

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
Public Hearing & City Council Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Vicary called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. for the 2020 Tax Levy for Oak Creek Estates Unit Four Special Service Area and the 2020 Tax Levy for the Riverbend Special Service Area. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Carroll, Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, and Brust were present. Aldermen Wesner and Lang were absent. There was no discussion. Mayor Vicary closed the public hearing. Motion to adjourn the public hearing was made by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman Di Guido. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Vicary called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Carroll, Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta and Brust were present. Aldermen Wesner and Lang were absent.

Mayor Vicary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speaker - None

Motion made by Alderman Stevenson to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020 regular City Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Carroll. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Winter to approve payment of the accounts payables for the second half of November 2020 in the amount of \$56,819.89, seconded by Alderman Brust. Line item #4 to Arvizu Sewer & Drain was questioned as to why the City used a contractor for sewer rodding and camera inspection, instead of having staff do it. Public Works Director, Rich Gentile responded that the City will be reimbursed, as it pertains to a deferred plan for the resident; the City pays the contractor and then the resident pays the City back on a monthly plan along with their water bill. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Winter, Cravatta, Brust, Lang, Carroll, Di Guido and Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE – None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF GENOA: Motion made by Alderman Winter to approve an Ordinance levying taxes for all Corporate purposes for the City of Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2020 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2021, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Winter, Cravatta, Brust, Carroll, Di Guido and Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER ORDINANCES LEVYING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES FOR RIVERBEND, DERBY ESTATES AND OAK CREEK ESTATES UNIT 4:

- Motion made by Alderman Brust to approve an Ordinance levying Special Service Area property taxes for the special services to be provided in Riverbend Special Service Area in

the City of Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2020 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2021, seconded by Alderman Winter. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Brust, Carroll, Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter and Cravatta voted yes. Motion carried.

- Motion made by Alderman Winter to approve an Ordinance levying Special Service Area property taxes for the special services provided in Derby Estates Special Service Area in the City of Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2020 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2021, seconded by Alderman Brust. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Winter, Cravatta, Brust, Carroll, Di Guido and Stevenson voted yes. Motion carried.
- Motion made by Alderman Stevenson to approve an Ordinance levying Special Service Area property taxes for the special services to be provided in Genoa Oak Creek Estates Unit Four Special Service Area in the City of Genoa, DeKalb County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year commencing on the 1st day of May, 2020 and ending on the 30th day of April, 2021, seconded by Alderman Winter. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Brust, Carroll and Di Guido voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERTOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE 2020 PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE BOND:

- Motion made by Alderman Cravatta to approve an Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,500,000 General Obligation Bond, Series 2020, of the City of Genoa, Illinois, seconded by Alderman Carroll. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Cravatta, Brust, Carroll, Di Guido, Stevenson and Winter voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER A PROPOSAL FROM SIKICH, LLP FOR THE 2021 ANNUAL AUDIT:

Motion made by Alderman Di Guido to adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the City of Genoa and Sikich LLP for fiscal year 2021 Audit Services, seconded by Alderman Stevenson. There was no discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Brust and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN AGREEMENT WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR INSURANCE:

Motion made by Alderman Di Guido to adopt a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the City of Genoa and Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services for insurance, seconded by Alderman Winter. Treasurer, Jan Tures was asked if it would be beneficial to bundle all of the different insurances together. She responded that Arthur J. Gallagher gets quotes from various groups that they are associated with and the City receives the best results. She explained that the City used to have insurance through the Illinois Municipal League (IML), but it was very expensive, so the City switched to Arthur J. Gallagher 3 years ago. Treasurer Tures indicated that IML has asked to provide a bid for the City of Genoa next year, so the City will bid the insurance out then. Roll call vote was taken. Alderman Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Brust and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYER PURCHASING PROGRAM: Motion made by Alderman Di Guido to approve the creation of an electrostatic sprayer purchasing program, seconded by Alderman Cravatta. Previously, Mayor Vicary wrote a letter to Governor, J.B. Pritzker requesting that instead of shutting businesses down, perhaps providing them with the necessary tools to assist with sanitizing would be a better option. Mayor Vicary gave a brief overview of how the electrostatic sprayer works and how it sanitizes. He stated that these sprayers are used on airplanes and hospitals for sanitizing. He indicated that he would like the City to purchase some of these sprayers for businesses in Genoa. There was some discussion regarding the quantity to purchase and some concern as to if it would be feasible to purchase them, since it will not change the Governor's order and allow businesses to open. The City's goal is to assist businesses in every way possible, in hopes that they will not be forced to close indefinitely due to the financial strain. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Brust and Carroll voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative Report – Administrative Director, Alyssa Seguss reported that the City is hoping to have the community calendars out before Christmas. There will be a Plan Commission meeting on December 10th to discuss a re-subdivision of two Lots in Derby Estates, which will be on the City Council agenda for December 15th to be voted on. Lastly, no update on the Rivers Mexican Cantina outdoor seating grant.

Finance Report – Finance Office Manager/Treasure, Jan Tures reported that the City has been approved for the \$214,000 Cures/Cares grant and should receive the funds very soon.

Public Works – Director Gentile reported that the City was inspected by OSHA and the City will need additional training due to new regulations. Public Works has been working on the tree for the annual tree lighting and preparing for the Jingle Bell Parade.

Police Department – Chief Smith reported that the Jingle Bell Parade will be on Friday, December 4th at 6 p.m. The police department received 4 lateral applications for a full time officer and a decision will be made on December 9, 2020.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Vicary indicated that the Aldermen should have a jacket or some type of clothing with the City of Genoa logo embroidered on them, as it makes people aware of who you are and possibly generate additional businesses coming to Genoa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

Motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the City Council was made by Alderman Carroll, seconded by Alderman Cravatta. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.