

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2022
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Brust called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb were present. Quorum present.

Mayor Brust led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest Speakers – None

Motion made by Alderman Winter to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2022 City Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Holcomb. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Pulley to approve payment of the account's payables for March 15, 2022, in the amount of \$40,338.32, seconded by Alderman Winter. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes. Motion carried.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve a resolution authorizing a temporary road closure for the Memorial Day parade, seconded by Alderman Freund. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes.

APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE GENOA-KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE: Motion made by Alderman Wesner to approve a resolution authorizing a temporary road closure for the Genoa-Kingston High School Homecoming Parade, seconded by Alderman Holcomb. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 4, GENERAL PENALTY, SECTION 1 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF GENOA: Motion made by Alderman Cravatta to approve an ordinance amending title 1, chapter 4, general penalty, section 1 of the city code of the City of Genoa, seconded by Alderman Winter. This ordinance amends the General Penalty section of the Municipal Code which establishes various fines and fees. The Police Department is recommending increasing many of the fines by increments of \$20-\$50 because they have not been increased since 2015. Increasing fines will aid in covering the increased costs of policing. There was no further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes.

APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER EXERCISING THE CITY'S OPTION TO EXTEND A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR AS YEAR TERM FOR THE PROPERTY AT 311 DUVAL STREET:

Motion made by Alderman Cravatta to approve and authorize the mayor to execute a letter exercising the city's option to extend a lease agreement for as year term for the property at 311 Duval Street, seconded by Alderman Winter. No further discussion. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb voted yes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: For the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous closed session and For the purpose of discussing the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and/or Performance of Specific Employees as Provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c):

Motion made by Alderman Winter to go to Closed Session: For the purpose of approving the minutes of the previous closed session, for the purpose of releasing closed session minutes and For the purpose of discussing collective bargaining as provided for in 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), seconded by Alderman Cravatta. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Holcomb and Lang voted yes. Motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by Alderman Wesner to reconvene regular session, seconded by Alderman Winter. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Holcomb and Lang voted yes. Motion carried.

RELEASE CERTAIN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: Motion made by Alderman Cravatta that the minutes of closed session meeting of the Genoa City Council be released in or in part for public inspection in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The minutes to be released are those which are set forth on the list which has previously been submitted to and reviewed by the members of the city council, which list is before me now. Minutes to be released 1/20/2009, 1/2/2018, 2/7/2019, 11/5/2019, 1/7/2020, 12/15/2020, 3/2/2021 and 5/19/2021. Alderman Cravatta further moved that the city clerk be requested to prepare the minutes as reflected on this list for public inspection as soon as possible, seconded by Alderman Winter. Roll call vote was taken. Aldermen Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stevenson, Winter, Cravatta, Holcomb and Lang voted yes. Motion carried.

FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET AND 5 YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

PRESENTATION: Treasurer & Finance Director, Jan Tures presented the council with the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion, Questions and answers took place.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Administrative Report – City Administrator, Alyssa Seguss reported that the mayor and herself have continued to meet with developers and tenants on two potential commercial projects; two potential industrial projects and are hoping to share more information with the council soon. The 4 remaining street projects will be starting up again and supposed to be finished by May 30, 2022.

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 she has handed out a report from the DNR in regards to Kishwaukee River South Branch Main Stream. The Kishwaukee River water quality has improved significantly since 2016 in the North and South Branch. Janice is watching River Bend and Willow Glen for crack filling which she feels that spot patching and then the next year use the micro seal is a cost-effective option.

Police Department – Chief Smith reported that Officer Hoffstead and Officer Enzo will be in shortly to introduce them to some of the new alderman. Enzo is tracking and drugs K-9 minus cannabis since it is legal for recreational use. Reporting system that was approved last council meeting should be up and running by May. The garage project is about completed. Chief posted on Facebook about the UTV and Golf Cart renewal steps.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Brust stated on June 28th are the primary elections, we will be getting 2 new representatives and a new senator due to the redistricting of the maps. The general election is November 8th. He and City Administrator Seguss on Wednesday will be headed to Springfield for IML Lobby Day, it's a full day of sessions and some private meetings to talk about help with grants, pension issues and issues in regards to non-home rule community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Alderman Pulley stated that on Monday March 21st at 10am will be the first meeting for Harvest Fest, if anyone that wants to be involved and can't make the meeting to get ahold of Alderman Pulley. They are expecting that this year will easily double in size from last year.

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 9:27 p.m.