CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 30, 2012
6:30 P.M.

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2011

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
   A) MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT AND PROGRAM
   B) DISCUSS ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAMS
   C) DISCUSS MUNICIPAL UTILITY TAXES
   D) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.
CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
FEBRUARY 27, 2012
6:30 P.M.

I. TO ORDER/Roll Call

II. Amendments to the Agenda

III. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting of January 30, 2012

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A) Discuss Municipal Utility Taxes

B) Discuss Sign Regulations

C) Discuss Disaster Preparedness

VI. Department Reports

VII. Announcements

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CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
MAY 21, 2012
6:30 P.M.

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
JUNE 25, 2012
6:30 P.M.

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A) PROPOSED CITY CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING COURTESY SIGNS

B) PROPOSED CITY CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING STATE OF ILLINOIS VIDEO GAMING LICENSES

C) SECOND STREET RESURFACING PROJECT UPDATE

D) PROPOSED UDO TEXT AMENDMENT FOR DOWNTOWN DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

E) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.
CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
JULY 30, 2012
6:30 P.M.

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A) DISCUSS PROPOSED AGREEMENT WITH FOX VALLEY INTERNET

B) CONSIDERATION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON N. BROWN STREET

C) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 27, 2012
6:30 P.M.

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF JULY 30, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A) PRESENTATION BY GENOA MAIN STREET

B) DISCUSS POTENTIAL ECONOMIC INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH PRAIRIE RIDGE POINTE SHOPPING CENTER

C) DISCUSS POTENTIAL WARD RE-DISTRICTING

D) DISCUSS PROPOSED DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE - TREE PLANTINGS

E) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012
6:30 P.M.

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
   A) DISCUSS ROUTE 23 AND INTERSTATE 90 INTERCHANGE
   B) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.
CITY OF GENOA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 26, 2012
6:30 P.M.

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING **
THE CITY OF GENOA
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 26, 2012

6:30 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE FOR A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY AT 113 NORTH GENOA STREET BY THE CITY OF GENOA

III. CLOSED SESSION
   A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION
   B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING, POSSIBLE AND/OR PROBABLE LITIGATION

III. ADJOURNMENT

Regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting to follow after the Special Meeting
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
   A) CONSIDERATION OF WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES
   B) CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE TOWING PROCEDURES
   C) DISCUSS PROPOSED RECYCLING EVENTS
   D) DISCUSS PROPOSED COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE EVENT
   E) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING **

THE CITY OF GENOA
CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 23, 2012

6:30 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. CLOSED SESSION

   A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE
      PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION

   B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING, POSSIBLE
      AND/OR PROBABLE LITIGATION

III. ADJOURNMENT

*Regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting
  to follow after the Special Meeting*
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A) PRESENTATION OF PLANS FOR HORSEFLOWER’S CULTURAL ART GROUP

B) PRESENTATION OF G-K HIGH SCHOOL’S ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT

C) PRESENTATION OF ELECTRIC AGGREGATION IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

D) DISCUSS PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

E) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING **
THE CITY OF GENOA
CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 29, 2012

6:30 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. APRIL 30, 2012 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

III. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEKALB COUNTY E-911 BOARD TO INSTALL AN EMERGENCY BACKUP GENERATOR AT THE SOUTH WATER TOWER

IV. APPROVE PAVEMENT REPAIRS AT TWO LOCATIONS

V. CLOSED SESSION

A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION

B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING, POSSIBLE AND/OR PROBABLE LITIGATION

III. ADJOURNMENT

Regularly scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting to follow after the Special Meeting
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A) CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE FITNESS CENTER BETWEEN THE CITY OF GENOA AND THE GENOA TOWNSHIP PARK DISTRICT

B) DISCUSS A PROPOSED BUSINESS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AREA AND REDEVELOPMENT SALES TAX BY THE GENOA MAIN STREET ORGANIZATION

C) CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE BETWEEN THE CITY OF GENOA AND ALAN BROWNE CHEVROLET

D) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

E) DISCUSS VIDEO POKER REVENUE POLICY

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING **
THE CITY OF GENOA
CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 26, 2012

6:30 P.M. CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. CLOSED SESSION

   A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE
      PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION

   B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING, POSSIBLE
      AND/OR PROBABLE LITIGATION

III. NEW BUSINESS

   A) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A SETTLEMENT
      AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GENOA AND
      GENOA-KINGSTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
      DISTRICT

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Regularity scheduled Committee of the Whole Meeting
To follow after the Special Meeting
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AGENDA

I. TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2012

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS
   A) DISCUSS EXTENSION OF ECONOMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL PERMITS FOR ADDITIONAL YEAR
   B) DISCUSS PROPOSED NO-PARKING PROVISIONS ON WATSON DRIVE
   C) DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.
Mayor Walker called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present.

