

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 - 6:30 PM**  
**CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President Kupsik called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Kupsik.

**Roll Call.** Present: Aldermen Chappell, Wall, Kordus, Hill, Kupsik, Hedlund, Howell. Absent: Alderman Gelting. Also present: City Administrator Oborn.

Hedlund/Wall motion for approval of minutes from October 5, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed. Unanimously carried.

**Comments from the public as allowed by Wis. Stats. §19.84(2), except for public hearing items.**

Darien Schaefer, speaking on behalf of the Lake Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau at 527 Center Street, discussed plans for Winterfest 2016 and spoke on the various events the Chamber holds in the City.

Maureen Marks, 834 Dodge Street, spoke in opposition of changing the comprehensive plan, map changes and a rezone of the Hillmoor property.

Theresa Giese, 528 Sage Street, spoke in opposition of developing the Hillmoor property.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Lane, spoke in opposition of adding a fire charge to the water bill.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 955 George Street, requested the City Administrator place the water increase application from the Utility Commission to the Public Service Commission on the City website with a link to the PSC's public comments section so residents can easily contact them. She also spoke in opposition to the development of the Hillmoor property.

Dick Malmin, N1991 South Lakeshore Drive, spoke in opposition to the proposed Lake Hillmoor development.

**Fire Department 10 year plan for Consolidated Services**

Fire Chief Connelly gave a history of the City of Lake Geneva paid on premise program. Chief Connelly and Firefighter Yung Cho presented the Fire Department's 10 year plan. Mr. Cho explained the hurdles fire departments face today. He noted the recommendation from the Police and Fire Commission and the Lake Geneva Fire Department is to look at creating a Walworth County fire district. He went over a study that shows there are many advantages to moving in this direction. Bloomfield, Elkhorn, Fontana, Linn, Lyons, Williams Bay and Lake Geneva would make sense to work together. He suggested a feasibility study for consolidation by an independent party with the main emphasis of providing efficient and effective fire and EMS service to area communities. They would like to change the Paid on Call Firefighters to Paid on Premise Firefighters from July through October. It was implemented this year with a positive impact of reduced response times and effective firefighting. Based off of the figures from this year, the program is paying for itself. The shifts would be 7:00 to 7:00, 12 hours a day, 365 days a year. Implementation time frame would be 2016 with quarterly evaluations. In 2017 they would like to implement additional staffing weekend nights from July through October due to the increase in calls. He explained the evening shift would be a 2 person staff as there are more POCs available. The final recommendation is to find a way to staff 24 hour days, 7 days a week throughout the year. They want the district to have Paramedic level services across the board for all communities. Chief Connelly explained in 1997 a similar study was done by the City of Lake Geneva, Elkhorn and City of Delevan. The recommendation was to have full time staffing here by the year 2000 and in those communities as well. This was held up by the implementation of MABAS as well as politics. Chief Connelly stated it will be difficult to get all those communities together and have them agree to this. Alderman Hill worries this may get held up by politics. Firefighter Cho was optimistic it could be done.

**Recap of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities conference from Alderman Kordus**

Alderman Kordus noted he and Mr. Kupsik attended a presentation on Act 10, payroll and performance reviews, TIF and communications. He met with a number of the City's vendors such as Kapur and GovOffice.

**Standing Committee Reports given:**

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, Alderman Kupsik  
Personnel Committee, Alderman Hedlund  
Public Works Committee, Alderman Kordus  
Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, Alderman Wall  
Board of Review Committee, Alderman Kordus

**Committee, Commission and Board Reports given:**

Utility Commission, Alderman Hedlund  
Tree Board, Alderman Kupsik  
Police & Fire Commission, no report given  
Plan Commission, Alderman Kupsik  
Board of Park Commissioners, Alderman Kupsik  
Library Board, no report given  
Historic Preservation Commission, Alderman Chappell  
Cemetery Board, Alderman Kordus  
Parking Commission, no report given  
Communications Committee, Alderman Kordus  
Avian Committee, Alderman Wall

**Other Boards and Committee Reports given:**

Chamber of Commerce, Darien Schaefer  
Geneva Lake Museum, Alderman Chappell  
Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Aldermen Hedlund  
Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, Alderman Wall  
Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderman Kupsik  
Geneva Lake Use Committee, Alderman Hill

Kordus/Hill motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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