

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
June 9, 2008  
7:30 p.m.

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

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 Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to accept the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Council Meeting.  
Roll call, 5 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – CIC – Tony Long

- A new computer system and software package was purchased and Tammy Shuttleworth was hired as Part Time Secretary / Assistant Treasurer for the CIC.
- Tony Long and Juanita Stuetzer worked together to choose new auditors this year.
- The problem with the loss of trees along the east side of Rt. 534 - south of Rt. 84 has hopefully been resolved. Replacement trees will be planted.
- The interchange project has had an erosion problem. Mr. Long met with the State, and the resolution to eliminate the problem was to put in a new curb along Rt. 534. Letters – G-E-N-E-V-A – have been added to the wall.
- The Retail Revolving Loan Fund was established a year and a half ago. There have been four to five loans given out to different downtown retail organizations.
- A breaker went bad on the message board sign on the Friday before Memorial Day weekend. It also had electrical problems during the last storm, but has been repaired for a relatively small fee.
- The West Main Project – addition to University Hospital - is now almost complete and will be a valuable asset to the community.
- Mr. Long will be meeting with Ed Sompi, Acting City Manager of Conneaut, to discuss what the CIC does for the community.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that the CIC does a lot for the community and thanked Tony Long for his presentation.

Citizens

Greg Stranisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Stranisa expressed concern regarding parking on Rt. 534 and Main Street. Mr. Stranisa explained that he recently received a letter stating that there is only a 2 hour limit for parking and he does not want this to affect his business. Mr. Stranisa feels that the City should purchase the empty lot by the Community Center to be used for parking.

Jim Pearson explained that there has been a 2 hour parking limit for the past 34 years and the letter was a friendly reminder to business owners and their employees to park behind the buildings to leave parking spaces open for their customers due to the limited parking.

Bill Buskirk added that downtown parking will continue to be an ongoing issue. The letter was not specific to Mr. Stranisa's area, but meant to alleviate employees parking in front of the buildings for the entire day.

Items for Consideration of Council

Resolution 3059 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO DAVID BESEDA FOR UNMARKETABLE PROPERTY AT DEPOT LOT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3059 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3059 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3059 duly passed.

Resolution 3060 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF PHIL MILLER CONSTRUCTION FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3060 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3060 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3060 duly passed.

Resolution 3061 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF MCCROMETER FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM METERS IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bill Buskirk stated that when the City purchased the Water System, it was a part of the contract with the County to install meters to monitor the flow of water in and out of the City.

Jim Pearson explained that the first meter was successfully installed and they are happy with its performance. The City is now prepared to move ahead with installation of the additional meters.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3061 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3061 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3061 duly passed.

Resolution 3062 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF LEADER MACHINE, LLC FOR FURNISHING THE CITY OF GENEVA WITH A TRAILER MOUNTED SPRAY INJECTION ROAD REPAIR MACHINE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jim Pearson stated that this was discussed at the Capital Retreat and approved by Council to aid in the preservation of the City's roadways.

Street Superintendent Tim Bittner explained that there are a multitude of reasons why Leader Machine was considered to be the best bid. Mr. Bittner stated that this is an amazing machine which will literally allow two people to go out and repair a road and he recommends that Council accept the bid of Leader Machine, LLC.

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3062 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3062 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3062 duly passed.

Resolution 3063 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE STREETS IN THE CITY OF GENEVA BY SUPPLYING ELECTRIC LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bill Buskirk explained that this is an annual resolution for the street lighting assessment.

Bruce Beckwith asked Jim to explain the contingencies listed.

Jim Pearson explained that when the lights were done in 1996, two steel poles were left downtown in bad shape. The City has worked with the Consultants to devise a plan, coordinating with the downtown merchants, to have these taken down. This will also be a perfect opportunity to check the condition of the existing wiring once the concrete is tore up. The intent is to have this done before the Grape Jamboree or just after.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3063 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3063 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3063 duly passed.

#### City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Tony Long reported that there were a few trees down from the high winds last night. All power has been restored, but debris will have to be picked up.
- Three capital infrastructure projects were advertised for bid this week and the results will be brought to Council at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting:
  - North Nearing Issue I project - paving, curbs, widening, and sanitary sewer repair.
  - CDBG Depot Street resurfacing project.

- South Eagle Street resurfacing project from Rt. 20 to the railroad tracks.
- Mary Ann Hill has redesigned the City web site to make it a more powerful and accessible site.
- Chief Starkey will be participating in a Table Top Exercise with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
- Updates were made to the Emergency Operations Plan and given out for replacement of the old pages.
- The Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan met June 5<sup>th</sup> and will meet again June 12<sup>th</sup>. The public visioning workshop will be June 19<sup>th</sup> in the Geneva City Council Chambers. Mr. Pearson encouraged Council to attend.
- Issue II capital infrastructure applications have been submitted. The government's stimulus package will allow for a double funding round during the next cycle and five separate applications were submitted:
  - Tibbitts Street paving and storm water.
  - Lockwood Street paving, water line replacement, sanitary repairs, and storm water repair.
  - Van Epps paving, water line replacement, and sanitary sewer repair.
  - Equalization basin for the Wastewater plant.
  - Covered Bridge replacement on West Liberty Street.

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

Kim Ebersole stated that she completed the Leadership Program and found it to be a wonderful experience where she learned a lot about Ashtabula County. Ms. Ebersole hopes that everyone has an opportunity to attend the program.

Jim Pearson stated that the 2008-2009 class is now being filled and asked if there was any interest from Council to attend.

Bill Buskirk asked what the time commitment is for the program.

Jim Pearson explained that it is typically one day a month for 9 months starting in August and finishing in June.

Jeff Piotrowski expressed interest in attending the Leadership Program, but stated that he will wait to see if Phil Cordova is also interested.

Council agreed to make a decision at the next Council Meeting.

### Payment of Bills

No questions.

### Committee Reports

Bruce Beckwith asked if the storm water needs of the City should be referred to a committee for discussion.

Bill Buskirk stated that he will be scheduling a Utility Committee Meeting soon and will have this issue added to the agenda.

Crystal Latimer stated that she will be asking Council to make appointments to the Shade Tree Commission at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting because their first meeting will be June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Citizens

None

Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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