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Watson to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 28, 2011, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Electric Aggregation consultant agreement and program—Consultant Misurelli distributed the proposed agreement stating the consultant who will handle the Electric Aggregation Program and their costs would be a portion of the rate negotiated. There are no upfront costs. This will be on the next Council meeting for approval so that we can get started on the public information program. He also distributed a proposed intergovernmental agreement with the other communities involved, which will be adopted at a later date.

Discuss Economic Incentive Programs—Mayor Walker stated that he hosted the Economic Incentive meeting which was well represented by the various taxing bodies. The consensus of the group was to continue with the program. He contacted the School District to inform them of the intent to continue forward with this program. In addition, Mayor Walker requested that the Council consider continuing the Economic Incentive Program for 2012 to waive impact fees as has been done for the past two years. There were no objections for this matter to be on the next meeting agenda.

Discuss Municipal utility taxes—The City of Genoa was contacted by a consultant for the School District asking for confirmation of the waiver of utility taxes on their electric bills. Mayor Walker is not in support of this because this concession is not given to other taxing bodies. He surveyed members of the Northern Mayors Association and there is not another community who does this. He does however recommend allowing this to continue until the end of their fiscal year because they did not plan for the loss of this income. If the decision of the Council is to begin collecting the utility tax again, Mayor Walker said he would recommend starting it at the beginning of the School District’s new fiscal year. The School District will receive confirmation of the Council’s decision in writing. The current ordinance does not have an expiration date for the utility tax allowance. After lengthy discussion, copies of the past documentation of this matter will be given to the Council at the next meeting so that it can be reviewed and this will
also be on the agenda for the next Committee of the Whole meeting for discussion. Mayor Walker has conveyed his intent and opinions on this matter to the School District and he will extend an invitation to them to attend the meeting regarding this matter.

Discuss Disaster Preparedness—Mayor Walker announced that there is a training tomorrow morning in Algonquin and other trainings are scheduled in the next couple of weeks for various department members.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli said we have received the agreement from the State of Illinois for the Second Street project. We have submitted the required report and they are working on getting the plans ready for bid. The Expo will be held this March on Saturday the 10th at the high school.

Public Works—Director Gentile commented on the fire evacuation plans for the Municipal Center that were distributed. We will be implementing a plan for the upstairs level also. We will also be planning a fire drill to test the feasibility of the plans.

Police Department—Chief Lynch stated that the Department is now on Facebook. The Chief is working on policies regarding the use of this social media. Mayor Walker also offered training in this field.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chamber of Commerce is having their annual dinner on Thursday, February 23. Anyone wishing to attend should notify City Clerk Shaneen so that we can make reservations.

Alderman Watson announced there is a new physician in town at the Kishwaukee Medical center.

Alderman Wesner stated that she would like to revisit the sign regulations. She and others have noticed that several signs have been populating certain areas, and sometimes they are not removed. We will review this at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Curley. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Mayor Walker called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present.

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Watson to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 30, 2012, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Municipal utility taxes—Mayor Walker stated this has been discussed at the last committee meeting. It is his recommendation based, on the discussion and documentation, that the Council moves forward with eliminating the utility tax concession to the School District as of June 30, 2012. There were no objections from the Council to move forward on this matter.

Discuss sign regulations—Consultant Misurelli provided information regarding signs. The staff is reviewing the current regulations and is working on some possible changes to the ordinances to incorporate suggestions from the Council. There are some challenges in accommodating all situations including the size of signs, where they can be located, the length of time they can be displayed, registration for displaying signs, etc. Staff will continue to work on this subject.

Discuss Disaster Preparedness—Mayor Walker stated that he will be attending class next week. There are classes in March and April and staff continues to advance in Emergency Preparedness. He is working with a manufacturer of chain saws on a safety class.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli mentioned that on the Electric Aggregation Program, he has compiled an information document that will be distributed to the general public in various media avenues including our website, newsletter and Expo.

Public Works—Director Gentile reported that the new snow removal equipment was superior in the snow removal process.

