

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
SPECIAL MEETING
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2021
7:15 P.M.

Mayor Vicary called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Brust and Lang were present. Aldermen Carroll was absent. Motion made by Alderman Cravatta to allow Alderman Brust to attend the meeting remotely due to work related absence, seconded by Alderman Lang. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Di Guido, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Brust and Lang voted yes. Quorum present.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING LIQUOR CODE AMENDMENTS: Administrative Director, Alyssa Seguss began the discussion by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to propose reclassifying the liquor license categories, as well as discounting liquor license fees for the upcoming Fiscal Year. After an in depth discussion, most of Council was in agreement to the following amendments:

- . Reclassifying liquor categories to 7 for a better understanding of the use associated with each license.
- . Reducing liquor license fees for the upcoming fiscal year, as many businesses were forced to shut down or operate under stringent restrictions for several months due to Covid19. Reduced fees will be based on credit given by the business' dram shop insurance, as it will indicate the time period that the business was closed due to the pandemic.
- . Reducing the outdoor seating fee from \$350 to \$250
- . Delaying liquor license payments until August 1, 2021
- . Council also discussed charging a new business a one-time initiation fee for their liquor license. Council was comfortable with an initiation fee of \$1,500.

Lastly, there was discussion regarding restaurants being able to serve alcohol before 10 a.m. on Sundays. Alderman Di Guido expressed concern regarding this. He indicated that with the recent change to the "O" liquor license category at the previous meeting, it went from 1 business being able to serve at 8 a.m. on Sundays to 3 businesses, and with the reclassifications discussed at this meeting, it would allow 7 businesses to serve alcohol at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays. Alderman Di Guido feels there is no need to serve alcohol on a Sunday before 10:00 a.m. Mayor Vicary indicated that he doesn't feel it is the City's place to determine what time a business is allowed to serve alcohol. Mayor Vicary stated that if the business feels it would be beneficial to them to serve alcohol earlier than 10:00 a.m. on a Sunday, the City should not be the road block that prevents them from doing so.

Motion made by Alderman Di Guido to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Alderman Winter. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.