

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
March 26, 2007
7:36 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Laurie Donatone.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the March 12th, 2007 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Fire – Chief Starkey

- At the end of March, 2006, there were 90 fire runs. There have been 97 as of March 26, 2007.
- The Fire Department applied for the EMS Grant once again. They have been awarded this Grant for numerous years which helps to purchase A.E.D.'s, oxygen, medical equipment, etc. needed for quick response on scene.
- Chief Starkey is looking at the S.A.F.E.R. Grant for staffing of Fire Fighters.
- The Fire Act Grant is due in mid April for fire protection equipment.
- Chief Starkey stated that he is very proud of the members of the Geneva Fire Department. Not only for the job they do as Fire Fighters, but also for the impact they have on the community due to all of their involvement.
- Chief Starkey stated that the Fire Department continues to move forward with their strategic plan. Their success is in doing the best they can with what they have.

Bill Buskirk stated that he is curious why there is an increase in fire calls since there have been safety advances made in homes with less flammable materials used and better fire alarms installed.

Chief Starkey replied that there have been advances, but not a lot of implementation of those advances.

Jim Pearson asked Chief Starkey to explain the A.E.D. program.

Chief Starkey explained that the Geneva Schools, Police Department and Fire Department all have A.E.D.'s (Automated External Defibrillator's). The Fire Department hopes to install one in the gym and have it tied into an alarm system. When someone pulls the A.E.D. out, a signal will be sent to the Police Department to activate EMS to respond to the gym.

On behalf of Council, Denny Brown commended Chief Starkey for his leadership and stated that they are deeply appreciative of the Fire Fighters and their involvement in the community. Mr. Brown mentioned the Nicholson/McCroden Memorial Fund Basketball Game held Friday, March 23rd. Chief Starkey, Fire Fighters, and Police Officers all participated to represent the City in this worthwhile project.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2933 was read, third reading. (AN ORDINANCE REZONING A TRACT OF LAND ON AUSTIN RD.). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2933 duly passed.

Resolution 3030 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN FUND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT, AND CITY OF GENEVA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Jim Pearson explained that this is a continuing agreement the City has with the State of Ohio that has expired and needs to be renewed.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Buskirk to declare Resolution 3030 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Cordova, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3030 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3030 duly passed.

Resolution 3031 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR STATE/HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR FY 2007, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jim Pearson explained that this is the 6th CHIP Grant the City has applied for, 5 of which they have been awarded. Jim Pearson added that this is a great program that offers low to moderate income residents a way to improve their homes and he encourages Council to authorize the application.

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Resolution 3031 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Buskirk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3031 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3031 duly passed.

Ordinance 2935 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 Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2935 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 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 2935 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2935 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- The JEDD II Project is well underway. Mr. Pearson stated that they are digging at 26 feet deep and he encouraged Council stop and see it if they get the chance.
- Millwood Phase II should be moving forward soon.
- City Staff attended a meeting at University Hospitals announcing their Corporate Health Plan. The City currently uses Ashtabula County Medical Center and Administration is very excited that Geneva will now be offering this service.
- With the efforts of Chief Starkey, Ron Belding with Belding Monuments donated and installed a plaque to mark the Time Capsule placed in 1988. Jim Pearson suggested they bring Ron Belding in for recognition.
- Paul Mikulin met with Jim Pearson to discuss the possibility of having a City Soccer League started. Mr. Pearson is excited at the potential of having this happen and Mr. Mikulin will be working to form a volunteer committee to help in the endeavors. Council will hear more about this in the future as it moves forward.
- Attorney John Gibbons informed Jim Pearson that Senate Bill 117, which is backed by AT & T, basically does away with the City's ability to negotiate franchise agreements. Mr. Gibbons suggests that Geneva step back, cancel tomorrow's Franchise Committee meeting, and let them research on where to go from here.
- Jim Pearson announced that Tammy Shuttleworth has been selected as the City's 2006 Employee of the Year. Tammy Shuttleworth along with Fire, Police, Dispatch and Part Time Employees of the Year will be recognized for their efforts at the last Council Meeting in April.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Payment of Bills

No questions.

Committee Reports

None

Citizens

None

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Fuller for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisition. Roll Call, 7 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 8:00 p.m.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Cordova to re-convene the March 26th, 2007 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 8:23 p.m.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Ebersole for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel. Roll Call, 7 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 8:24 p.m.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Fuller to re-convene the March 26th, 2007 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 8:30 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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