Police Department—Chief Lynch reviewed his January crime report.
Mayor’s report—Mayor Walker reminded everyone about the ribbon cutting event for the opening of the new photography studio in town and the open house for the new Fitness Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

Motion to adjourn the Committee of Whole meeting made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Following the special meeting of the City Council, Mayor Walker called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:51 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson and Hansen were present. Alderman Vicary was absent.

Amendments to the agenda—Mayor Walker reported that a Liquor Commission meeting is needed. There were no objections to adding this item to the agenda.

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 27, 2012, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote taken. Alderman Carroll, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Wesner voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of water and sewer rate increases—Mayor Walker stated this is our annual process in considering rate increases to the annual water and sewer utilities. A survey was included reflecting the neighboring communities. The Council deliberated the need for the increases, bearing in mind the ever-rising costs to deliver these services. This matter will be before them for approval at the next meeting.

Consideration to amend the towing procedures—Chief Lynch submitted a proposal to adjust the towing ordinance to change the process in which a person would recover their impounded vehicle. Vehicles being impounded would now be towed to a facility, instead of the Police Department and the vehicle owner would be responsible for the towing bill. There were no objections by the Council to move forward on this matter.

Discuss proposed recycling events—we have received a proposal from a recycling company, ERC, who will provide services to our residents at no cost to the City to dispose of electronics and other items on a monthly basis. People would be responsible for removing their personal data. The Council was supportive of this project.

Discuss proposed community-wide garage sale event—Garage sales are a popular activity in our community. We have surveyed neighboring towns and July 12, 13 and 14 is a time frame that would not be a conflict for promoting a community-wide garage sale event. These dates would coincide with one of Home Town Storage’s events. The Council was supportive of this idea, so we will move forward on this matter.

Discuss Disaster Preparedness—Mayor Walker distributed a draft Volunteer Application for volunteers in the event of a disaster. This would allow him and the Chief to compile and
organize a listing of volunteers who are disaster-ready. He is looking for input from the Council members. Initially, several Council members voiced concerns about the makeup of the application and what the people would be recruited for. Mayor Walker said this is a work in progress and he will continue working on this form.

Liquor Commission—Mayor Walker distributed information to the commission members. He announced that recently the State came into town and performed a sting operation. One of the businesses was found in violation. Eventually, we will be conducting a hearing. As this matter evolves, we will be acting accordingly. There have been no previous violations with this business. Chief Lynch is following up with information to the liquor establishments and reiterating the required Bassett training for the servers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli acknowledged that our Electric Aggregation referendum passed. Not all neighboring communities passed their referendum, but we still will have the consortium to negotiate rates beginning in April. We will be having two public hearings in April as required.

Public Works—Director Gentile was absent.

Public Works—Chief Lynch had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor’s report—Mayor Walker had nothing to add to this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Mayor Walker called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present. Alderman Carroll was absent.

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Curley to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 26, 2012, seconded by Alderman Seisser. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of plans for Horseflower’s Cultural Art Group—The representative for this project was not in attendance, so this matter may be heard at a later date.

Presentation of G-K High School’s Architectural Project—The representative from this group was not able to attend, but this project will continue to be displayed.

Presentation of Electric Aggregation implementation process—Consultant Misurelli was temporarily absent from the Committee of the Whole meeting being involved in a separate meeting. The presentation would be made later this evening.

Discuss proposed sign ordinance amendment—Director Gentile distributed information regarding several proposed changes in the regulations pertaining to courtesy signs to allow some flexibility while implementing some additional standards. These proposals would affect both typical event signs and their locations, including the Y intersection. After a lengthy discussion, certain aspects of the proposed regulations were in question: The number of signs allowed per event, the length of time the signs could be displayed and the requirement to have the address and the date on the signs. Director Gentile will compile the information from the Council and implement it in the proposal accordingly and present it at the next meeting.

Discuss Disaster Preparedness—Mayor Walker and staff continue to attend and update their training. Mayor Walker will be working on a project to evaluate our community and assess our projected needs in the event of a disaster.

Consultant Misurelli had returned to the meeting; however, he experienced technical difficulties with the equipment and was not able to give the Power Point Electrical Aggregation Presentation at this time.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli had nothing to add to the report.

Public Works—Director Gentile had no additional report.

Police Department—Officer Greg Edwards was in attendance for Chief Lynch. He said Sergeant Smith was currently attending K-9 School.

