

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
SPECIAL MEETING
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022
7:15 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, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb were present. Quorum present.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON RECENT PROGRESS AND FUTURE GOALS: Mayor Brust stated that the economic development commission is here tonight, the commission was newly founded this year and have been having monthly meetings to discuss how they can improve and help grow the City of Genoa. Here tonight is Nick Braddock and Carolyn Tobinon to get some ideas and feedback from the city council. The EOC has passed out a questioner to all of the alderman to give ideas and feed back to find out how they feel the EOC should move forward and in what direction the alderman would like to see the growth of Genoa. Currently they are working on four main projects events, infrastructure, river area and the downtown area. Alderman Winter suggested that she has used survey monkey and has good results with that and is willing to help get that set up. There was also suggestion of talking to some businesses downtown to incentivize residents to fill out the questioner that they get a gift card or something to a business. Mayor Brust stated that the one big difference that has seen transform our downtown is the façade program. Alderman Wesner stated that she also feels that with the city working on a street scape is another big factor to help bring in some more businesses and trying to get the grants to help revitalize the downtown area more. Alderman Holcomb stated that with the online retail being so high he is worried about certain business coming into the downtown area and being successful and suggested that maybe Jock can help with figuring that out. Alderman Winter feels that a directory would be helpful not only for residents but also for businesses, and that a separate directory for residents and business and it being online would be beneficial. City Administrator Seguss stated that they currently have a high school student helping them put a spreadsheet together all of the properties that is currently available for businesses for rent, purchase or development, they are working on putting the spreadsheet on Intersect Illinois website to breakdown someone looking for a building that has so many square feet and is located by other businesses or certain locations. Alderman Stage suggested a digital messaging board downtown. Mayor Brust stated that this was a great discussion and he would like to have the alderman fill out the questioner and get that back to Alyssa.

PRESENTATION ON A FUTURE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION BY CITY ENGINEER ELISA BONKOWSKI AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JANICE MELTON: Mayor Brust stated that we have a presentation on a future waste water treatment plant expansion by City Engineer Elisa Bonkowski and Public Works Director Janice Melton, this is just an informative discussion and no vote will be done tonight. A few months ago, there was a presentation from the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation to share what it would look like for the city to partner with them for our waste water treatment option. Tonight, is the other option that needs to be considered for our waste water treatment. Elisa Bonkowski from Baxter & Woodman Engineers who is also our city engineer gave a presentation with information on both alternatives and going over capital cost of each option. Public Works Director Janice Melton went over fees, surcharges and a summary of the concerns and disadvantages with Kishwaukee

Reclamation District. There was further discussion with and questions answered of the benefits and disadvantages of both options. Mayor Brust informed the council that he would like to have a final vote of this process by the end of the year. Mayor Brust would also like two Alderman to form a committee to gather and learn more about each option to inform the council.

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Alderman Holcomb. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.