

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
June 25, 2007
7:40 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend John Gross of the United Methodist Church.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Ebersole to accept the minutes of the June 11th, 2007 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 6 years.

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

Department Presentation – Finance Department – Juanita Stuetzer

Juanita Stuetzer explained the tax budget process which establishes a preliminary budget for 2008.

Ohio Revised Code requirements for the tax budget are:

- The budget has to be adopted by Council no later than July 15th, 2007.
- Submitted to the Ashtabula County Auditor's Office by July 20th, 2007. If that date is missed the City will lose its portion of the undivided local government fund distribution.
- To comply with ORC, the tax budget must be available for public inspection 10 days before its adoption and a public hearing has to be held. A public hearing has been scheduled before the Council Meeting on July 9th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The tax budget will be brought to Council for adoption at that Council Meeting.
- In August, the County Budget Commission will review the tax budget.
- By September 1st, the County Budget Commission approves the tax budget and certifies its actions to the City by returning an Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for 2008.
- The County Budget Commission will provide an estimate for tax rates for inside and outside the 10 mill limitation.
- Council has until October 1st to approve the tax levy by resolution to be certified to the County Officials.
- Council adopts the permanent appropriation measure for the end of this year.

Bill Buskirk asked how much money was generated in the police lines this year.

Juanita Stuetzer replied that \$165,000.00 was generated in 2007 at the 1.8 effective rate.

Denny Brown thanked Juanita Stuetzer for reviewing the budget process with Council.

Citizens

None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2939 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 5722 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING THE EFFECTIVE REUTILIZATION OF NONPRODUCTIVE LAND SITUATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.)

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 2939 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 2939 is placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 years. Roll call on passage, 6 years. Ordinance 2939 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- The Street Superintendent feels that they can prolong the life of some of the City's streets if they chip & seal them. A list was prepared of the streets most in need of repair.
- Mr. Pearson announced that the Police Department received three new police cars today and informed Council that the cars were parked behind the municipal building if they would like to see them.

Unfinished Business

Denny Brown stated that the Law Director has requested a professional development budget for attorney registration fees, continuing legal education courses / expenses, and Ohio Bar Association membership. Lauren Gardner explained that Mr. Pearson suggested she ask Council for a separate training line for the Law Department CLE courses needed and registration fees. Ms. Gardner added that she feels this is an appropriate request since she does not work for anyone else.

Phil Cordova asked if the 24 continuing legal education hours needed every two years have historically been completed in municipal law.

Lauren Gardner replied that the hours are either in municipal law or police prosecution issues. Ms. Gardner stated that she would not ask for reimbursement on a course taken for her personal interest.

Council agreed to have City Administration prepare a separate training line for the Law Director.

Juanita Stuetzer stated that an appropriation could be made within the month of July.

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Fuller to change the Soccer Advisory Board appointment of Brenda Hraga from a two (2) year term to a one (1) year term and Kim Buskirk from a one (1) year term to a two (2) year term. Roll call, 6 yeas.

New Business

Liquor Permit ~ Revco Discount Drug Centers, DBA CVS Pharmacy 3169, 170 E. Main Street.

Chief Dudik explained that this application is for a C2 permit which is wine carryout. A background check was done for the initial C1 permit. Chief Dudik sees no reason to object.

- No Objections

Payment of Bills

Rodger Fuller asked if hospitalization is paid quarterly.

Juanita Stuetzer replied that it is a monthly payment.

Committee Reports - None

Citizens - None

Council meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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President of Council

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