Mayor’s report—Mayor Walker announced he would be doing a presentation tomorrow for the Genoa Women’s Club on Emergency Preparedness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Walker reminded everyone that the Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce extended an invitation to attend the Business After Hours at the Fitness Center on Tuesday, April 24th.

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Mayor Walker called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Seisser, Hansen and Vicary were present. Aldermen Curley, Stevenson and Watson were absent.

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Seisser to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 23, 2012, seconded by Alderman Hansen. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed City Code amendment regarding courtesy signs—In summary, there was some discussion regarding regulating certain courtesy signs. Director Gentile compiled a proposal with the collective ideas suggested. Mayor Walker had concerns as to how this information would be conveyed to the public and how it would be enforced. The proposal is to phase this in next year. This would allow time to distribute the information to the general public. This may reduce some of the sign clutter. This item will be brought forward at a future Council meeting.

Proposed City Code amendment regarding State of Illinois video gaming licenses—Consultant Misurelli stated that the State of Illinois adopted video poker in late 2009 and this Council did not opt-out of that provision. There are a variety of local ordinances that provide gambling restrictions; therefore, they treat it as a prohibition of video gaming in that community. We have several facilities who wish to apply for these State licenses. Currently, our ordinances do not allow someone to obtain a State video gaming license. The State regulates these machines and the City will receive revenue from this venue. The Council discussed scenarios regarding gambling and the ability to control these licenses. There was also the suggestion to consider where to allocate this revenue. The consensus was to move forward on this item.

Second Street resurfacing project update—Consultant Misurelli distributed information regarding the grant funding; that there may be a delay in the second portion of the State grant funding. With the current economy, prices continue to rise for this project. We are ready to go to bid. There were no objections from the Council to move forward on this project.

Proposed UDO text amendment for downtown directional signs—Consultant Misurelli has received a request by Genoa Main Street to consider signage to attract potential customers to businesses off of Main Street. Mayor Walker asked if the additional signs are allowed on the
buildings, would this reduce the number of sandwich board signs. Consultant Misurelli will continue to work on this matter and bring it forward to the Council at a later date.

Discuss Disaster Preparedness—Mayor Walker continues his education on this subject including training on the State’s IEMA Preparedness and additional training out of state. There will be a meeting probably in August to continue the Threat and Vulnerability Assessment. All organizations were represented at the previous meeting. He continues to work with Public Works and the Police Department regarding the City.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli had nothing to report at this time.

Public Works—Director Gentile reported that water production is up, but there is not any concern about rationing at this time. He continues to monitor it. Alderman Wesner asked about consideration of parking on one side of Brown Street. Alderman Carroll asked about consideration of opening an alley to Robinson Street. Chief Lynch will discuss these matters with the Fire Chief for any emergency response issues. We will research the previous decisions made regarding this alley and discuss these items further at future meetings.

Police Department—Chief Lynch had nothing to report at this time. Mayor Walker asked to have a display of the new K-9 unit soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—none

Motion to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Hansen. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
CITY OF GENOA
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2012

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

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Seisser to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 25, 2012, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote taken. All voted yes except Aldermen Curley, Stevenson and Watson who abstained. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss proposed agreement with Fox Valley Internet—Consultant Misurelli stated that he has been talking with Fox Valley Internet for a period of time for use of the south water tower to install equipment to provide wireless internet to the community. They have come to an agreement which has been reviewed by staff and our attorney. There is also an option to add the north water tower if needed. Attorney Slingerland has made a recommendation on the agreement regarding assignment of the lease. John Diem, President of Fox Valley Internet, stated that they have been doing this business since 2002. They use a Motorola product to provide a dependable service. They are a local service who prides themselves on customer service. There were no objections from the Council members, so this item will move forward, possibly at the next meeting.

Consideration of parking restrictions on N. Brown Street—Chief Lynch summarized this subject. He discussed any issues with the Fire Department that may be problematic, but the Fire Chief did not voice any. Considering the location of the sidewalks and pedestrian traffic, the fire hydrants and the movement of trucks in the area, there is no clear determination as to what side of the street should have limited parking. It is his recommendation to continue allowing street parking on both sides of the street. There were no comments or objections from the Council members at this time.

Disaster preparedness—Mayor pro tem Hansen reminded everyone to review the NIMS training so the City can qualify for assistance if needed. Mayor Walker is out of town at a training and upon his return he will be available for those who need support.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli reported that the bid opening for the Second Street project is tomorrow.

