

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2008

Mayor Walker called the public hearing to consider amending the annexation agreement between the City of Genoa and Richard Hoffman for a revision to provide for the advance payment of certain park improvement fees to order at 7:00 p.m. Administrator Misurelli summarized that this amendment is for the Derby Estates annexation agreement. The developer has voluntarily offered to provide \$20,000 for the park improvement fees, over and above the park impact fees required under the land/cash ordinance. According to the annexation agreement, there is an additional \$400 per unit required for playground equipment and park improvements when the occupancy permit is issued. In order to have the improvements done more quickly, the developer has worked with the Park District to put in the improvements this summer, and the developer would receive the reimbursement of the fees as the properties are occupied. This agreement memorializes the arrangement so that the developer does receive the reimbursement for providing the fees, however long it takes to complete the development. This agreement will provide improvements for the subdivision at no cost to the City. Alderman Carroll questioned if the developer wanted something in return. Mayor Walker commented that this was a productive concept. The Park District will be responsible for maintaining the parks. There were no further comments from the Council or the audience. Mayor Walker closed the public hearing.

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:08 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—none

Motion made by Alderman Curley to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 17, 2008, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Curley, Sheahan, Watson, Hansen, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE

Gordon Jones spoke on behalf of Genoa Main Street. This past weekend they hosted a successful Open Air Market with over 20 vendors and the Movies on Main Street and Zoo Fest Dinner had an estimated attendance of over 250 people. The next event scheduled in July will have a martial arts theme.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli reports the EDC will meet next in September. It will be a roundtable meeting. The Plan Commission will not be meeting in July, but plans to review a petition in August.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

An ordinance authorizing the execution of a Fourth Amendment to the Derby Estates Annexation Agreement between the City of Genoa and Richard L. Hoffman, Jane T. Hoffman and Richard Hoffman Development—Motion made by Alderman Watson to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of a Fourth Amendment to the Derby Estates Annexation Agreement between the City of Genoa and Richard L. Hoffman, Jane T. Hoffman and Richard Hoffman Development, seconded by Alderman Hansen. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Watson, Hansen, Wesner, Curley and Sheahan voted yes. Alderman Carroll voted no. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

For the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous closed session and for the purpose of discussing land acquisition—Motion made by Alderman Curley to go into closed session for the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous closed session and for the purpose of discussing land acquisition, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Watson to reconvene to the regular session of the City Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli stated that we have received confirmation from IDOT that they recognize our new population from the Special Census and they will start remitting MFT Funds in July at the higher population. It's unfortunate that those funds are calculated by the amount of gallons sold, not the dollar value. Asphalt, being an oil based product, is rising in price. We are gaining a greater share of a declining revenue. The next challenge to implement as a result of the Special Census is the Police pension system. We have signed the contract with the State for the \$20,000 grant we will receive because of the diligence

of Representative Wait. This is for a public works utility truck. Mayor Walker commented on the progress in Prairie Ridge Pointe and encourages everyone to visit the new grocer in town.

Public Works—Director Gentile stated he continues to work on the street and sidewalk programs. These will come to the Council in the near future so he can proceed with the bid process.

Police Department—Chief Solar attended the Summer Chief's Conference in Utica last weekend. Chiefs are mandated to obtain a minimum number of training hours each year by state statute. One of the items discussed was moving forward with a state accreditation process. This would not replace CALEA, but would serve as an accreditation obtainable by communities not able to afford the fees and costs required by CALEA. His goal is to provide a management model available to smaller agencies. The department is prepared for the 4th of July weekend.

Mayor's report—Mayor Walker has met with staff and IDOT regarding Prairie Ridge Pointe. He will have information for the Council in the near future. He continues to work on the S. Hadsall Street matters and we will notify the residents in the area when that matter comes to the Council. He plans to discuss the burn ban at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. Alderman Hansen commented on the farmette in the 4th Ward that does regular burning. The property is not considered being within the City limits; however, their actions affect the neighboring City residents. Jurisdictional and regulation matters pertaining to this property will be part of the discussion when reviewing the burn ban. Alderman Carroll commented on a problem area in her Ward. Mayor Walker said this will be covered at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

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