluation project. Water from the retention pond on East Side drive is the source of the water. Director Babica responded that city engineering staff had spent a day visiting and evaluating the issue, noted areas of erosion and would ask WBK to look at the park as part of the city-wide stormwater study to determine whether changes would be needed. Ald. Hruby asked whether the park was within city limits, and it was noted that the park was surrounded by the city, and Babica stated that both state and county ordinances covered this type of issue.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved by unanimous roll call vote 8/0 with two absent. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

City Clerk
Roger Godskesen