

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2008

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson and Hansen were present. Alderman Jursich was absent.

Mayor Walker led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest speaker—none

Motion made by Alderman Hansen to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 18, 2007, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve payment of the accounts payables for the second half of December 2007, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve payment of the accounts payables for the first half of January 2008, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE

Gordon Jones spoke on behalf of Genoa Main Street. He distributed copies of the most recent publication of "On the Corner." They are sponsoring an internet seminar at the high school this Thursday. They have invited the Main Street building owners to meet with an Illinois State architect next Thursday on building maintenance matters. The Quilt Walk has been canceled and the date for the Chocolate Walk is being changed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli announced the Economic Development Committee will meet next on February 7th. The Plan Commission item from the December 2007 meeting is on the agenda this evening. There was no January meeting, and the next meeting will be on February 14th.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

An ordinance amending the Final Planned Unit Development for 600 Pearson Drive to allow the installation of signage on a replacement sign—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve an ordinance amending the Final Planned Unit Development for 600 Pearson Drive to allow the installation of signage on a replacement sign, seconded by Alderman Hansen. As stated by Administrator Misurelli, the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval, and it meets all UDO requirements. It will include advertisement for the Kishwaukee Health Care Facility. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of purchasing electric power for the municipality's needs and authorizing purchase agreements for the purchase of electricity—Motion made by Alderman Watson to approve an ordinance authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the purpose of purchasing electric power for the municipality's needs and authorizing purchase agreements for the purchase of electricity, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote taken. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Watson, Hansen, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan and Pizano voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance authorizing the sale of items of personal property owned by the City of Genoa—Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve an ordinance authorizing the sale of items of personal property owned by the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Curley. The intent is to sell them by some auction process. There will be a minimum price set for these vehicles. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Piano, Watson and Hansen voted yes. Motion carried.

Internet Security Presentation—Officer Greg Edwards did an Internet Security presentation to the audience geared towards safety for children on this medium. He explained the basics of the “net” and how it is a network of computers connected to each other. Along with this technology come online dangers from money scams and identity theft to sexual predators. He commented on filters and tools that help sort acceptable and unacceptable websites. He suggested monitoring your children, ask them questions and open a “My Space” account to watch for inappropriate situations. The computer should be located in an open area, not closed in their bedroom. Some warning signs that children are visiting inappropriate sites could be that they spend a lot of time on the computer or they turn off the monitor when you come in the room, you start receiving phone calls or gifts from strangers or your children don't want to talk about what they are doing on the internet. There are various programs available to assist in protecting children while on the internet. This program is available for presentation to various groups to help parents protect their children.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's Report—Administrator Misurelli distributed the Annual Report on Community Development. Some highlights are that there were 14 petitions reviewed by the Plan Commission. The City had an increase in building permit activity; not in new construction of

single family homes but in commercial building and remodeling. Even though the housing industry has been unstable nationally, the City has experienced a steady level of single family housing building.

Public Works—none

Police Department—Chief Solar was absent. Sergeant Lynch had no report.

Mayor's Report—Mayor Walker reminded everyone the Committee of the Whole meeting is Monday, January 28th. The City of Genoa's Annual Expo is scheduled for Saturday, February 16th. He distributed a list of the groups invited and he asked the Council members to contact himself or Administrator Misurelli with 2 groups they will contact to encourage attending the Expo. He will be working with the Department Heads on a Federal NIMS requirement. He encouraged the Aldermen to review the guides and take the exams. There are four tests to complete. It is important to fulfill this requirement because it is necessary to qualify for Federal grants. It is his goal in 2008 to extend the Emergency Plan and develop a continued business operations plan for the City of Genoa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Watson announced that Ace Hardware will have a "soft" opening on January 22nd and the grand opening will be sometime later in February.

Motion to adjourn the regular City Council meeting made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Curley. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.