

CITY OF GENOA  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
April 26, 2010

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

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Sheahan to accept the minutes of the previous Committee of the Whole meeting of March 29, 2010, seconded by Alderman Watson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Sanitary sewer interceptor project status update—City Engineer Cuda was present to update the City Council on the progress of the sewer interceptor project. They have overcome the dewatering matter and have moved beyond Sycamore Street. The contractor is on schedule and he expects a savings of \$50,000 with the current revisions. Compaction is being done on the project and pavement will be saw cut to the appropriate aggregate depth and reinstalled. After the project is completed and approved by the City, we enter into a one-year maintenance period to be provided by the contractor. The inspectors are here daily. City Engineer Cuda and City staff have met with the Fire Department to reduce any impact on their facility and their performing their services during construction. The data provided for the project regarding soil borings was from 18 months ago. Water conditions are a variable and to get up-to-date data, the tests would have to be performed within weeks of the construction. Also, access to the railroad property was unavailable until an agreement was signed. Mayor Walker reiterated that had we known about the water beforehand, it would have raised the cost across the board, no matter who bid on the project. Also, the data used was recent data when this process and grant application began. Discussion ensued regarding the process and costs involved with the added dewatering and redesigning of the system. Mayor Walker suggested that this detailed discussion continue after the meeting with Aldermen Sheahan, Aldermen Wesner and Director Gentile and this information could be relayed back to the Council. He anticipates the project to be completed in July. Also, there was a suggestion to reinforce the areas opened in the newly paved roads to accommodate the heavy traffic. This matter will be addressed.

Discuss downtown 15-minute parking—Mayor Walker does not expect a decision this evening. He has received various ideas from the area business owners. He suggests making all of the parking on Main Street from Genoa St. to Sycamore St. 1-hour parking which might accommodate everyone. Several Aldermen had concerns about making different times

throughout the downtown area. To accommodate everyone, the City Council needs more data. This matter will continue to the next Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

Discuss tower access agreement for potential internet provider—Administrator Misurelli has been talking to a firm who has expressed some interest into possibly entering into a lease agreement. If the Council is interested, he will prepare a draft agreement for their consideration. There were no objections.

## CLOSED SESSION

For the purpose of reviewing the previous closed session minutes-

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

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

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

As a result of the closed session, the minutes of the closed session of April 20, 2010 were accepted. Also, Mayor Walker announced that Chief Solar will be taking a personal medical leave. During his absence, Mayor Walker is appointing Sergeant Ty Lynch as Acting Chief.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works—Director Gentile referenced his report regarding the cleaning service and this avenue allows for cost savings. He is meeting with IDOT to discuss redesigning the sidewalk area in front of the Genoa Café in conjunction with the upcoming street and sidewalk project.

Administrator's report—Administrator Misurelli had nothing further.

Police Department—Acting Chief Lynch had nothing further. Alderman Wesner stated her frustration at the continued blocking of First Street by the trucks making deliveries. Mayor Walker directed Administrator Misurelli to write a letter to the business owner. The controversy of this matter continues and the City staff will continue to work towards a solution.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Arbor Day tree planting is the 30<sup>th</sup> at AT Cyber Systems. Also, Mayor Walker is looking for someone who can attend a baseball game on May 1<sup>st</sup> to represent the City of Genoa.

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