

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2009

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, Pizano, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present.

Kingston Boy Scout Troop 47 presented the flag and led the Pledge to the Flag. Mayor Walker thanked the Troop and their leaders Cindy Neuman, Berry Greenwell, Jerry Seisser and Earl Jursich.

Guest speaker—Bruce Griffith of Kishwaukee Education Consortium spoke on behalf of the National Career and Technology Career month of February. He encouraged the Council to adopt the proclamation supporting this. The Consortium is comprised of five schools; Rochelle, DeKalb, Sycamore, Genoa and Hiawatha. They have 500 students participating. Several students were present, introduced themselves and stated their future education plans and fields of employment they will pursue. Through this consortium, there are 15 different programs available. He thanked the Council for their support.

Motion made by Alderman Watson to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 9, 2009, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve payment of the accounts payables for the second half of January 2009, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen, Vicary, Watson and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE—none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli said the Economic Development Commission will meet with a roundtable meeting on Thursday, March 3rd at noon. They anticipate Mr. Borek of DeKalb County Economic Development Commission to present their adopted Strategic Plan. He also expects representatives from the local business community to attend. The Plan Commission will meet next on Thursday, February 12th. They have a Concept PUD to review and he asked the Council if they had any objection to have this Concept PUD come before them at their February 17th meeting. The comments from the Plan Commission would be given to the Council on Tuesday evening. The petitioner has to return to the Council for future reviews and final acceptance. There were no objections from the Council.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Audit proposal for 2009—This proposal is for approval to continue with the current audit firm, Sikich, not to exceed \$10,560.00. Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve the audit proposal presented by Sikich not to exceed \$10,560.00, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano, Watson, Hansen and Vicary voted yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

For the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous closed session

For the purpose of discussing land acquisition

For the purpose of collective bargaining and discussing the appointment, employment, dismissal, compensation, discipline and/or performance of specific employees

Motion made by Alderman Hansen to go into closed session for the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous closed session, for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and for the purpose of collective bargaining and discussing the appointment, employment, dismissal, compensation, discipline and/or performance of specific employees, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Pizano and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

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

The minutes of the previous closed session held January 20, 2009 were approved in closed session.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli announced that the Home and Business Expo is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th at the Genoa Middle School. The City will participate and have a booth and it will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public Works—none

Police Department—Chief Solar continues to work on the Annual Report. Preliminarily, crime is up from last year. He has contacted our neighbors regarding the trucks blocking the street. The owner will contact his vendors about having shorter trucks serve his operation and he will report back to the Chief.

Mayor's report—Mayor Walker stated he will be hosting a “Green Meeting” on Friday the 13th. He has invited various taxing bodies to discuss “Green Initiatives.” He and Administrator Misurelli will be meeting with Genoa Main Street to discuss the upcoming year. Main Street will be coming to the Council soon with their annual presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Watson stated that the opening of the skate rink last Saturday was fun. It seems to be well visited so far.

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.