

CITY OF GENOA
City Council Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2010

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present.

Mayor Walker led the Pledge to the Flag.

Guest speaker—none

Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to accept the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of June 28, 2010, seconded by Alderman Curley. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Sheahan, Seisser, Watson, Hansen, Vicary, Carroll and Curley voted yes. Alderman Wesner abstained. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to accept the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 6, 2010, seconded by Alderman Watson. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Seisser, Watson, Hansen, Vicary and Wesner voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to approve payment of the accounts payables for the first half of July 2010, seconded by Alderman Curley. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Sheahan, Seisser, Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Carroll and Curley voted yes. Alderman Watson abstained. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE

Gordon Jones spoke on behalf of Genoa Main Street. This weekend Genoa Main Street will be hosting an Open Air Market and a Dinner and Movie on Main Street. All are encouraged to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Consultant Misurelli stated that the Economic Development Commission's next roundtable meeting will be Thursday, September 2nd at noon. The Plan Commission will meet next on August 12th to review a petition.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

An ordinance amending Section 5.3.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Genoa and approving issuance of a Special Use Permit to allow a wind turbine for 400 E. Second Street—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to approve an ordinance amending Section 5.3.1 of the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Genoa and approving issuance of a Special Use Permit to allow a wind turbine for 400 E. Second Street, seconded by Alderman Sheahan. There are two elements to consider. First, the text of the UDO requires an amendment to allow such a use in a CR District. Second, the petitioner requests the approval of the Special Use. The Plan Commission was not unanimous in recommending this proposal based on the amount of power this would generate or its cost effectiveness; however, these issues are not part of a consideration for the land use. There was some objection to the project from several neighbors to the property. At the public hearing, Gary Eggleston expressed concern that the text amendment would allow any government entity to put up a wind turbine anywhere in town without any further approval. This amendment would not remove the obligation to give notice. The wind turbine proposed would mirror the one located downtown. Several Alderman have visited the wind turbine already in place and stated any sound generated is minute and there doesn't appear to be any "shadowing" issues. Also, the location of the proposed wind turbine is a long distance from any residential homes. This wind turbine will probably generate enough power to supply the Park District. The Park District has been awarded a grant and must complete the project according to the design submitted to receive their reimbursements. The grant application for the wind turbine would reimburse 75% of this project. Alderman Hansen suggested that if and when this turbine is installed, we meter and document the sound generated by it to satisfy any questions by residents. The location of the proposed wind turbine was chosen because it has to be in the proximity of the current electrical source. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Curley, Sheahan and Seisser voted yes. Alderman Carroll and Watson voted no. Motion carried.

Consideration of a request by the Genoa Vets Club for a special permit to establish a beer garden—In summary, this is a fundraiser scheduled for September 5, 2010 to assist a wounded soldier and his family with live entertainment outside from noon to 5:00 p.m. After this time, the entertainment would be brought inside. The area will be fenced off and security will be provided by the Vets Club. Motion made by Alderman Carroll to approve this request, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. This ordinance will be on the next agenda for final approval.

Approval of a change order to the Sewer Interceptor Contract—Motion made by Alderman Curley to approve a change order to the Sewer Interceptor Contract not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call taken. Alderman Curley, Sheahan, Seisser, Watson, Hansen, Vicary, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

For the purpose of discussing land acquisition—

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

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

In the closed session, the City Council accepted the minutes of the July 6, 2010 closed session.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization for the Mayor to appoint a Chief of Police—Motion made by Alderman Wesner to authorize the Mayor to appoint Ty Lynch as Chief of Police effective September 1st, 2010, seconded by Alderman Curley. Roll call vote taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Vicary voted yes. Motion carried.

Authorization for the Mayor to reinstate a Police Officer position—Motion made by Alderman Hansen to authorize the Mayor to reinstate Officer Tim Hoffstead to the position of Police Officer effective September 1, 2010, seconded by Alderman Watson. With the appointment of Ty Lynch to Chief of Police, it creates an opening of Police Officer. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Hansen, Vicary, Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Sheahan, Seisser and Watson voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administration report—Consultant Misurelli had nothing to report.

Public Works—Director Gentile stated his disappointment that the Ellwood cabin will be located at a different location on Pleasant Hill Road; however, it will remain in the local area. There were some improvements made on S. Hadsall Street which are the responsibility of the developer and the City does have some recourse to collect these costs.

Police Department—Acting Chief Lynch thanked the Council members for their support.

Mayors report—Mayor Walker met with the School District and the residents of S. Hadsall Street pertaining to the flooding issues and he continues to work on a resolution of this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Walker reminded everyone about the Community Picnic this weekend and encouraged everyone to come and invite their family and neighbors to participate.

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