

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
City Council Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2023
7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
333 East First Street, Genoa, IL 60135

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2023 CORPORATE PROPERTY TAX LEVY, 2023 TAX LEVY FOR OAK CREEK ESTATES UNIT FOUR SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, 2023 TAX LEVY FOR THE DERBY ESTATES SPECIAL SERVICE AREA, AND THE 2023 TAX LEVY FOR THE RIVERBEND SPECIAL SERVICE AREA

Mayor Brust called the City Council Public Hearing to order at 7:01pm followed by roll call. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca were present. Alderman Freund was absent. Quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Motion to adjourn the City Council Public Hearing was made by Alderman Pulley, seconded by Alderman Stage. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Mayor Brust called the meeting of the City Council to order at 7:02pm followed by roll call. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Alderman Freund was absent. Quorum present.

Mayor Brust led the pledge of allegiance.

GUEST SPEAKERS – None

Motion made by Alderman Braheny to accept the minutes from the November 15, 2023, City Council meeting, seconded by Alderman Stage. Voice vote was taken, all voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Stage to approve payment of the accounts payable for December 1, 2023, seconded by Alderman Pulley. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried. Alderman Braheny initially forgot to ask but later in the meeting asked for clarification on the funds spent on the parking lot behind Heartland Bank. Public Works director Janice Melton explained the improvements made and why they were necessary.

ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – None

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF GENOA, DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2023 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

Alderman Braheny made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Hughes. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE RIVER BEND SPECIAL SERVICE AREA IN THE CITY OF GENOA, DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2023 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

Alderman Braheny made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Stage. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICES PROVIDED IN DERBY ESTATES SPECIAL SERVICE ARE IN THE CITY OF GENOA, DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2023 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

Alderman Stage made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Braheny. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN GENOA OAK CREEK ESTATES UNIT FOUR SPECIAL SERVICE AREA IN THE CITY OF GENOA, DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2023 AND ENDING ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

Alderman Wesner made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Stage. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON \$2,500,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2020, OF THE CITY OF GENOA, ILLINOIS

Alderman Wesner made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Hughes. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR USE OF AN OMNIBUS VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Stage made a motion to move into unanimous consent of the City Council for use of an omnibus vote, seconded by Alderman Roca. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, A-H

Alderman Pulley made a motion to approve the consent agenda that includes the following items a-h, seconded by Alderman Stage. There was some discussion about the building that is receiving the façade grant in item b and potential for what it could be once improvements are made. There was also a brief discussion on item c and how this agreement works, along with discussion on items e and f for further clarification. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

- a. **APPROVE A BID FOR SEWER LINING WITH INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES, NOT TO EXCEED \$46,164.50**
- b. **APPROVE A FAÇADE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH PRIZM REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, LLC FOR 105 SOUTH EMMETT STREET, NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000**
- c. **APPROVE AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MAPLE PARK AND THE CITY OF GENOA**
- d. **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND THE CITY OF GENOA**
- e. **APPROVE A PERMITTED USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH AMPLER DEVELOPMENT LLC**
- f. **APPROVE A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RELATING TO A SIDEWALK ALONG ROUTE 72**
- g. **RATIFY A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**
- h. **APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S PERSONNEL POLICY**

2023 -2024 BUDGET STATUS UPDATE PRESENTATION

City Administrator Alyssa Seguss gave the council a 2023-2024 budget status update presentation to show where the city is at in the budget at this point of the fiscal year.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TITLE 1 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GNEOA

Alderman Pulley made a motion to approve the ordinance adopting title 1 of the municipal code, seconded by Alderman Winter. City Administrator Seguss explained why the language change is occurring. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GNEOA

Alderman Wesner made a motion approving the ordinance amending appendix A of the municipal code, seconded by Alderman Winter. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Finance Director Jan Tures informed the council that the tax levies will be filed with the county by December 26th. She also explained that they will be beginning the next budget soon if there are any purchase requests that need to be discussed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Director Janice Melton told the council that they are working to train the new employees to be ready for snow plowing. They are also working on repairing potholes while the weather is still permitting, and asphalt is still being made. The water department is working on getting materials together for the filtration building tanks to be redone. They've also continuously been working on things for the downtown project and the new Taco Bell. Public Works also finally received a truck that had been ordered, with another coming the following week and the last one due to come at the end of January.

POLICE:

Police Chief Robert Smith informed the council that they did lose a full-time officer last week, so they are hiring for a lateral again. He also happily announced that they haven't had any further issues with the bars closing on time. The K-9 vehicle is finally done, and they will be picking it up December 7th. There were also no issues during Celebrate the Season downtown. The PD is participating in an event with Main Street Bar & Grill on December 8th to raise money for local families along with Accurate Towing for Shop with a Cop on December 16th. Sergeant testing will be on December 13th.

ADMINISTRATION:

City Administrator Alyssa Seguss told the council that on December 19th they will be having a plan commission public hearing for consideration of the comprehensive plan as the final draft has been published. After the public hearing, it will then be adopted by the council. NIU will be coming out soon to go over the final draft of the strategic plan with the council as well. She announced that on December 20th there will be a celebration for Janice Melton upon her retirement. Also, new candidates for the Public Works Director position will be interviewed soon.

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 was carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.