

**\*\*NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING\*\***

**CITY OF GENOA**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

**FOLLOWING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**333 EAST FIRST STREET**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- II. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A) PRESENTATION BY THE KISHWAUKEE WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT**
- III. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

To respect the agenda and flow of the meeting, the Mayor may limit audience participation to 5 minutes per speaker and/or a total of 30 minutes for this portion of the agenda.

CITY OF GENOA  
City Hall  
\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\*  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2022  
7:30 P.M.

Mayor Brust called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Roll call was taken. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb were present. Alderman Freund was absent. Quorum present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PRESENTATION BY THE KISHWAUKEE WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT:** Mayor Brust began the discussion by stating that the purpose of the meeting is to get information in regards to our waste treatment and understand our options moving forward. Public Works Director Janice Melton informed the council that at this time the City of Genoa is at a point where it needs to expand its water treatment plant, whether it be a new waste treatment facility or going with Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Currently our waste treatment is approximately 780 thousand gallons per day. It is estimated that we need to have a capacity of approximately 1.28 million gallons per day. Janice stated that there were estimates before that stated that we could possibly wait but if the city wants to continue to expand and have new business come into town it is best to start thinking on the expansion sooner rather than later.

Mr. Mark Eddington is an engineer and the Executive Director for Kishwaukee Water Reclamation presented the council with information on the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District. Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District is the 25<sup>th</sup> largest treatment plant in the State of Illinois a background about the treatment plant. The past 10 years they have been trying to produce electricity from the waste in the last 7 days they have been successful in doing so which will save approximately 800 thousand dollars this year on electrical cost. They are separate unit of government who serves DeKalb, NIU, Unincorporated Areas in DeKalb County and at this time next year will also be serving Malta and Kishwaukee College. The facility is a 9 million gallon a day reclamation facility at which they currently sit on approximately 4 million gallon per day of treatment waste. They have 20 full time workers; they are guided by 3 trustees who serve 3 year terms and are appointed by the DeKalb County Board. Dennis Collins who is President of the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District was also present.

John Lynch who is the President of the Village of Kingston stated that they would like to move forward with Kishwaukee Water Reclamation District so that the village can grow because as of now the City of Genoa has a cap on how much waste the village can produce and the village is at the cap of that waste.

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Alderman Pulley. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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**MARCH 2, 2022 7:15 PM**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**333 EAST FIRST STREET**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) PRESENTATION ON A FUTURE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
EXPANSION BY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JANICE MELTON**

**III. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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**APRIL 20, 2022 7:15 PM**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**333 EAST FIRST STREET**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) DISCUSSION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON RECENT PROGRESS AND FUTURE GOALS**

**B) PRESENTATION ON A FUTURE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION BY CITY ENGINEER ELISA BONKOWSKI AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JANICE MELTON**

**III. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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City Hall  
\*\*SPECIAL MEETING\*\*  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2022  
7:15 P.M.

Mayor Brust called the Special Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Roll call was taken. Alderman Wesner, Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Cravatta and Holcomb were present. Quorum present.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ON RECENT PROGRESS AND FUTURE GOALS:** Mayor Brust stated that the economic development commission is here tonight, the commission was newly founded this year and have been having monthly meetings to discuss how they can improve and help grow the City of Genoa. Here tonight is Nick Braddock and Carolyn Tobinon to get some ideas and feedback from the city council. The EOC has passed out a questioner to all of the alderman to give ideas and feed back to find out how they feel the EOC should move forward and in what direction the alderman would like to see the growth of Genoa. Currently they are working on four main projects events, infrastructure, river area and the downtown area. Alderman Winter suggested that she has used survey monkey and has good results with that and is willing to help get that set up. There was also suggestion of talking to some businesses downtown to incentivize residents to fill out the questioner that they get a gift card or something to a business. Mayor Brust stated that the one big difference that has seen transform our downtown is the façade program. Alderman Wesner stated that she also feels that with the city working on a street scape is another big factor to help bring in some more businesses and trying to get the grants to help revitalize the downtown area more. Alderman Holcomb stated that with the online retail being so high he is worried about certain business coming into the downtown area and being successful and suggested that maybe Jock can help with figuring that out. Alderman Winter feels that a directory would be helpful not only for residents but also for businesses, and that a separate directory for residents and business and it being online would be beneficial. City Administrator Seguss stated that they currently have a high school student helping them put a spreadsheet together all of the properties that is currently available for businesses for rent, purchase or development, they are working on putting the spreadsheet on Intersect Illinois website to breakdown someone looking for a building that has so many square feet and is located by other businesses or certain locations. Alderman Stage suggested a digital messaging board downtown. Mayor Brust stated that this was a great discussion and he would like to have the alderman fill out the questioner and get that back to Alyssa.

**PRESENTATION ON A FUTURE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION BY CITY ENGINEER ELISA BONKOWSKI AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JANICE MELTON:** Mayor Brust stated that we have a presentation on a future waste water treatment plant expansion by City Engineer Elisa Bonkowski and Public Works Director Janice Melton, this is just an informative discussion and no vote will be done tonight. A few months ago, there was a presentation from the Kishwaukee Water Reclamation to share what it would look like for the city to partner with them for our waste water treatment option. Tonight, is the other option that needs to be considered for our waste water treatment. Elisa Bonkowski from Baxter & Woodman Engineers who is also our city engineer gave a presentation with information on both alternatives and going over capital cost of each option. Public Works Director Janice Melton went over fees, surcharges and a summary of the concerns and disadvantages with Kishwaukee

Reclamation District. There was further discussion with and questions answered of the benefits and disadvantages of both options. Mayor Brust informed the council that he would like to have a final vote of this process by the end of the year. Mayor Brust would also like two Alderman to form a committee to gather and learn more about each option to inform the council.

Motion made by Alderman Wesner to adjourn the Special Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Alderman Holcomb. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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**JULY 6, 2022 7:30 PM**

**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**333 EAST FIRST STREET**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED 2012 BUILDING CODE ADOPTION**

**III. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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JULY 6, 2022 7:30 PM

Mayor Brust called the meeting of the Special Meeting of the City of Genoa Special Committee of the Whole to order at 8:20 p.m. Roll call was taken. Aldermen Pulley, Freund, Stage, Winter, Hughes and Holcomb were present. Alderman Cravatta was remote. Alderman Wesner was absent. Quorum present.

NEW BUSINESS

**PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED 2012 BUILDING CODE ADOPTION:** Mayor Brust stated that Dave who is our city's building inspector has put together a presentation of some of the proposed changes of the International Residential Building Code 2012 adoption that are different from the current International Residential Building Code 2003. City Administrator Seguss stated that tonight's presentation on the international residential code will directly impact those people that are doing work on their homes, building a new home etc. Dave will explain some of the major changes to these codes tonight, the council can ask questions and have a discussion. Seguss stated that at the next council meeting there will potentially be an ordinance to adopt the code by reference with amendments that building inspector Dave is recommending. Seguss also stated that there are new codes that come out about every three years and the latest is 2021, we realize that this is not the most recent however in three years the city would like to make another big leap to make the city up to date with the current codes or at least just one version behind.

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the City Council was made by Alderman Pulley, seconded by Alderman Winter. Voice vote was taken. All voted yes. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.