

**CITY OF GENOA  
CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
APRIL 26, 2023 7:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers  
333 East First Street Genoa, IL**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ANY FINE, FEE, CHARGE, TAX, OR COST IMPOSED OR COLLECTED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GENOA AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ILLINOIS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS ACT (50 ILCS 345/1 ET. SEQ.)**

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL**
- II. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- III. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**
- IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**REGULAR MEETING**

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. GUEST SPEAKERS**
- IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 5, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES**
- VI. ITEMS FROM INDIVIDUALS IN ATTENDANCE\***
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
- VIII. FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A) APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS**
  - B) APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ENCAP INC. FOR GENOA PRAIRIE AREA MANAGEMENT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,000**

Including in the packet is a Proposal and Payment Agreement with ENCAP, who has maintained the prairie areas in Genoa for many years. The City spends \$2000.00 per visit for timely herbicide applications, usually 3 times a year. In 2024, it will be time to do a prescribed burn,

which they have worked into the \$6,000 budget for maintenance per year by only doing one maintenance visit in 2024.

Employees at ENCAP have used our prairie areas for outreach programs with NIU students for education and have donated volunteer hours. The owner has been generous again by allowing this burn in 2024 at a special discounted rate. For comparison, Public Works had another company bid for a prescribed burn using the same area map, which was much more expensive. The comparison quote and map of the area to be done is in the packet. Public Works also attempted to get a third quote but was unable to get a response.

**C) APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR ATTRACTIONS FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL WITH FOUR SEASONS AMUSEMENTS, NOT TO EXCEED \$8,110.00**

This Service Agreement includes rides for Harvest Festival that will take place on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The Harvest Fest Committee has been actively planning for the event and after reviewing options for attractions, opted for the “pirates revenge swing ride” and the “state fair super fun slide” included in the attached service agreement.

**D) APPROVE THE USE OF 5 PARKING SPACES ON ROUTE 72 ADJACENT TO 502 WEST MAIN STREET FROM 8 AM TO 3 PM ON JUNE 3, 2023 FOR A VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE**

**E) APPROVE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE REGARDING COMMERCIAL STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TOBACCO AND VAPE SHOPS**

There is an interest within the City of Genoa to allow Commercial Storage of Recreational Vehicles as a Special Use in the City Industrial zoning district. The Commercial Storage of Recreational Vehicles is not currently allowed. The City’s U.D.O. only allows residents to store their recreational vehicles on their residential property. The Ordinance in the packet outlines that Plan Commission’s recommendation for Special Use Requirements for Commercial Storage of Recreational Vehicles.

Additionally, there is also interest in limiting Tobacco Store and Vape Shops to the Suburban Industrial zoning district. The City’s Unified Development Ordinance does not call out tobacco stores and vape shops specifically in the Table of Permitted Uses and therefore, historically, the use has been allowed in areas in which convenience stores are allowed.

The Plan Commission met on April 13<sup>th</sup> and held a Public Hearing for the amendments and ultimately recommended approval to the City Council of both amendments.

**X. CLOSED SESSION**

**A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION**

**B) FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELEASING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

**XI. RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

**F) RELEASE CERTAIN CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

**XII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A) FINANCE
- B) PUBLIC WORKS
- C) POLICE
- D) ADMINISTRATION
- E) COMMITTEE, BOARDS, AND COMMISSION REPORTS (WTC, EDC, PLAN COM., PC, PP, TB, DBC, AND FAC)
- F) MAYOR

**XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XIV. 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.