

CITY OF GENOA  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 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, Watson and Hansen were present. Aldermen Pizano and Jursich were absent.

Mayor Walker led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest speaker—Chief Mike Holub was in attendance on behalf of the Illinois Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves. He is also the Chief of Police for LaGrange and is an Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police member. He read the nomination letter submitted to the organization by Officer Klink. He awarded Chief Solar and the Department with a Patriotic Employer Certificate.

Gordon Jones spoke on behalf of Genoa Main Street Organization and their hosting of “Red Hat Day” last Friday. They partnered with businesses to schedule a variety of activities and gifts for the participants. Even with the discouraging weather, they had a strong turnout.

Motion made by Alderman Curley to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 1, 2008, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE—none

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli reports the Economic Development Commission will meet next on May 1<sup>st</sup> and in June their first Roundtable meeting will be held. The Plan Commission met on April 10<sup>th</sup> and reviewed one petition which may be before the Council at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS—none

#### NEW BUSINESS

An ordinance establishing a water main recapture on Cherry Road—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve an ordinance establishing a water main recapture on Cherry Road, seconded

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

An ordinance amending Genoa Municipal Codes Title 4, Section 2-pertaining to refuse disposal and recycling—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve an ordinance amending Genoa Municipal Codes Title 4, Section 2-pertaining to refuse disposal and recycling, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

Open space conservation plan/grant—Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve pursuit of the open space conservation plan/grant, seconded by Alderman Curley. Peggy Doty was in attendance and was supportive of the Council's efforts to conserve this green space and restore it to its natural state. She has received very positive reactions from the community residents and others in the surrounding areas. This development will enhance teaching and developing of our youth. Part of this rehabilitation will involve removing invasive species and they use controlled fires as part of this process. She commented on the WHIP grant and how the receipt of funds from this program can be used in maintaining this property. Mayor Walker was very supportive of this program and encouraged the interest it has created in our community and the cooperative efforts between the City and the forest preserve. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Watson and Hansen voted yes. Motion carried.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli reports the Special Census has been completed by the on-site personnel. He has received preliminary numbers and it calculates to be a population of about 5,371. This is subject to some final adjustments. This count falls within the range anticipated. A final cost for the Special Census will be completed and he expects to recover this cost within the next 6 months. We will continue to receive increased state shared funds in the following years, which shows this is beneficial to the City. The Northern Illinois Governmental Electric Cooperative has found the general increase in costs to be about 20%. We saved 30% in costs in the past year by participating in the cooperative. In the next couple of weeks, we expect to enter into an agreement. Alderman Curley commented that she would like to see the budgeted amount for sidewalks this coming year be increased to what it was in the past. Administrator Misurelli said that in the budget process, the staff has reviewed the amount of money invested in sidewalks in the past 10 years. Director Gentile commented he estimates that the City has repaired over 40,000 square feet of sidewalk. The reduction this year has come as a result of budget constraints, but this will still allow some repairs along with needed street repairs. The Council discussed the budget constraints and the possibility of developing staff to do some of the contracted work.

Public Works—Director Gentile stated that Public Works will be doing some of the sidewalk work in the downtown area this coming year. The annual appliance drop off is being conducted and brush pick up has begun.

Police Department—Chief Solar submitted his March crime report with noted significant criminal activity. The web server has been experiencing some problems, which they are working on.

Mayor's report—none

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

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