Public Works—Director Gentile is anxious for the bid opening tomorrow and he is preparing to schedule the Public Works portion of the project. The crews continue to work on the brush chipping in the area after the adverse weather we experienced.

Police Department—Chief Lynch discussed his proposal to grant the authority to the Police Chief to hire part-time officers. The time factor involved in the current process is crippling in an emergency situation. There is a protocol in place in hiring these part-time officers. There were no objections from the Council and this matter will come before them at a future meeting.

Mayor’s report—none

ANNOUNCEMENTS—NONE

Motion made by Alderman Stevenson to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Curley. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Mayor Walker called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson and Vicary were present. Aldermen Hansen was absent.

Amendments to the agenda—Mayor Walker changed the order of the agenda, discussing item B before item A.

Motion made by Alderman Seisser to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 30, 2012, seconded by Alderman Watson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss potential economic incentive agreement with Prairie Ridge Pointe shopping center—Consultant Misurelli summarized that the owners of the Prairie Ridge Pointe Shopping Center would like to facilitate the right in/right out only access which has been approved by IDOT. They are proposing an economic incentive agreement to reimburse some of the costs for their projects. They are building the cross access. Usually, an agreement is tied to new business. In this case, it is tied to this project with a $40,000 cap. This agreement would be to entice new business, not existing businesses. Steve Schwartz was in attendance and he stated that Consultant Misurelli covered everything. He expects this to help to promote development and traffic circulation. There were no further comments, questions or concerns by the Council members. This matter will be on a future agenda for consideration.

Presentation by Genoa Main Street—Gordon Jones, President of Genoa Main Street, began his presentation. He reminisced about how the downtown looked then and the push to promote the Genoa Main Street Organization to revitalize the downtown. He reviewed how the downtown evolved to what it is today. In his presentation, he claimed the downtown generated $250,000 annually in tax revenues. He talked about the conferences attended and the awards won. They are greatly concerned about their financial matters and the loss of financial support from the City. Michael Haines, Vice-president of Genoa Main Street, reviewed their budget. When they experienced the loss of the City financial support, they did receive some one-time donations. By the end of the budget year, they will probably exhaust their reserves. He is seeking assistance from the City to work with them and investigate potential revenue options. Mayor Walker agreed that the City is willing to work with Genoa Main Street to brainstorm and review potential income streams. Mike Groark, business owner from downtown, stated that he supports a sales tax increase in the downtown area which would be used to supplement Genoa Main Street. Main Street has set a timeline to address the survival of their organization. Mayor Walker said the City is willing to work with Main Street; however, he believes the figure on the sales tax revenue is less than $100,000 and he wants to confirm that all businesses are in agreement to incorporate such a tax. Mayor Walker and Mr. Haines discussed several financial
aspects of Main Street such as the Springboard program and their diminishing list of personal donors. Mayor Walker and the Council members discussed the controversy of a possible tax increase. Consultant Misurelli will work with Genoa Main Street Organization to investigate this matter including designation of the area included and possible revenue options.

Discuss potential Ward re-districting—Mayor Walker stated that we are obligated to restructure these boundaries regarding population. The proposed map submitted distributes the population and allows the current aldermen to remain representatives of their districts. Mayor Walker stated there was a minor change that could be made to change the boundary lines, but the numbers would not be as equal. Consultant Misurelli reviewed the challenges in creating this map. This matter will be before the Council for a vote at the next meeting.

Discuss proposed downtown streetscape – tree plantings—Mayor Walker talked about some short term designs to enhance downtown, for example to move the flower planters closer to the curb. Director Gentile put together a proposal to install trees along Main Street in the downtown area. Consideration was taken on location, parking, overhangs, etc. He estimates that it will cost about $39,000 for the trees to be installed, and a cost of $50,000 with guards over the next several years. In addition, he suggests adding garbage cans for the downtown. Staff continues to investigate grant possibilities. There were no objections from the Council to accept this concept.

Discuss Disaster Preparedness—Mayor Walker continues to work on the Threat and Vulnerability Assessment and he worked on the evaluations at the recent quarterly meeting. He continues to work on his education and will be attending a meeting downstate and will be receiving an award. Several Aldermen are working on the NIMS requirements. He will be scheduling a meeting to complete the necessary documents. Mayor Walker will be contacting the County Foundation to provide the cost for weather radios for certain organizations.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli had no further report for this evening.

