

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015 - 6:30 PM
CITY HALL BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council Alderman Kordus called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Kordus.

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

Hedlund/Gelting motion for approval of minutes from November 2, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting as distributed.
Motion carried 5 to 0.

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

Bill Huntress, 1015 Pleasant Street, spoke regarding the proposed TIF funds being used toward the purchase of the theatre. He questioned how much money it would take to bring the building up to code and would like to know that before funds are designated for it. He suggested having Ken Robers and Bill Henry inspect the property and give a complete report on what the cost would be to bring it to code. He does not think taxpayer money should be used toward the theatre.

Maureen Marks, 834 Dodge Street, wondered where the City would be if all of the previous residents were worrying about taxes such as the family who donated the land for the library. She spoke briefly regarding the Hillmoor property.

Pete Peterson, 1601 Evergreen Lane, was disappointed because his taxes had gone up on all of the properties he owns. He explained he was also unhappy with the way the Plan Commission and Council were treated at the public hearing regarding the Hillmoor property.

Presentation on proposed adaptive playground at Veteran's Park

Dusti Ocampo, N2444 Howard Drive, gave a presentation on an all-inclusive playground in Lake Geneva. She stated children need more resources and a place to call their own where they can teach and grow with others. The playground would be a place where everyone can participate and play side by side regardless of their abilities. The Park Board and City Council approved 11,000 square feet at Veteran's Park.

The park will have a merry-go-round that can accommodate a person in a wheelchair, adaptive swings with high backs and a belt for those who cannot hold themselves up in a standard swing. The park would have a wheelchair swing with a ramp, slides, and a teeter totter with bucket seats. The foundation will be a poured in place rubber making it fully adaptable for wheelchairs and walkers with no limitations. Ms. Ocampo has set up a steering committee to meet at Comfort Suites in Lake Geneva the second Wednesday of every month. The committee will brainstorm ideas and form an official playground committee. She is still in need of people to be a part of the committee to help with fundraisers. They also need a photographer and videographer to capture all the moments of this project from beginning to end as well as someone who is skilled at writing grants. The goal is to raise a million dollars to bring the project to fruition. The cost of the foundation is \$200,000 and some of the equipment will be around \$30,000 a piece. The main focus for raising money will be through fundraisers and donations. She is hoping to have all the funds raised in two years.

Standing Committee Reports given:

Finance, License & Regulation Committee, no report given
Personnel Committee, Alderman Hedlund
Public Works Committee, Alderman Kordus
Piers, Harbors, & Lakefront Committee, no report given

Committee, Commission and Board Reports given:

Utility Commission, Alderman Hedlund
Tree Board, no report given

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

Other Boards and Committee Reports given:

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

Hedlund/Gelting motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Unanimously carried.

/s/ Stephanie Gunderson, Assistant City Clerk

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