

**CITY OF GENOA
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 3, 2024 7 P.M.
City Council Chambers
333 East First Street Genoa, IL**

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. GUEST SPEAKERS

A. APPOINT POLICE SERGEANT ADAM SCHURING

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 20, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2023 CLOSED SESSION MEETING
These minutes were reviewed at the December 20th Closed Session meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES DATED DECEMBER 31, 2023

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. APPROVE THE CITY'S 2023 STRATEGIC PLAN

Throughout 2023, the City underwent a Strategic Planning process with consultants from the Northern Illinois Center for Governmental Studies. This process involved initial stakeholder meetings with dozens of residents, business owners, and community leaders that presented community needs and priorities. Following these meetings, the Mayor, City Council, City Administrator, and Department Heads attended Strategic Planning Workshops to identify community goals. The City Council then ranked these goals, which are outlined in the Strategic Plan which was presented at the December 20, 2023 City Council meeting. Staff is recommending approval.

B. APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 10, OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Throughout 2023, the City of Genoa underwent a process to update the 2003 Comprehensive Plan with consultants from both Northern Illinois University and Egret and Ox Planning.

The City of Genoa's Comprehensive Planning Task Force of over 20 community members met with the Northern Illinois Center for Governmental Studies to draft a Comprehensive Plan for the community. The Task Force reviewed resident survey data from both the online portal and over 400 resident surveys submitted, determined a vision statement, and established goals and objectives to guide the City. The Comprehensive Plan document reviews survey and demographic data, lists goals and objectives, establishes a city plan that provides recommendations on

improvements to transportation, open space, utilities, and housing and economic development, and outlines an implementation plan to achieve goals created by the Community.

A Public Hearing was held on December 19, 2023 to hear public feedback on the Comprehensive Plan document. Following the Public Hearing, the Plan Commission unanimously recommended the amendments to the City Council for approval. The Ordinance within this agenda item approves the amendments to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Northern Illinois University and Egret and Ox Planning will be present at the January 3, 2024 Plan Commission meeting to present the draft 2023 Comprehensive Plan.

C. APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, SECTION 3, LIQUOR CONTROL OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE

A draft Ordinance will be provided at the January 3rd City Council meeting. This amendment pertains to the minimum age required to serve alcohol at liquor establishments in the City.

VIII. FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

IX. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. CLOSED SESSION

A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION

B. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

C. 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)

XII. RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN