

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.

In Mayor Vicary's absence, City Attorney, Jack Slingerland called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Di Guido, Cravatta, Brust and Lang were present. Aldermen Stevenson and Winter were absent. Quorum present. City Attorney, Jack Slingerland asked for a motion to appoint Alderman Di Guido as Mayor Pro Tem. This motion was made by Alderman Lang and seconded by Alderman Brust. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Lang, Wesner, Carroll, Di Guido, Cravatta and Brust voted yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speaker – None

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2020 City Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Carroll to approve payment of the accounts payables for the first half of October 2020 in the amount of \$107,081.26, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Public Works Director Rich Gentile was asked if Santa's Sleigh for the Genoa Area Chamber Celebrate the Season Parade is a donation or if the City will be reimbursed for it. He responded that it is a donation. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Carroll, Cravatta, Brust, Lang, Wesner and Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido voted yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE DEKALB COUNTY ENTERPRISE ZONE:

Motion made by Alderman Lang to approve an Ordinance authorizing boundary modifications to the area known as the DeKalb County Enterprise Zone – Conserv FS, seconded by Alderman Wesner. Paul Borek the Executive Director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Corporation gave a brief overview of the proposed boundary modifications. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Lang, Wesner, Carroll, Cravatta, Brust and Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido voted yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF GENOA'S 2021 STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSIDER A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CES:

Kevin Bunge, President of CES, INC presented Council with information pertaining to the proposed plan for the 2021 street improvements. He explained that CES will provide the necessary engineering to meet State and Local requirements for street design specifications for the 16 streets included in the project. He indicated that improvements will begin with South Genoa Street and went over the chart of the other streets included as well. He explained that by doing all of these streets in one project, it will be a savings of approximately 20%. Director Gentile also provided additional information regarding the project. He indicated that bids will go out in January or February of 2021, with an expected start date of July or August 2021.

- Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with CES, INC. for the 2021 street improvements preliminary engineering, not to exceed \$140,100, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Carroll, Cravatta, Brust, Lang and Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER PRAIRIE STATE WINERY’S USE OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FOR THEIR NOUVEAU CELEBRATION: Motion made by Alderman Cravatta to approve Prairie State Winery’s use of the Municipal parking lot on Thursday, November 19, 2020, seconded by Alderman Wesner. The question was asked if there would be any liability on the City. Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido responded that he had the same question and had spoken with Administrative Director, Alyssa Seguss regarding this. He stated that Director Seguss would be reaching out to the owner of Prairie State Winery to provide him with a limitation on City liability and release indemnity agreement to sign. Director Seguss added that the owner of the winery stated that he will be roping off the parking lot so there will only be one entrance. Roll call vote was taken. Alderman Cravatta, Brust, Lang, Wesner, Carroll and Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO GOLF CARTS: Motion made by Alderman Brust to approve an Ordinance amending Title 6, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Chapter 6, Golf Carts, Section 4, of the Municipal Code for the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Public Works Director, Rich Gentile explained that he is proposing that Golf Carts and UTV’s not be operated on paved trails, except the trail between Stearn Drive and Madison Street, to provide control measures to ensure pedestrian safety. After some questions and discussion, Director Gentile stated that he will be putting another plan for accessibility together to be presented at the next City Council meeting. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Brust, Lang, Wesner, Carroll, Cravatta and Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative Report – Administrative Director, Alyssa Seguss reported the she has been working on some development projects; amendments in the Riverbend subdivision for the row homes and some additions to the Oak Creek subdivision. It has been determined that Municipalities do not need to close for Election Day and the November 3rd City Council meeting has been moved to Monday, November 2nd due to the election.

Finance Report – Finance Office Manager & Treasurer, Jan Tures reported that the City received an offer on the bond from JP Morgan Chase Bank and it has been accepted. The bond will be for 15 years at a 1.54% interest rate; fees to S&P will be \$8,400 instead of \$12,000. She indicated that the savings will be approximately \$80,000. The money will be invested until the City is ready to use it for the street projects in 2021.

Public Works – Director Gentile reported the canoe access road has been completed; Public Works will be finishing miscellaneous paving and working on winter equipment for snow removal. He indicated that Public Works has an ample amount of salt for the season.

Police Department – Chief Smith reported that some vehicles were gone through in the Willow Glen and Riverbend subdivisions; he will be following up on footage that was captured. There will be extra staff on duty for Halloween; there are 160 kids signed up for the Trunk or Treat event taking place in the Custom Aluminum parking lot. Lastly, there will be extra staff on duty for the election as well.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido reported that he and his family checked out the all of the scarecrows downtown; the Governor has advised that the mitigations for our Region will continue through November 14th and encouraged the Aldermen to try and come up with some ideas of how support businesses as much as possible. Cortney Strohacker, Executive Director for the DeKalb County Convention and Visitors Bureau was nominated for the 31st Annual Athena award. Lastly, Mayor Pro Tem Di Guido welcomed back Administrative Director Seguss from maternity leave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council was made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.