

CITY OF GENOA  
City Hall  
\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\*  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2022  
7:30 P.M.

Mayor Brust called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Roll call was taken. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb were present. Alderman Freund was absent. Quorum present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PRESENTATION BY THE KISHWAUKEE WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT:** Mayor Brust began the discussion by stating that the purpose of the meeting is to get information in regards to our waste treatment and understand our options moving forward. Public Works Director Janice Melton informed the council that at this time the City of Genoa is at a point where it needs to expand its water treatment plant, whether it be a new waste treatment facility or going with Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Currently our waste treatment is approximately 780 thousand gallons per day. It is estimated that we need to have a capacity of approximately 1.28 million gallons per day. Janice stated that there were estimates before that stated that we could possibly wait but if the city wants to continue to expand and have new business come into town it is best to start thinking on the expansion sooner rather than later.

Mr. Mark Eddington is an engineer and the Executive Director for Kishwaukee Water Reclamation presented the council with information on the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District is the 25<sup>th</sup> largest treatment plant in the State of Illinois a background about the treatment plant. The past 10 years they have been trying to produce electricity from the waste in the last 7 days they have been successful in doing so which will save approximately 800 thousand dollars this year on electrical cost. They are separate unit of government who serves DeKalb, NIU, Unincorporated Areas in DeKalb County and at this time next year will also be serving Malta and Kishwaukee College. The facility is a 9 million gallon a day reclamation facility at which they currently sit on approximately 4 million gallon per day of treatment waste. They have 20 full time workers; they are guided by 3 trustees who serve 3 year terms and are appointed by the DeKalb County Board. Dennis Collins who is President of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District was also present.

John Lynch who is the President of the Village of Kingston stated that they would like to move forward with Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District so that the village can grow because as of now the City of Genoa has a cap on how much waste the village can produce and the village is at the cap of that waste.

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Alderman Pulley. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.