

CITY OF GENOA  
City Hall  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

In the absence of Mayor Vicary, Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Di Guido, Winter, Brust, Lang and Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson were present. Alderman Cravatta arrived at 7:25 p.m.

**Guest Speaker:** City Clerk Winker swore in Greg Edwards as Deputy Chief of Police.

Motion made by Alderman Di Guido to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 City Council meeting, as well as the minutes of the Special Committee of the Whole meeting on February 18, 2020, seconded by Alderman Brust. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to approve payment of the accounts payables for the second half of February 2020, in the amount of \$442,661.16, seconded by Alderman Winter. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Carroll, Di Guido, Winter, Brust, Lang, Wesner and Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLAN COMMISSION AND THE POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION:**

- Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve the appointment of Jennifer Barton as a member of the Plan Commission, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Di Guido, Winter, Brust, Lang and Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Alderman Brust to approve the appointment of Eliot Morris as a member of the Police and Fire Commission, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote was taken. Alderman Brust, Lang, Wesner, Carroll, Di Guido, Winter and Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH DEKALB COUNTY FOR DISPATCH SERVICES:** Motion made by Alderman Di Guido to approve an agreement with DeKalb County for dispatch services from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2026, seconded by Alderman Brust. Council Members were pleased with this 36% reduction in fees and commended staff for their efforts. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Di Guido, Winter, Brust, Lang, Wesner and Carroll voted yes. Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson abstained. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER READING SOFTWARE:** Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve the purchase of MI Net Mobile Reader System from Mueller, not to exceed \$6,000, seconded by Alderman Brust. Public Works Director, Rich Gentile explained that this is a software upgrade which will enable compatibility with both older and new meters. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Di Guido, Winter, Brust, Lang and Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BOX:** Motion made by Alderman Carroll to approve the purchase of a Dump Box from Bonnell Truck Equipment, not to exceed \$27,648, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Carroll, Di Guido, Winter, Brust, Lang, Wesner and Mayor Pro Tem Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

***Administrative Report*** – Administrative Director, Alyssa Seguss reported that the letter to the Genoa Woods residents would be mailed the following day; staff is coordinating the asbestos removal at 131 South Sycamore Street and demolition should begin within 2 to 4 weeks; Prairie State Winery has completed their façade improvements and will be receiving their grant reimbursement; Beth Fowler has expressed interest in the façade program as well; City staff assisted the Chamber in submitting a grant to the Community Foundation for redevelopment of their website, as well as funds to support community events; Plan Commission meeting and public hearing for Open Door Coffee is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>; staff anticipates consideration for a revolving loan at an upcoming City Council meeting for the future buyer of the property located at 313 West Main Street; staff has drafted lease agreements for the tenants occupying the old City Hall spaces, to include rent increases as the Units are no longer serving as incubator spaces, as well as maintenance of the building being approximately \$10,000 this and next fiscal year. Lastly, Director Seguss reported that she handed out a chart summary of the proposed reformatting of the liquor code and asked Council for feedback, as she would like to present an Ordinance at the March 17, 2020 City Council meeting for approval of the amendments. She also expressed the importance of getting the amendments approved as liquor license renewals begin in early April. Director Seguss was asked if there are any other areas that could be used for incubator space. She responded not at this time.

***Finance Report*** – Finance Office Manager & Treasurer, Jan Tures reported that staff is working on revising the Budget and Capital Improvement Plan. She indicated that staff will be presenting the Budget at a Committee of the Whole meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

***Public Works*** – Public Works Director, Rich Gentile provided a brief overview of the 2 emergency items in the packet, which consist of a tap box and transfer switch for the new portable generator and emergency repairs to the Waste Water Treatment Plant generator. He expressed the importance of the generators, as they prevent system back-ups during power outages.

***Police Department*** – Chief Smith announced that Auxiliary Officer, Logan Hanselmann has resigned due to accepting a full time position with the Palatine Police Department and introduced his replacement, Mike Walsh; he indicated that the Police Department is looking into buying a Ford Explorer hybrid to assist with fuel costs; he thanked Alderman Carroll for her baked goods at the Fire Fighters Chili Supper and lastly, he received a call from Margy Leonard stating that she and her daughter would like to get some items out of the house at 131 South Sycamore Street.

***Mayor's Report*** – None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held tonight following the regular City Council meeting as well as another one on March 30<sup>th</sup> for presentation of the Budget.

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council was made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Winter. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.