

CITY OF GENOA
City Hall
City Council Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2024
6:30 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 6:31pm followed by roll call. Aldermen Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca were present. Alderman Wesner and Mayor Brust were absent. Quorum present.

Mayor Pro Tem Pulley led the pledge of allegiance.

GUEST SPEAKERS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Winter made a motion to approve of items 1-2 within the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Roca. No further discussion. Aldermen Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

- 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF GENOA FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 AUDIT REPORT BY SIKICH

Brian, a representative from Sikich, came before the council to give a presentation of the city's fiscal year 2023-2024 audit report. He also announced that the city received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 18th consecutive year. This award represents the highest level of financial reporting in the local government industry.

ACCEPT THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2024

Alderman Roca made a motion to accept the annual comprehensive financial report, seconded by Alderman Winter. No further discussion. Aldermen Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GENOA, DEKALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY LOAN PROGRAM, PENDING ATTORNEY REVIEW

Alderman Hughes made a motion to consider an ordinance authorizing the city to borrow funds from the public water supply loan program, seconded by Alderman Roca. Public Works Director Smith explained that the city is not actually taking a loan at this time, this just puts the city in the position where it is a possibility. If a loan is considered, it will come before the council again at a later date. No further discussion. Aldermen Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Braheny, Hughes and Roca voted yes. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS REVISIONS TO TITLE 3

City Administrator Seguss explained that city staff along with the City's consulting attorneys have been going through the municipal code and have recently been working on Title 3. She highlighted a few of the changes that they plan to make to Title 3 and had brief discussions on the reasoning why. There were no oppositions to any of the changes up for discussion.

FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Alderman Freund brought up the topic of live streaming city council meetings due to a resident asking her about it. City Administrator Seguss explained that there hasn't really been a desire from the community up until this point but if it comes to be something that people would like they can look into different options of doing so.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Finance Director Tures didn't have anything new to report but thanked Sikich for their ongoing support and cooperation as they have been working together on the financial audit.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Director Smith updated the council on the projects happening around the city including the street resurfacing programs. He also mentioned that they are finishing up the sidewalk inventory and that will be presented to the council in the coming weeks.

POLICE:

Chief Hathcoat gave the council a breakdown of the police department's activity over the last month including numbers of calls, incident reports, citations, arrests, etc. He also announced that they gave out a conditional offer to another officer that will be sworn in at the next council meeting.

ADMINISTRATION:

City Administrator Seguss told the council that over the next couple of weeks the city will be working on applying for a grant with Meta. They will be using their contractor that does grant writing to assist them in applying. They will also be applying for a grant for the Emmett Street Project. She also informed the council of a couple of things that will be on the upcoming city council meeting agendas. Due to Seguss being absent from the last city council meeting, she brought up the conversation surrounding the chicken ordinance to find out if more research needed to be done on the topic to propose a new ordinance. Ultimately, after discussing it again, the council decided to leave the ordinance as it is. This restricts it so that a very small number of lots are able to have chickens on them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the City Council was made by Alderman Braheny, seconded by Alderman Winter. Voice vote was taken, all voted yes. Motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.