

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2008

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

Mayor Walker led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest speaker—Mayor Walker referenced to the article in the newspaper regarding the budget and the financial challenges the City is facing in the next fiscal year.

Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of March 4, 2008, seconded by Alderman Watson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE—none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli reported the EDC met on March 6th and they had invited Genoa Main Street and Chamber representatives to discuss the quarterly roundtable concept. The consensus was that they would continue with this meeting schedule and structure. The first will be in June on the regular EDC meeting date. They will be held in March, June, September and December at 12:00 noon. The EDC will continue with their monthly meetings. The meeting was also attended by Paul Borek from the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation who expressed his interest in a continued relationship with Genoa. The Plan Commission canceled the March meeting. The April 10th meeting is scheduled to review a petition.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution granting use of a Municipal Parking Lot by the Genoa Main Street Organization-pertaining to “Movies on Main Street” for multiple dates—Motion made by Alderman Watson to approve a resolution granting use of a Municipal Parking Lot by the Genoa Main Street Organization-pertaining to “Movies on Main Street” for multiple dates, seconded by Alderman

Wesner. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Watson, Hansen, Wesner, Curley, Sheahan and Pizano voted yes. Motion carried.

Resolution granting use of a Municipal Parking Lot by the Genoa Main Street Organization-pertaining to “Open Air Markets” for multiple dates—Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to approve a resolution granting use of a Municipal Parking Lot by the Genoa Main Street Organization-pertaining to “Open Air Markets” for multiple dates, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Curley voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance amending Genoa Municipal Codes Title 8, Chapter 6-rates and charges—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve an ordinance amending Genoa Municipal Codes Title 8, Chapter 6-rates and charges, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen and Wesner voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance amending Genoa Municipal Codes Title 8, Chapter 6-connections and meters—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve an ordinance amending Genoa Municipal Codes Title 8, Chapter 6-connections and meters, seconded by Alderman Hansen. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen and Wesner voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance adopting the Zoning Map of the City of Genoa—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve an ordinance adopting the Zoning Map of the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Wesner, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator’s report—Administrator Misurelli stated the Special Census is in progress and he expects the field work to be completed before the end of March. As soon as this is certified, the City should begin seeing these revenues.

Public Works—Director Gentile distributed information from the Regional Plan Commission pertaining to a water supply study. This matter does not indicate any urgency and with constrained budget costs, he recommends not participating in the study at this time. He also questions how much this information would affect and be used by Genoa. There were no objections from the City Council.

Police Department—Chief Solar presented the monthly report. One issue this season was snow route enforcement. In its current form, the ordinance is difficult to enforce. He suggests that parking be prohibited on the streets after 2” of snowfall until they have been cleared. He proposes giving about 8 hours, and then begin issuing citations. Several Alderman voiced concerns for those residents who do not have the option to remove their cars off of the streets. This matter will be placed on the Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion. Chief Solar reviewed his Annual Report. The good news was that there was a 43% decrease in reported crimes. He categorized two types of crimes; those reported by citizens and those that were self-

initiated by the officers. Officer Klink is still deployed in a military status and he does not expect to see him very soon. The staffing level is 10 full-time officers assisted with 4 part-time officers. The DeKalb County Sheriff's Department provides dispatch for our Department. The staff has received First Responder and other crisis training. The report contains crime and manpower statistics which indicate positive trends for Genoa. The Department promotes certain programs such as the canine unit, internet safety and gang related issues, etc. He continues to work on emergency planning with Fire and Rescue and other agencies to remain in a level of preparedness to respond in emergency situations.

Mayors report—Alderman Wesner requested the possibility of using another type of recycle bin for the citizens. This matter will be investigated by staff. Mayor Walker distributed the updated attendance sheets to comply with the recent changes in distribution of Alderman compensation. He will report annually on absences to the Council.

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