

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
September 2, 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. Alderman Pizano was 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 August 19, 2008, seconded by Alderman Curley. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Sheahan, Watson, Hansen, Wesner, Carroll and Curley voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Watson to accept the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of August 25, 2008, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Watson, Hansen, Wesner, Carroll, Curley and Sheahan voted yes. Motion carried.

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

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE

Gordon Jones spoke on behalf of Genoa Main Street Organization. They plan to participate in the upcoming edition of the DeKalb/Sycamore area guide. This will advertise in locations such as the toll way oasis. It also serves as an encouragement for the County to establish the DeKalb Area Convention and Business Bureau as a countywide organization. This opens the door for additional funding for Genoa Main Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli reports the Economic Development Commission will meet this Thursday, September 4th at noon and will host their second roundtable meeting. The subject for discussion will be businesses being “green.” The Plan Commission meeting for September 11 is probably going to be canceled. The petition presented at the August meeting is on tonight’s agenda.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Mayoral appointment—With the vacancy of Alderman Jursich of the 4th Ward, Mayor Walker has interviewed several candidates. He brings forward Mark Vicary to serve and fulfill the vacancy as the 4th Ward Alderman. Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve the appointment of Mark Vicary to fill the vacancy of the 4th Ward Alderman, seconded by Alderman Curley. Alderman Hansen commented that he has received a positive response from the 4th Ward residents having Mr. Vicary as a representative. Mayor Walker stated he has shown an interest in the community by attending previous Council meetings. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

At this time, City Clerk Shaneen administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Vicary. Alderman Vicary then joined the City Council.

A resolution acknowledging service of Alderman Earl Jursich—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve a resolution acknowledging service of Alderman Earl Jursich, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

An ordinance approving issuing a Special Use Permit to allow an outdoor seating area for Units 9 and 10 at 407 Sycamore Road—Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to approve an ordinance approving issuing a Special Use Permit to allow an outdoor seating area for Units 9 and 10 at 407 Sycamore Road, seconded by Alderman Watson. The Council discussed the possible litter problems, and this matter was reviewed by the Plan Commission and a condition was attached to the permit. They will be responsible for any debris in the area, and if they violate this condition, the City could take action. Mayor Walker suggested that maybe a fee could be established in the future to cover any costs incurred by littering. Smoking is an option of the business and is allowed outdoors as long as they are 15 feet from the building, and away from any window or air intake. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Sheahan, Watson, Hansen, Wesner, Carroll and Curley voted yes. Alderman Vicary abstained. Motion carried.

Discuss amending the liquor control provisions of the Genoa Municipal Code to create an outdoor liquor license—Administrator Misurelli stated this is related to Rosati's and their outdoor seating area. Possible conditions for control were distributed for comments and suggestions including a proposed fee. Current licenses do not accommodate outdoor service, so a new category needs to be created. They do not intend to have loud music outside, but want the ability to serve customers who chose to dine outdoors. Mayor Walker said that this business has been a successful establishment and the location is conducive to this use. An ordinance will be drafted for consideration, so any suggestions should be directed to Administrator Misurelli. The number of various liquor licenses issued is at the discretion of the City.

Approve 2008 sidewalk repair contract—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve the 2008 sidewalk repair contract not to exceed \$5,652.00 to Kline Construction, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan and Watson voted yes. Alderman Vicary abstained. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli participated in the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation's strategic planning effort last week representing Genoa. He will update the Council as items develop.

Public Works—Director Gentile provided a road construction notice and they expect construction to begin on or about September 15th. This will be distributed to the community through the schools and hand delivered to the adjacent businesses. Repairs for Route 72 through Genoa are on future IDOT schedules. Alderman Wesner has received further complaints on the open basement foundations in the new subdivisions. Mayor Walker and the staff will investigate further the City's ability to control this matter. In the future, we may be able to control this through annexation agreements.

Police Department—Chief Solar has been working to bring a Child Safety Seat technician class to the area and this will be done by our department in October. On November 1st, they will be conducting a "Traffic Safety Fair" at Browns' County Market. They will offer child safety seat installations and checks and a bicycle safety program with an obstacle course. Through the years, the child safety seat technicians have retired or are gone. He will out of town beginning Thursday until Sunday, September 14th. Sergeant Ty Lynch will be in charge in his absence.

Mayor's report—Mayor Walker stated that Representative Ron Wait visited our office to meet with the public today. Mayor Walker has received some compliments from residents regarding the implemented burn ban. As he talked with the candidates for the 4th Ward position, he heard that items were passed quickly. He wanted to remind the press and the public that these matters are discussed, debated and researched at the Committee of the Whole level prior to approving or rejecting them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

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