

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015 - 6:30 PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council President Kupsik called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President Kupsik.

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

Kordus/Howell motion for approval of minutes from July 6, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed. Motion carried 6 to 0.

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

Mark Immer, 821 Wisconsin Street, spoke against the proposed parking lot at 833 Wisconsin Street.

Tara Trent, 1103 Geneva Street, spoke against the proposed parking lot at 833 Wisconsin Street.

Maureen Marks, 834 Dodge Street, spoke against the proposed parking lot at 833 Wisconsin Street.

Ken Etten, 1109 Wisconsin Street, spoke against the proposed parking lot at 833 Wisconsin Street. He also spoke on the theatre. He stated the Friends of the Geneva Theatre still strongly encourage the City to do whatever it can to assist in helping the property to be restored, developed and brought back on to the tax rolls as a viable downtown property.

James Wilson, 1120 Park Row, stated he would rather see money allocated to fix up the cemeteries rather than give a grant to the theatre. He feels that the party purchasing the theater should go to a bank to acquire funds. He feels the City should fix what it has before spending money on something new.

Terry O'Neill, 954 George Street, asked the City to close the TID #4. He feels if the TIF was closed immediately, the City would receive enough funds to complete all the projects that have been proposed. He feels the same level of justification should be used for spending TIF money as it is for regular City money.

Mary Jo Fesenmaier, 955 George Street, would like the City Council and staff to adhere to the City's mission statement. She is happy that the public is very involved in the process for the potential change to the comprehensive plan. She thanked the Plan Commission and City Council for notifying the public. She also stated she has asked the City Council to consider opening up to the public for comments at the beginning of the budget process. She also expressed that she would like to see the Piers, Harbors & Lakefront Committee be changed back to a citizen committee again. She closed by stating she would like to see TIF 4 closed.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Lane, stated he is not in favor of the City giving a grant toward the purchase of the theatre. He stated that no other new businesses were given money. He also noted that there is a problem with speeding on Lake View Drive in The Manor subdivision. He would like to have speed bumps or temporary speed bumps put in.

Richard Malmin, N1991 S Lake Shore Drive, stated the lake shore should not be commercialized. He spoke against the Geneva Inn rezoning properties on the lake shore to commercial properties. He urged people to attend the public hearing in Zenda on this matter.

Theresa Giese, 528 Sage Street, spoke on the state of the cemeteries. She feels the Council needs to be more responsible with its spending.

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 Gelting

Committee, Commission and Board Reports given:

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

Other Boards and Committee Reports given:

Chamber of Commerce, no report given
Geneva Lake Museum, Alderman Chappell
Lake Geneva Economic Development Corporation, Alderman Gelting & Hedlund
Geneva Lake Environmental Agency, no report given
Geneva Lakes Family YMCA, Alderman Kupsik
Geneva Lake Use Committee, no report given

Kordus/Hedlund motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried 6 to 0.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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