

CITY OF GENOA  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
July 15, 2008

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

Mayor Walker led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest speaker—none

Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 1, 2008, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE—none

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli reported that the next meeting for the EDC is September 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be their second roundtable meeting. He has talked with Paul Borek, the new Director for the DCEDC, who was impressed with the first roundtable meeting of Genoa's EDC. The July Plan Commission meeting was canceled. There will potentially be two petitions for the August Plan Commission meeting.

OLD BUSINESS—none

#### NEW BUSINESS

An ordinance setting forth towing procedures—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve an ordinance setting forth towing procedures, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Alderman Curley questioned if consideration would be given in hardship cases and allow a payment plan in order to reclaim an impounded vehicle. This charge would be incurred in cases where there are repeat offenders having DUI's or driving without a valid driver's license, etc. Once the vehicle is released, there is no equitable recourse for collection if the fee is not paid. Mayor Walker suggested reviewing this process after 6 months of its implementation for any adverse affects. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance of the City of Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois, creating and establishing a Police Pension Fund and creating a Board of Trustees of said pension fund—This comes as a result of the City reaching a population of over 5,000 and is required by state statute. Administrator Misurelli has included a memo explaining the process of this Board. Once this ordinance is passed, the process of converting the pension fund will begin. Mayor Walker will return to the Council with his Board appointee selections for consent. Motion made by Alderman Watson to approve an ordinance of the City of Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois, creating and establishing a Police Pension Fund and creating a Board of Trustees of said pension fund, seconded by Alderman Pizano. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Watson, Hansen, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan and Pizano voted yes. Motion carried.

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—At the last meeting, this ordinance was before the Council. To recap, the developer agreed to pre-pay \$20,000 to install park improvements and recapture those costs as building took place. This requires a special vote and due to the absence of Aldermen, the vote that was taken was incorrect. This comes again before the Council for a proper vote. Motion made by Alderman Curley 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 Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson and Hansen voted yes. Alderman Carroll voted no. This matter required the vote of the Mayor, and he voted yes. Motion carried.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli commented that he continues to work with FEMA on updating the City's flood plain maps. There were some corrections to be made to the maps, and the new maps will be released along with a letter of correction. Unfortunately, FEMA is not going to correct the maps at this time. He and the City Engineer are reviewing the changes to complete this process. In consideration of the City's Green Initiatives, Ace Hardware will be accepting the CFL light bulbs for recycling. The City has received another Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA which represents strong and consistent financial stability of the City. We attribute this to the efforts of our Financial Director, Dave Jepson.

Public Works—Director Gentile has gained permission from Charter Communications to tap into their utilities to provide electricity for the pavilion.

Police Department—Chief Solar reviewed his June crime report. With a lull in crime activity, the officers have been taking advantage of some training opportunities.

Mayor's report—For the next Council meeting, he expects to include a closed session regarding personnel. He has met with Department Heads about cost saving matters. He plans to come to the Council with some possible cost saving ideas.

Alderman Carroll has received a complaint about an open foundation in a development that he claims has been there for 2 years. The Mayor and Council members discussed regulations governing this situation and this matter will be a topic for the next Committee of the Whole meeting. In addition, the mowing of lawns and weeds is a concern of the Council's by this same developer. Mayor Walker directed staff to contact this developer regarding these issues. Several Council members commented that some property maintenance matters could be handled by the Building Inspector. Mayor Walker is currently reviewing possible reallocation of responsibilities along with the cost saving ideas and will report back to the Council.

Alderman Carroll stated there is a portion of a fence down in rear of the property bordering the alley at 228 Prairie Street and there is a pool in the back yard. This will be investigated by staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

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