

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011 – 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

Mayor Connors called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Connors.

Roll Call. Present: Aldermen Krause, Hartz, Mott, Marsala, Kehoe, Kupsik, Krohn, and O'Neill. Also present: Administrator Jordan, City Attorney Draper, Comptroller Pollitt, and City Clerk Hawes.

Public hearing and Adoption of the 2012 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Lake Geneva

No comments from the public.

Krause/Kupsik motion to close the public hearing. Unanimously carried.

Resolution 11-R64 a resolution adopting a revised Schedule of Fees

Hartz/Marsala motion to approve. Alderman Hartz stated that the proposed revised Schedule of Fees included a parking space rate increase from \$0.50 to \$1.00 per hour. It also included changing the period from 5 days to 15 days after a parking ticket is issued that the fine would double (from \$12.00 to \$24.00). Alderman Hartz said that the proposed fee schedule would include an asterisk on these items, signifying that they would not go into effect until the new parking kiosk system is installed and in operation. Alderman Kehoe asked how the public will become aware of these changes. Administrator Jordan stated that this information will most likely be published in the newspaper and staff will also publish the information on the City website and brochures.

Alderman Krause expressed opposition for changing the number of days that it would take for the parking ticket fine to double, suggesting that the shorter, five day period encourages visitors to the City to pay their parking fine sooner. Alderman Kupsik asked if would be an easy process for staff to switch it from 5 days to 15 days. Comptroller Pollitt indicated that it wouldn't be difficult but that the City currently has about 4-6 months worth of ticket stock that have five days printed on them. Mayor Connors suggested that the period remain at 5 days until the current tickets are used up and then Council could decide at that time whether to change this period.

Krause/Hartz motion to amend the original motion so that the change from 5 days to 15 days wouldn't occur until the current stock of tickets is used up. Amendment carries 7-1, with Alderman O'Neill opposed.

Alderman Krause suggested revisiting the fee schedule in the near future to discuss the carriage license fee. Alderman Mott said he would also like to discuss increasing the parking ticket fine at a later time.

Roll Call: Hartz, Mott, Marsala, Kehoe, Kupsik, Krohn, and O'Neill voted "yes". Krause voted "no". Motion carried by vote of 7-1.

Resolution 11-R65, a resolution approving and adopting the 2012 operating and capital budgets for the City of Lake Geneva

Krause/Kupsik motion to approve. Administrator Jordan indicated that a few changes have been made in the proposed budget. He said that fund 41 (page 32 of the proposed budget) shows a total of \$90,000 for squad cars - \$65,500 of this has actually been allocated for squad cars and the remaining \$33,500 could be allocated at a later time for a new cemetery truck or other equipment. Mr. Jordan said that \$229.00 was added to fund 40 for water safety support and \$500.00 was added for the Geneva Lake Corporation. He also noted that \$105,000 was allocated from the reserve to help fund the new parking stations.

Administrator Jordan reported that the City had received its assessed manufacturing value from the State later than expected. Under a 0% levy increase, the manufacturing value resulted in a surplus of \$43,000. Mr. Jordan said that this surplus has been allocated to City health insurance claims. He indicated that the City has not yet received the school tax levy credit from the State which could have a small effect on the final mill rate.

Alderman Krause asked how much money will be left in the City's reserves after the \$105,000 is allocated to the parking system. Administrator Jordan indicated that approximately \$2.0 million would remain in the City's reserves. Alderman O'Neill asked how much money was allocated for outside attorney fees. Comptroller Pollitt said that \$25,000 was budgeted. City Attorney Draper said that approximately \$20,000 was spent in 2010 on outside attorney fees and another \$20,000 has been spent so far in 2011. He anticipated that more outside legal fees may be needed for the Peller case and any unexpected cases in 2012.

Roll Call: Krause, Hartz, Mott, Marsala, Kehoe, Kupsik, and Krohn voted "yes". O'Neill voted "no". Motion carried by vote of 7-1.

Resolution 11-R66, a resolution approving the 2011 tax levy for the City of Lake Geneva

Krause/Marsala motion to approve. Alderman Krause read the proposed mill rates from the taxing jurisdictions, indicating a 0% change in the City's tax levy since 2009. He stated that the City makes up approximately 25% of the total tax bill. Due to increases from other taxing jurisdictions, the overall mill rate is anticipated to increase by 1.2%. Comptroller Pollitt stated that the City is still waiting to receive the school tax levy credit amount, which could change the calculation of the overall mill rate.

Roll Call: Krause, Hartz, Mott, Marsala, Kehoe, Kupsik, Krohn, and O'Neill voted "yes". Unanimously carried.

Adjournment

Krause/Mott motion to adjourn at 5:40pm. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Michael D. Hawes, City Clerk

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