

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024
7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
333 East First Street, Genoa, IL 60135

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

Mayor Pro Tem Pulley led the pledge of allegiance.

City Clerk Rebecca Stevenson swore in new Police Officers Nicholet Gonzalez and Madeleine King.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Cortney Strohacker, Brad Hoye, and Katherine McLaughlin came before the council to give a presentation on the Dekalb County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Dorene Stark and Donita Crenshaw, both residents of Genoa who live on Prairie Street, came before the council to express their continuous concerns regarding the noise coming from the exhaust fan at the Maddogs establishment. City Administrator Seguss explained that the issue is being addressed but unfortunately, they have not come up with a solution yet. They are continuing to investigate the problem to find the best solution for both the establishment and the residents.

OLD BUSINESS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Stage made a motion to approve of items 1-9 within the consent agenda, with an amendment to correct the street names in item 9, seconded by Alderman Freund. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny, and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 3, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 20, 2024, CLOSED SESSION**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES DATED APRIL 15, 2024**
4. **APPROVE AN IDOT RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE**
5. **APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 POLARIS ATV, NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000**
6. **APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 FORD EXPLORER, NOT TO EXCEED \$40,600**
7. **APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A KUBOTA ZERO-TURN MOWER**
8. **APPROVE AN IDOT RESOLUTION FOR A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR STATE PARTICIPATION AND TO EXECUTE THE JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT**

9. APPROVE THE CLOSURE OF SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET FROM CHURCH STREET TO WEST HILL AND WEST HILL FROM SOUTH WASHINGTON TO SOUTH EMMETT BETWEEN 9AM AND 12PM ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR A BIKER'S RALLY

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF THE IC&E/CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILROAD, NORTH OF ROUTE 72 AND EAST OF MONROE STREET TO CENTRAL BUSINESS AND CIVIC DISTRICT AND APPROVING THE KRUEGER'S MONROE SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT OF SUBDIVISION

City Administrator Seguss explained that these are two separate properties, one zoned industrial and one zoned commercial. This ordinance would combine the two properties and have the one singular property zoned as commercial. Alderman Freund made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Stage. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 41, 42, AND 43 OF UNIT 2 OF THE DERBY ESTATES SUBDIVISION INTO TWO LOTS NOW KNOWN AS THE SALINAS SUBDIVISION

City Administrator Seguss explained that this ordinance would combine three lots within the Derby Estates subdivision and split them into two lots rather than three. Alderman Braheny made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Stage. No further discussion. Motion carried.

DISCUSS AND AWARD BID FOR THE 2023 STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT, APPROVE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SCHROEDER ASPHALT SERVICES, SUBJECT TO ATTORNEY REVIEW

Alderman Braheny made a motion to award the bid and approve the mayor to execute a contract, seconded by Alderman Roca. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE A FAÇADE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH STORMWAG PROPERTIES, LLC, NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000

Mark Carlson, owner of the building, came before the council to give an overview of the changes that he had made to the original plans he submitted for the façade grant. Alderman Wesner made a motion to approve of the façade grant agreement, seconded by Alderman Roca. No further discussion. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Finance Director Jan Tures announced that they will be giving a new monthly report to explain where the different budgets are at along with revenues and expenditures. This will be included within packets on a monthly basis going forward.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Director Lucas Smith announced that they received their project plan approval from the IEPA, and they will know if the city will receive the grant funds by June 1st. He also announced that the department received an award for the 20th year in a row for perfect fluoridation in our water. The lead service line replacement project was also submitted to the IEPA.

POLICE:

Sergeant Chris Hathcoat explained that they have had a couple cases of vandalism recently. He also announced that Officer Mike Walsh has seven days of training left at the academy and graduates on April 26th. He also explained that new officers Madeleine and Nicholet have a power test on Monday, and they will be going to academy on May 5th.

ADMINISTRATION:

City Administrator Seguss informed the council that she has not heard anything regarding the Safe Ways to School grant yet, but the results should come out soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Pro Tem Pulley announced that the Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society is having a garage sale on the 25th-27th. Public Works Director Lucas Smith announced that Arbor Day is coming up on April 26th at 2pm and they will be dedicating a tree to Janice Melton for her years of service.

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the City Council was made by Alderman Wesner, seconded by Alderman Roca. Voice vote was taken, all voted yes. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.