

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2010

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:35 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present. Alderman Pizano was absent.

Mayor Walker led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest speaker—none

Motion made by Alderman Watson to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of December 15, 2009, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Watson, Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Curley and Sheahan voted yes. Alderman Carroll abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to approve payment of the accounts payables for the second half of December 2009, seconded by Alderman Curley. Alderman Carroll questioned the engineering bills for Pearson Drive and Route 23. This IDOT project is being finalized. Alderman Wesner had questions regarding uniform items for Public Works. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Sheahan, Watson, Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Carroll and Curley voted yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE—none

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Misurelli reported the EDC's next roundtable meeting will be on March 4th at noon. The next scheduled Plan Commission meeting is for January 14th. To date, there is nothing pending for the Plan Commission, so there is a possibility that the meeting will be cancelled.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Genoa Main Street mini-golf concept presentation—Mim Evans distributed information on the upcoming Quilt and Needle Arts Walk. The request of Genoa Main Street is twofold; the proposed mini-golf course and the erection of directional signs in the downtown area for the ice skating rink and/or the golf course. They have received calls that people cannot find the ice rink. They want to put up a temporary sign by the entrance of the ice rink for now and work on a more

attractive substantial sign to be installed later. Administrator Misurelli commented the request for the sign would be subject to the Council approval and placement would be under the jurisdiction of Director Gentile. At this point, regarding the mini-golf concept, is the Council supportive of this idea? Administrator Misurelli would move forward with the development of an agreement subject to the Council's decision. He recommends seeking the official approval of the Council for the signage. The thought is to make this golf course another attraction to draw people to the downtown area. Ms. Evans reviewed the preliminary plan of the layout of the golf course. She said they will build the basic holes and invite businesses or groups to sponsor and embellish them. They intend to be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the course. The Park District will partner with them for insurance and the City would provide the site. They plan to have the course be a free activity with a suggested donation. They don't have the staff to man the activity, so it will be used by the community on the honor system. They hope to have it ready by early summer. Mayor Walker supports the idea, but wants it noted that if the sale of the property was in the best interest of the City, the course would have to be moved. He wants the responsibility for the maintenance of the property to be defined. If this concept moves forward, he wants the residents in the area notified of the proposal in the event they have any concerns. Some Aldermen had concerns about it not being monitored by someone. Chief Solar stated that they do not anticipate any problems and Genoa Main Street is still working on fine tuning the details, such as storage of the equipment. The consensus of the Council was that they were supportive of the concept and to move forward on this matter.

Approval of request from Genoa Main Street for a directional sign on City property regarding the ice skating rink—In the short term, they will use a temporary sign. They will design a more permanent sign and work with Director Gentile on location. Motion made by Alderman Carroll to allow seasonal directional signs on City property on N. Genoa Street subject to placement location by the Public Works Director, seconded by Alderman Curley. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Watson, Hansen, Vicary and Wesner voted yes. Motion carried.

A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Genoa and the local Food Pantry—An updated version of the agreement was distributed to the Council with some minor changes making certain clarifications as directed by Attorney Slingerland. Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the City of Genoa and the local Food Pantry, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Alderman Sheahan reported that the Food Pantry is working on meeting the requirements and they are appreciative of the support of the City. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Watson, Hansen and Vicary voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval to purchase a new pump, motor and valves to be installed at the wastewater treatment plant—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve the purchase of a new pump, motor and valves to be installed at the wastewater treatment plant not to exceed \$28,000, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

For the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous Closed Session

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

For the purpose of discussing land acquisition

For the purpose of consideration of release of Closed Session minutes

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

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to reconvene to the regular session of the City Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Watson, Hansen and Vicary voted yes. Motion carried.

In the closed session, the City Council accepted the minutes of the December 15, 2009 closed session.

Alderman Hansen moved that the minutes of closed session meetings of the Genoa City Council, or parts thereof, be released for public inspection in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The minutes or parts thereof to be released are those which are set forth on the list which has previously been submitted to and reviewed by the members of the City Council, which list is before me now, as follows: Minutes to be released in whole – 10/20/09, 10/06/09, 07/21/09, 06/02/09, 04/06/09, 03/03/09, 02/17/09, 01/06/09, 11/03/08. Minutes to *not* be released- 08/04/09, 07/01/08, 06/17/08, 05/15/07, 02/20/07, 01/02/07, 07/18/06, 05/16/06, 02/07/06. Minutes to be released in part- 06/16/09-Of the nine paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph eight, 04/21/09-Of the fifteen paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraphs six, nine, ten, eleven and thirteen, 02/03/09-Of the ten paragraphs of the document, withhold paragraphs four and five, 01/20/09-Of the seven paragraphs of the document, withhold paragraph four, 12/16/08-Of the eight paragraphs of the document, withhold paragraph four, 09/16/08-Of the eight paragraphs of the document, withhold paragraph seven, 08/19/08-Of the ten paragraphs of the document, withhold paragraphs five, six, seven, eight and nine, 05/01/07-Of the ten paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph six, 04/03/07-Of the five paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph three, 03/20/07-Of the five paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph three, 10/18/05-Of the fourteen paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph eleven, 05/18/04-Of the eleven paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraphs seven and nine, 05/06/03-Of the eleven paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph eight, 07/16/02-Of the eleven paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph nine, 05/21/02-Of the six paragraphs in the document, withhold paragraph four. I further move that the City Clerk be requested to

prepare the minutes or portions thereof as reflected on this list for public inspection as soon as possible. I further move that the minutes which are designated on this list as not to be released continue to be withheld from public inspection until such time as this City Council deems that the release of the minutes is authorized by the Open Meetings Act, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli reports that the EPA approval documents came in on the Interceptor Sewer Project and those have been signed and returned. They have begun construction meetings and he expects the project to start soon. Staff continues to work on the funding for the wastewater treatment plant expansion. He has not heard anything yet on the Amtrak project, but expects some news in the next couple of months.

Public Works—Director Gentile reviewed the interceptor project and the areas that will be affected by the construction. This project will alleviate flooding in many areas of town. The department has been very busy handling the snow storms.

Police Department—Chief Solar reviewed his November crime report. The next report will be the annual report. He has done a traffic study on S. Hadsall St. and the results are that the 25 M.P.H. speed limit is appropriate for that street. He has requested IDOT to do a speed study on E. Main Street to reduce the speed coming into town.

Mayor's report—Mayor Walker commented on the letter from IDOT to a resident who registered a complaint regarding Prairie Street and Route 72. This letter concurs with the opinion of the City.

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.