Public Works—Director Gentile stated he has a pre-construction meeting scheduled for the Second Street project this week and expects work to begin soon. Project information will be advertised on the City medias.

Police Department—Chief Lynch reported that the Administrative Adjudication process is beginning to accumulate data which he will be passing on to the Council. Sergeant Smith and Officer Kane attended Pioneer Day.

Mayor’s report—Mayor Walker had nothing in addition to his previous information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Alderman Watson stated that the Pioneer Day event was a success.

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Mayor Walker called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson and Hansen were present. Aldermen Vicary was absent.

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Curley to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 27, 2012, seconded by Alderman Seisser. Voice vote taken. All voted yes except Alderman Hansen who abstained. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Route 23 and Interstate 90 interchange—In attendance were Mr. Bill Nimmo and Mr. Frank Sacco. Mayor Walker distributed some additional information received from these gentlemen. Mr. Nimmo is a consultant who represents Mr. Sacco, the owner of 143 acres of property located at the intersection of Interstate 90 and Route 23. The long-term plans of the Toll way Authority indicate the construction of an interchange at this location; they just don’t know when it will be considered. Their objective is to form a coalition to influence them to place a higher priority on this planned interchange. In viewing the map for available access to Interstate 90 and/or the Route 23 corridor, he highlighted the present routes that would need to be taken, involving certain back-tracking and less efficient traveling. This interchange would provide a key route to highway 23, which runs through DeKalb County and is a critical artery to the area. Toll way access will promote economic growth and stimulate community development, which he believes would affect the City of Genoa. These gentlemen are looking for the support of the City Council regarding this matter and are working on collecting the support of area communities. The consensus of the Council was in support of this project and a resolution will appear on the next City Council meeting for consideration.

Discuss Disaster Preparedness—Mayor Walker reported that he and Chief Lynch attended a State training conference. Last week, City staff members attended training on Damage Assessment and Debris Management. In the event of a significant disaster, the City would have to immediately provide an assessment in order to receive Federal funding assistance. He and Director Gentile are working on coordinating a plan. He continues to work on the NIMS requirements with the Council members.
DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli stated that the Packard Car Club will be visiting Genoa in October. He mentioned a newspaper article that indicates our electric aggregation shows a substantially lower rate for our residents compared to the surrounding areas. He is working with the DCEDC to create an inventory of the available industrial sites in the area for potential clients.

Public Works Department—Director Gentile had nothing to report this evening.

Police Department—Chief Lynch reviewed his monthly report. He commented on the activity of the K-9 Unit.

Mayor’s report—Mayor Walker had nothing further to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mayor Walker reminded everyone of the Oktoberfest event.

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Curley. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Mayor Walker called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:32 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Carroll, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present. Alderman Wesner was absent.

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Watson to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 24, 2012, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of an amendment to the intergovernmental agreement for the Fitness Center between the City of Genoa and the Genoa Township Park District—Mayor Walker summarized that the City entered into an agreement with the Park District prior to the December architectural issue. In March of 2011 the City Council agreed to amend the agreement by 5 months for postponement of compensation to the City. Since then, the Mayor and staff have met with various Park District representatives for an additional extension. The Park District is asking for a 6 month extension and Mayor Walker offered a consideration of 3 months. Paul Bafia, Director of the Park District, reiterated the process in developing the Fitness Center. There was a time delay and additional expense in the project because of the architectural matter. After discussing the matter and weighing the pros and cons, a proposal was made to amend Parts a and c by 3 months and Part b by 6 months. There was a request to have a profit and loss statement provided by the Park District. Director Bafia will meet with his board and the Council will consider this at a future Council meeting. Holly Ber expressed her opinion on the reasons for the delay and the issues with contractors, but the Council stayed at the proposal made.

Discuss a proposed Business District Development Area and Redevelopment Sales Tax by the Genoa Main Street Organization—This matter has been previously discussed. Michael Haines addressed the Council and stated that they have considered their suggestions; however, they strongly support this redevelopment sales tax proposal. They interpret this as a win-win situation for them and the City. The proposed map includes additional businesses to the west, but does exclude the gas stations in the area. He reviewed the timeline to be followed if this concept would be considered. Mayor Walker asked about the difference in expected revenues if the business to the west was excluded. The group discussed the requirement for the area to be designated as blighted, and there was a difference of opinion. Mr. Haines said they have been assessing their options for fundraising. The general consensus of the Council was that they were not comfortable adding a tax to the general public in these economic times. Genoa property
owner Bob Briscoe spoke and stated he is opposed to a tax increase and does not support it. Mayor Walker stated on behalf of the Council that he and the Council will not support this as an option for revenue for Genoa Main Street. Mayor Walker argued that implementing this tax would only affect some business owners who sell items and they would have to be penalized by this tax, but all business owners in the downtown area would benefit. The Council would like to see them pursue other resources. Gordon Jones spoke and voiced his opinions and expressed his disappointment. Mr. Haines thanked the Council for the opportunity to present their case. Alderman Watson suggested that Genoa Main Street make their needs public in order to gain support from the public.

