

November 29, 2009

To the citizens of Lake Geneva and members of the City Council:

In the hope that Lake Geneva can shake itself out of its current paralysis, I have agreed to resign my duly appointed post as Alderman of Lake Geneva's First District under certain agreed conditions. I do so only for the following reasons

1. If I resign prior to Dec. 1st, 2009, that action will allow an election to be held for my seat by April 2010, and the suspended Alderman will be reinstated, charges against them dropped and they will be able to return to handling City business
2. The City of Lake Geneva is facing severe budget crisis and only through re-installation of the inappropriately suspended Alderman, can the City hope to take actions to recover its budget.
3. The City of Lake Geneva is being sued by two separate developers (Illinois developer Robert Hummel seeking more than \$99.8 million in damages and Mirabeau seeking \$29 million in damages); and
4. Fundamentally, I prefer that the citizens validate my appointment by duly electing me in the April election.

However, I note with strong irony that filling vacancies by appointments is allowed by Wisconsin State Statute and is a very common practice in the Lake Geneva City Council. Bill Chesen, who initiated this action by suspending the four Aldermen who voted to appoint me, was **initially appointed** by the same process to the City council by Shelley Shepstone. Other Aldermen appointed to the City Council under the same process that I was appointed includes Ron Weber, Dick Folman, Bob Fleming, Pete Bolt, Gary Dunham (twice) and Todd Krause. Even Bea Dale who initiated the recall election against Alderman Tom Spellman and attempted to recall my appointment was **herself** appointed to the school board without a special election. Only my appointment seems to have created the political and emotional fervor requiring an election rather than appointment. I will leave it to the reader to determine if it was the outcome of the process rather than the process itself that caused this current situation.


This resignation would not have occurred but for the timely action of the Honorable Judge Gibbs. I would like to thank him for stepping into this dispute to prevent a long and costly legal battle. The City needs these funds to defend itself in the developer lawsuits.

I would also like to thank the Janesville Gazette and the Lake Geneva Regional News for giving fair and unbiased reporting of both sides of the conflict and bringing this issue to the attention of the local populace.

In submitting this resignation, I am hopeful that the newly restored City Council will revalidate my appointment by allowing me to serve as an interim Alderman for the First District until the April election.

I look forward to running for this seat in April. I have resigned for the good of the community and I now call on the City Council to reappoint me as interim Alderman and let me help the City move forward in this time of crisis.

Respectfully submitted



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Alderman of the First District