

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
July 9, 2007
7:53 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend John Walker of Peoples Church.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the June 25th, 2007 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 abstain - Piotrowski.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with a representative from the Gazette.

Department Presentation – Water Department – Dave Gilbert

- The Raymond Drive project is complete and went very well.
- The Centennial Street water main is in and it has been flushed, tested and sanitized. Resident's service lines are being transferred to it. Once that is done they will finish the sidewalk and street to complete that project.
- The Water Department budget is on the 50% mark and looking good overall.
- Dave Gilbert purchased a small meter reading device which is used along with a line detector to help pinpoint water and service lines. This detector equipment cost \$3,800.00 which was split with the Waste Water Department. This expense has paid for itself. In 2006, almost \$10,000.00 was spent to have Aqua locate lines for the City.
- Dave Gilbert has also been taking reads for accounts that are not being turned on or off. This saves \$16.00 for each read not having Aqua involved.
- The first master meter should be installed by the end of July. Once they receive feed back from that, they will install the additional seven meters.
- Leak detection is complete and came in under budget. Two leaks were found.
- Dave Gilbert is looking at a new procedure that was developed in the UK. Cast iron pipes are scoured, cleaned out, and video tape it to be sure all of the rust is out of the pipe. A liner is sprayed in the pipe and heated water is added to cure it. The pipe can be back in service within 5 hours. This has been 100% approved by the American Water Works Association. Mr. Gilbert feels that this is an ideal procedure for the City of Geneva which will improve water flow and cut costs.
- Tim Bittner has been doing a lot of the street repairs for the Water Department. Mr. Bittner sends the Water Department a bill for materials which has been a huge savings for the Water Department.

Denny Brown asked Dave Gilbert to show the piece of corroded pipe he has to Council for their viewing. Mr. Brown thanked Dave Gilbert for all of his work and effort and stated that this is another example of the City employees working together to improve the quality of life in the City of Geneva.

Bill Buskirk stated that Dave Gilbert has done a good job in continuing to tighten up the process. Council is beginning to see the efficiency's they were hoping to see.

Rodger Fuller asked if the new bulk water rates are in line with what was anticipated.

Dave Gilbert replied that the increase was less than expected, but it is still substantial.

Citizens

Lowell Beaudoin – 160 Raymond Dr., Geneva – stated that there is concern voiced by members of the Raymond Drive community regarding wooden stakes with pink ribbon found on the Geneva Library property, Lutheran Church driveway, and Sunset Manor property. Mr. Beaudoin asked if Council could find out what they are there for so that he could inform those concerned.

Denny Brown replied that it could possibly be a survey, but Council will ask the City Manager and Zoning Department to look into this and report back to him with what they find.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2940 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RECOVERY EXPENSES/COSTS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL (HAZMAT) INCIDENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Chief Starkey explained that the County Fire Chief's Association would like all of the Fire Departments in the County to adopt this updated cost recovery so that everyone is equal.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 2940 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 years. Motion by Cordova, seconded by Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances is read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2940 is placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 years. Roll call on passage, 6 years. Ordinance 2940 duly passed.

Ordinance 2941 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCES SECTION 644.04, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Denny Brown explained that this is an amendment to the open burning ordinance.

Mr. Brown also thanked the Clerk of Council for her work in updating the Codified Ordinance books.

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Fuller to declare Ordinance 2941 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 years. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances is read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2941 is placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 years. Roll call on passage, 6 years. Ordinance 2941 duly passed.

Resolution 3038 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GENEVA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2008 AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Cordova, seconded by Buskirk to declare Resolution 3038 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 years. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Buskirk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions is read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3038 is placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 years. Roll call on passage, 6 years. Resolution 3038 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Assistant City Manager, Jennifer Brown

- The City did receive funding for the Ansel Rd. Issue II Project. This is a \$416,000.00 project and half of that will be funded through low interest loans or a grant.
- Homestead Exemption Extended Period Forms are now available at the Tax Department and front office in the Municipal Building.
- Signal Service will be in to activate the signals downtown for the arrows.

Crystal asked if the homestead exemption was by age or income.

Jennifer Brown replied that it is by age - 65 and older, and/or disabled.

Denny Brown affirmed that the forms are available, but the City will not assist in filling them out.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Rodger Fuller questioned why legislation is being passed by emergency instead of having three readings.

Denny Brown stated that this is a valid question and explained that a lot of times housekeeping issues are passed as emergency to keep things moving along.

Bill Buskirk added that they are passed as an emergency in the interest of public peace, health and safety.

Payment of Bills

Phil Cordova stated that under Community Development there is an Analysis of Orco Appraisal listed for \$2,625.00. Mr. Cordova asked if a report was prepared and what the need for it was.

Denny Brown replied that a report is available for Council to be viewed in an executive session and any questions can be directed to the City Manager.

Committee Reports

None

Citizens

None

Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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