

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2008

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

Pledge to the Flag—A guest Boy Scout Alex Stratton led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest speaker—Paul Borek, Executive Director of the DeKalb County Development Corporation expressed his appreciation for the City's continued financial support. Genoa is in partnership with 18 other communities, DeKalb County government and 269 businesses in supporting the DCEDC. This organization has helped attract over 1 billion dollars of private investment and new tax revenue over the last 20 years. The economic growth of Genoa is promising including Custom Aluminum, the new Tobinson's Ace Hardware, Prairie Ridge Pointe Center and the Genoa Main Street Organization. He distributed marketing kits to each Council member that include web information on availability of commercial property. The Crossroads of Genoa is a viable business and industrial site being 15 minutes from I-90 and with rail access. This site is an opportunity to attract industrial investment and new jobs. They are working on a strategic planning process. This is designed to consider information from community and business stakeholders throughout the county to focus on the most critical initiatives in the area. This plan should be completed by October. He commends the City of Genoa in their participation in this plan. Besides the website marketing plan, the DCEDC promotes Genoa in several marketing events and tradeshow that showcase the county and they network with a variety of organizations to pool their resources and engage in joint marketing activities. Administrator Misurelli commented that Mr. Borek has been an active participant in the promotion of Genoa.

Motion made by Alderman Curley to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 5, 2008, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Watson, Hansen, Carroll and Mayor Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE—none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli said the EDC will have a roundtable meeting on September 4th at noon. The topic for discussion will be green initiatives. The Plan Commission will meet a week from

Thursday, August 14th. There will be one petition for outdoor seating. This could possibly come to the Council at the August 19th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to execute a Revolving Loan Program Agreement between the City of Genoa and Tobinsson's Ace Hardware—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve the execution of a Revolving Loan Program Agreement between the City of Genoa and Tobinsson's Ace Hardware, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Curley, Watson, Hansen, Carroll and Mayor Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of a paving agreement between the City of Genoa and Michael Cretsinger—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve paving agreement between the City of Genoa and Michael Cretsinger, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Carroll, Curley, Watson and Mayor Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance amending Section 2, Recreational Burning allowed, and Section 3, Leaves and Garden Debris, of Chapter 4, Outdoor Burning, of Title 4, Public Health, of the City Code of the City of Genoa—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve an ordinance amending Section 2, Recreational Burning allowed, and Section 3, Leaves and Garden Debris, of Chapter 4, Outdoor Burning, of Title 4, Public Health, of the City Code of the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Curley. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Carroll, Curley, Watson and Mayor Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

Item D-An ordinance pertaining to weed control. This matter is under review by the City Attorney and will be on the agenda at a future Council meeting.

Purchase of a 2009 Utility Truck—Motion made by Alderman Watson to approve the purchase of a 2009 Utility Service Truck not to exceed \$69,100.00, seconded by Alderman Hansen. The City has received a portion of money from the State of Illinois as a grant towards this vehicle through the efforts of Representative Wait. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Watson, Hansen, Carroll, Curley and Mayor Walker voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli stated there is an AMTRAK meeting on August 25th which he will be attending and should return in time for the Committee of the Whole meeting that evening.

Public Works—Director Gentile reported there was minimal wind damage from the recent storms. Mayor Walker commended the City staff in their efforts during the storm.

Police Department—Chief Solar reported that last weekend they made 6 traffic arrests, impounded 4 vehicles and 8 criminal arrests.

Mayor's report—Mayor Walker commented on the damage rumors can cause for local businesses and he encouraged the Council members to counteract such practices that can be detrimental to our community. Closed session minutes will be available to the Council for review. Consideration for release will be on the next City Council agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

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