

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 20, 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—Gordon Jones spoke on behalf of Genoa Main Street. New banners are being displayed advertising the open air markets, one of which will be held this Saturday. They will be presenting 2 scholarships at the high school graduation ceremony. Through this activity, there were 133,000 votes cast. This means there was \$133,000 spent with downtown merchants.

Chief Solar introduced Officer Dan Wojcek, who will be taking a part-time officer position. He is a veteran officer employed by the City of Sycamore and is assigned to the schools. The Chief reviewed his education background, and Mr. Wojcek thanked the Council for the opportunity to work here.

Motion made by Alderman Curley to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 6, 2008, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Aldermen Sheahan and Pizano abstained. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE—none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli stated the Economic Development Commission will meet June 5th at noon for their first roundtable meeting. DeKalb County EDC is updating their strategic plan, so they will be using this meeting as a means to get information from this community. The Plan Commission is meeting June 12th and will be reviewing one petition for outdoor seating.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

An ordinance approving the Preliminary and final Planned Development and issuing a Special Use Permit for the Mary Margaret Hill Trust, as owner, and Wolff & Jeske, LLC (Certified Public Accountants) for 502 East Main Street—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve an ordinance for the Preliminary and final Planned Development and issuing a Special Use Permit for the Mary Margaret Hill Trust, as owner, and Wolff & Jeske, LLC (Certified Public Accountants) for 502 East Main Street, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Mayor Walker opened the floor for discussion by the public. Mr. Robert Chenoweth read an excerpt from the UDO out of Section 4.4.4 regarding general standards and criteria for planned developments. He then read a statement offering his opinion that the Council did not consider his objections. There were no further comments from the general public. Mr. Wolff commented that according to the facts, this property is in fact a buffer and fits in the long range plans of the City. He intends to use this property for offices with low traffic volume. Vehicles will travel west to exit onto S. Hadsall Street, and this is the least intrusive traffic pattern. Administrator Misurelli recapped the matter. In this case, an office use is one of the best scenarios possible for this property. The planning history of this property was for commercial use. Mr. Chenoweth purchased his property after the comprehensive plan was adopted; therefore, this information was established. Considering the wide range of uses available to this property, the proposal is one of the best conditions for the neighborhood. The Council has, the majority of the time, agreed with the recommendations of the Plan Commission. Administrator Misurelli demonstrated alternate traffic patterns that would be less fluent and other land uses that would allow greater lot coverage. This use is extremely light and greatly desired for this situation. There is a requirement for storm water management in this plan, which would not be enforced through straight zoning of the property. The controls and limitations provided by the PUD are advantageous for the City. Mayor Walker thanked all involved who stated their cases, whether in favor or opposed to this matter. He asked for the support of this issue. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance authorizing the City Council to grant a Special Permit for a temporary beer garden to a business that holds a valid liquor license in the City of Genoa—Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve an ordinance authorizing the City Council to grant a Special Permit for a temporary beer garden to a business that holds a valid liquor license in the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Hansen. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson and Hansen voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of computer network services—Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to approve the payment of \$8,500 for computer network services as budgeted, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen, Wesner, Carroll and Curley voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval to purchase a new police squad—Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve the purchase of a new police squad not to exceed \$23,671.75, seconded by Alderman Hansen. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson and Hansen voted yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The closed session was not held this evening and will be addressed at a future meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli commented on the proposed legislature regarding boundary agreements. It would expand the area shared by communities for jurisdiction. He will update the Council as this progresses. The IEPA requires that the annual water report be sent to everyone by July 1st. Genoa has already fulfilled this requirement and mailed it with the April newsletter providing a cost savings. There is an increase in the electric supply even through the electric coop; however, it remains a savings as opposed to purchasing power through ComEd.

Mayor Walker announced that Genoa was awarded approximately \$48,000 through a grant for the open space development between Riverbend, Willow Glen and Russell Woods.

Public Works—Director Gentile said they are progressing with the pavilion and hopes to have it for use by the holiday weekend. The City brush pickup schedule has changed to pickup twice a month.

Police Department—Chief Solar reviewed his monthly crime report. The Chief has instructed his department to make reductions in vehicle procedures to conserve fuel. He has introduced services online to get accident reports. He has updated video equipment which has improved technology that will assist in court cases. The subject of lawn maintenance was discussed. With many foreclosures taking place, the City may need to mow and file liens as a resolution to those matters.

Mayor's report—Mayor Walker and staff will be meeting with the Park District to address some intergovernmental agreement issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Walker encouraged everyone to support the upcoming open air market event.

Margy Hill thanked the Council members for their diligence and consideration in the controversial issue they reviewed this evening.

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.