Consideration of a request for an Economic Incentive between the City of Genoa and Alan Browne Chevrolet—Consultant Misurelli stated that the Park District is not supportive of this and the other taxing bodies are awaiting the City’s position on this. This dealership has concerns about the impact of the new dealership in close proximity in Sycamore. This area has received some concessions when they were built. In principle and fairness, the Council was reluctant to support this endeavor. This matter will not move forward at this time.

Discuss disaster preparedness—Mayor Walker had nothing additional at this time.

Discuss video poker revenue policy—Alderman Hansen suggested that since these establishments are on Main Street, maybe a portion could support Main Street. Alderman Curley would like to see it support infrastructure. Another suggestion was the K-9 fund. This matter will be continued to another Committee of the Whole meeting. Consultant Misurelli will research distribution possibilities for these funds.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There was nothing to be reported by the Department Heads this evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Carroll expressed her displeasure with the presentation by the Genoa Main Street Organization. Alderman Seisser announced that Trinity Lutheran will be hosting a leadership breakfast on Saturday. David Glaum stated that the Genoa Main Street issue is emotional, but they have worked very hard trying to investigate every avenue for revenue funds. He thanked everyone for their support. Mayor Walker encouraged going to the public in a positive campaign and seek their support. On a positive note, Alderman Vicary announced that the Bronco’s were involved in a conference this weekend which drew 300 to 500 people to the area. Four of the teams made it through the finals and finished as champions and won the title.

Motion made by Alderman Stevenson to adjourn the meeting of the Committee of the Whole, seconded by Alderman Curley. Voice vote taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.
Mayor Walker called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:55 p.m. Roll call taken. Aldermen Wesner, Curley, Stevenson, Seisser, Watson, Hansen and Vicary were present. Alderman Carroll was absent.

Amendments to the agenda—none

Motion made by Alderman Watson to accept the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 29, 2012, seconded by Alderman Seisser. Voice vote taken. All voted yes except Alderman Wesner who abstained. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS—none

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss extension of Economic Incentive Program for residential permits for additional year—Mayor Walker stated we have engaged in this program for the past several years and it has benefited the City. This process has profited the taxing bodies involved by forgoing the impact fees to gain property tax. This proposal will be on the next agenda for consideration. In the last few new construction permits, this was a strong factor in consideration for getting a permit. There were no objections to have this on the next agenda.

Discuss proposed no-parking provisions on Watson Drive—This subject has been discussed in the past and no action was taken. To date, the Chief of Police is bringing this forward upon the request of the Fire Department as a result of a recent house fire. There is a proposal to restrict parking on the outside circle of Watson Drive. The residents will be notified of this consideration, allowing them to voice their opinions and concerns and it will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Discuss disaster preparedness—Mayor Walker had nothing to discuss at this time. Conflicts in schedules have prohibited a meeting of the Assessment Group, but it is forthcoming.

Mayor Walker introduced Mr. Jim Jennings who is with a garbage disposal company, Advance Disposal Services, previously Veolia Environmental Services. He has been attending and/or visiting communities to let them know he is available when we look to bid these services.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative report—Consultant Misurelli had nothing further to report
Public Works—Director Gentile had nothing further to report

Police Department—Chief Lynch reported that the Administrative Adjudication process has yielded over $20,000 after a 6 month review. There was a one-time expense of $5,080. The ultimate goal of this process is to gain compliance. The process to add the Building Department is moving forward. This system supports regulations in the best interest of the community.

Mayor’s report—At a future meeting, Mayor Walker would like to discuss going forward with the services of the City Engineer and/or any alternative options. Alderman Hansen mentioned that now summer is over, he is seeing certain recreational vehicles being illegally stored. Chief Lynch will investigate this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Walker reminded everyone of the luncheon on Friday the 21st at noon.

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