

CITY OF GENOA  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2008

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

Mayor pro tem Hansen 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 October 7, 2008, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Vicary, Wesner, Carroll and Hansen voted yes. Motion carried.

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

#### ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE

Gordon Jones announced that this weekend is the last Open Air Market event for Genoa Main Street.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli reports the next Economic Development Commission meeting will be Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. It will be a roundtable meeting. The next Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup>.

OLD BUSINESS—none

#### NEW BUSINESS

A resolution recognizing Esther Tilley of Genoa on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday—Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve a resolution recognizing Esther Tilley of Genoa on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, seconded by Alderman Curley. Mayor pro tem Hansen read the resolution. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Mayor pro tem Hansen presented a copy of the resolution to Susan Walker who was present on behalf of Mrs. Tilley.

A resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for the City of Genoa—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve a resolution adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) for the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Wesner. This system requires that all communities organize in a similar fashion to handle disaster situations. By adopting this resolution, if we seek Federal disaster assistance, we will have satisfied the requirement for reimbursement. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Curley, Sheahan, Hansen, Pizano, Watson, Vicary, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli said that the Police and Public Works Departments are working on information for traffic “calming” measures to possibly be used for S. Hadsall Street. It would be helpful to have additional time. With the absence of himself and Chief Solar at the next Committee of the Whole meeting, he suggested canceling the October Committee of the Whole meeting. There were no objections from the Council. The traffic calming propositions will be discussed at the November Committee of the Whole meeting. Letters will be sent to the residents on S. Hadsall Street. Also, he reports the challenges of acquiring rock salt for snow and ice control this season. Costs have skyrocketed. We get our salt through the State Joint Purchasing Program. They were not able to get prices for Lake or McHenry counties. We have confirmed our price at \$83.00 per ton, which has doubled from last year. Some other communities are looking at \$138.00 per ton. Director Gentile is investigating possible alternative cost effective snow and ice control measures. The Building Commissioner has pursued the issue of the open foundations and the developer has installed safety fencing in those locations. We have received the updated flood plain maps which provide far greater information than previously produced maps. The Federal Credit Act requires that certain information on clients must be protected and adoption of these requirements must be implemented by policy. He has compiled a policy and will refine it as needed.

Public Works—Director Gentile reports some minor repairs will be made to some downtown sidewalks. Crews continue to do street repairs. The intersection repairs at Pearson Drive and Route 23 continue to move forward. Alderman Carroll asked if there was a possibility of having a business owner in the Railroad Avenue area contributing for any street repairs and at this time, he is not willing to do so.

Police Department—Chief Solar reviewed his monthly crime report. He is concerned about the reduced amount of unassigned time available for officers to patrol neighborhoods. His goal is to have no unopened felony cases by the end of the calendar year. He has included information on the effectiveness of the recovery cost ordinance which was recently implemented. Recently, court rulings have decided that the statute does not provide adequate due process for the owners of impounded vehicles with regard to time restrictions. This places a liability on the Department that if they do seek forfeiture on vehicles, if a ruling is overturned, they could face civil liability. This makes our recently adopted ordinance important as a deterrent. The Traffic Safety Fair is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> in Browns' County Market parking lot. They and other entities will be doing presentations on traffic safety issues. Last weekend, through the watchful eye of a resident, arrests were made and a robbery prevented.

Mayor's report—Mayor pro tem Hansen reminded the Council that the next Council meeting is on a Monday night because of the election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

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