

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
February 26, 2007  
7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Buskirk, Cordova, Ebersole, Fuller, Latimer, and Piotrowski.  
Brown absent.

Vice President Bill Buskirk filled in for President Denny Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Jonathan Schroeder of the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Council Meeting.  
Roll call, 6 yeas.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with representatives from the Star Beacon and Gazette.

Department Presentation – Street Department – Tim Bittner

- Tim Bittner thanked Council for the vehicles that were purchased for the Street Department.
- 782 tons of salt was used in the 2005-2006 winter season at \$40.46 a ton, with at total cost of \$31,639.72. So far in the 2006-2007 winter season, 1,028 tons of salt has been used at a state program reduced cost of \$33.49 a ton. This is a total of \$34,416.00 used to salt the roads.
- Since January of 2007, 186.5 overtime hours have been used.
- Tim Bittner briefly explained the responsibilities of the Street Department.
- The Street Department consists of six employees - one mechanic, four road workers, and Mr. Bittner.

Crystal Latimer asked what has happened to Ansel Rd.

Tim Bittner explained that the roads are in bad shape due to repeated freezing and thawing. They have a truck loaded with material to try to address these problems once it warms up a little. In the spring, they will mark the spots, cut the roadway, dig it out, put material down, and fill them in with a base.

Bill Buskirk stated that putting fabric down before the asphalt was discussed recently and he asked if that would help with the salt issue.

Tim Bittner replied that it would help somewhat, but would not be the same as digging out and putting a good base in.

Citizens

None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2933 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND ON AUSTIN RD.). Jim Pearson explained that the Planning Commission has recommended Council to rezone a portion of Mr. Fagnilli's property south of the CSX tracks, west of Austin Rd. and east of the car wash from a B2 Limited Service District to an Industrial District.

Ordinance 2934 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2007 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 2934 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2934 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2934 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- The Law Director has determined that a survey is needed for the purchase of property across the street from the City Municipal Building. Jim Pearson stated that they have talked to several surveyors and found that this should cost around \$500.00.
- Ohio American was granted a 22% bulk water increase. This will take effect towards the end of this year and raise the bulk water sales \$45,000.00. Jim Pearson added that at some point it may be more economical for us to make water than to buy it.
- Ground breaking for the JEDD II Project will take place Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. on LaFevre and Bishop Rd's. Mr. Pearson encouraged Council to attend.

#### Unfinished Business

None

#### New Business

Crystal Latimer asked that Council explore the possibility of putting a charter change on the ballot to change the elections from partisan to non partisan for Council Members. Ms. Latimer stated that Lauren Gardner could draw something up if Council agrees.

Bill Buskirk added that a public hearing should be scheduled to hear citizen's comments on this issue.

#### Payment of Bills

No questions.

#### Committee Reports

None

#### Citizens

None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

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