

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
City Council Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Brust called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:07 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb were present. Alderman Freund was absent. Quorum present.

Mayor Brust led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speakers – None

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2022 Special City Council meeting seconded by Alderman Holcomb. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Winter to approve payment of the account's payables for January 31, 2022, seconded by Alderman Holcomb. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF WALTER STAGE, WARD 2 ALDERMAN: Motion made by Alderman Cravatta to appoint Walter Stage as Ward 2 Alderman, seconded by Alderman Wesner.

SWEARING IN OF WALTER STAGE, WARD 2 ALDERMAN

Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb were present. Alderman Freund was absent. Quorum present.

APPROVE THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT BY THE GIRL SCOUTS ON FEBRUARY 26TH FROM 1 - 4 PM: Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve the use of the municipal parking lot by the Girl Scouts on February 26th from 1-4 pm, seconded by Alderman Holcomb. The Girl Scouts would like to use a few parking spaces at the Municipal Parking lot in the downtown for cookie sales. The Girl Scouts have submitted a Certificate of Insurance naming the City as an additional insured for the event. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR THE CITY OF GENOA: Motion made by Alderman Pulley to approve a resolution designating signatories for the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Winter. The City of Genoa previously authorized past Alderman Katie Lang and past Alderman James Stevenson as signatories for the City of Genoa. Designating a signatory allows that official to sign financial documents which require two separate signatures. Currently, the Mayor and Finance Director are

signatories. Providing for additional signatories allows the ability for the City to continue to meet financial obligations should the mayor be unavailable to sign checks or other financial documents. The resolution in the packet designates Alderman Wesner and Alderman Cravatta as additional signatories. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FASCADE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH 137 WEST MAIN STREET, LLC FOR 133, 135, AND 137 WEST MAIN STREET, NOT TO EXCEED \$40,155: Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve and authorize the mayor to execute a Fascade Grant agreement with 137 W Main Street, LLC for 133, 135 and 137 West Main Street, not to exceed \$40,155, seconded by Alderman Pulley. The city has received a Fascade Grant application for the building currently occupied by Sib's Corner Grill. This building has multiple addresses and is also a corner lot which means not only is the front fascade eligible for grants but the side of the building is as well. The owners, Katie and Ted Aretos/137 West Main Street, LLC, have outlined numerous improvements to the building, including new windows, light fixtures, tuck pointing, painting, and work to the current awning, totaling \$83,278 of investment into the downtown building. Broken down, the costs are as follows:

West Side of the Building $\$32,968 / 2 = \$16,484$	\$15,000 maximum
133 West Main - $\$25,155 / 2 =$	\$12,577.50
137 West Main - $\$25,155 / 2 =$	\$12,577.50
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Total Eligible Costs for Reimbursement	\$40,155

The applicants have provided an extensive amount of information for the packet including a letter to the Council, quotes for the work, and an elevation depicting the building once all the work is complete. No further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE OAK CREEK ESTATES UNIT 4, PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION AND REDUCTION OF THE LETTER OF CREDIT: Motion made by Alderman Winter, to approve a resolution accepting the public improvements for the Oak Creek Estates Unit 4, Phase 1 Subdivision and reduction of the letter of credit, seconded by Alderman Cravatta. The Developer of Oak Creek Estates Unit 4, Phase 1 requested that the City of Genoa accept the remaining public improvements within the phase and reduce the Letter of Credit accordingly. The remaining improvements included:

1. Final lift on the streets and the paved path in the retention area
2. Curb repair/replacement
3. Concrete sidewalk in the park
4. Excavation needed for the asphalt path and park sidewalk

The Public Works Director has evaluated and inspected the improvements and determined that the requirements of the Developer have been met. The Oak Creek Estates Annexation Agreement requires a maintenance warranty in the amount of 10% of the cost of the improvements that are being accepted. Based on the improvements above which had a cost of just over \$250,000, the resolution in the packet was drafted for council consideration which allows the Letter of Credit to be reduced to \$25,500, which accommodates the 10% maintenance warranty. No further discussion. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative Report – City Administrator, Alyssa Seguss stated that she has nothing new to report at this time.

Finance Report – Treasurer & Finance Director, Jan Tures stated that she has nothing new to report at this time.

Public Works – Public Works Director, Janice Melton stated that this last snow fall, snowplowing went great. Alderman Cravatta wanted to thank Janice and the Public Works Department for the assistance with an issue that happened down the street from him.

Police Department – Chief Smith reported that we have a new crossing guard to replace one that had retired; Nick Garvey also retired both will be recognized at the next meeting on March 2, 2022.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Brust stated that a few weeks ago our deputy mayor, city administrator and the mayor met with one of the Illinois State Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Alderman Cravatta stated that he is hosting a meet and greet for Tony McCombie in Chucks garage on Monday February 28, 2022 at 5:00pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the City Council was made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Pulley. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.