

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 26, 2007
7:30 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 Ebersole to accept the minutes of the November 12th, 2007 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Architectural Review Board – Jennifer Brown

- An Architectural Review Board update for 2007 was given to Council.
- There has been a lot of signage and façade improvements in each quadrant.
- Two members of the Architectural Review Board were lost this year and will need to be replaced. The Architectural Review Board requires that they be an actual property owner and or store owner in the central business district. Expansion of the jurisdiction is being anticipated. This may be addressed during the comprehensive plan process.
- Board Member Tim Miller has been assigned as the Director of Stormwater Management in Lake County. Mr. Miller is a valuable resource for the upcoming EPA mandate for stormwater.

Crystal Latimer asked how they will go about filling the two openings for the Architectural Review Board. Jennifer Brown replied that an article was placed in the Gazette Newspaper. Two store owners did express interest at one time, but it should be brought up again at the GBA Meeting. Ms. Brown asked that the newspapers run an article again.

Citizens

None

Items for Consideration of Council

Denny Brown explained that House Bill 9 is requiring that City Council members attend records management training, but they may appoint a designee to attend in their place.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova to appoint Laurie Donatone designee for Council to attend House Bill 9 Records Management Training at Lakeland Community College. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Lauren Gardner stated that she will also be attending the training.

Ordinance 2950 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY SOLICITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2950 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2950 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2950 duly passed.

Ordinance 2951 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE RE-APPOINTING AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Fuller to declare Ordinance 2951 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2951 be placed on the final roll for passage.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2951 duly passed.

Ordinance 2952 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008, AMENDING CHAPTER

250 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2926, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2952 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2952 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2952 duly passed.

Ordinance 2953 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF GENEVA, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE NEW RATES AND CHARGES).

Resolution 3051 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF DELTA CHEMICAL CORPORATION FOR FURNISHING THE CITY OF GENEVA WITH ALUM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova to declare Resolution 3051 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3051 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3051 duly passed.

Resolution 3052 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AND ACCEPT THE 2007 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT APPLICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova, to declare Resolution 3052 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3052 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3052 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Assistant City Manager Jennifer Brown

- Jennifer Brown stated that she will need to know if Council plans to attend the Chamber dinner December 5th.
- Council photographs will be taken at the December 3rd Reorganization Meeting.
- The Christmas parade will be held Friday, November 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Denny Brown commented that downtown Geneva looks beautiful. Mr. Brown stated that this has been a long, ongoing improvement in the community. Council and the citizens should be very proud of the way the City is moving.

Kim Ebersole added that people are detouring down Rt. 534 to see the Christmas lights in Geneva.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills - No questions

Committee Reports

None

Citizens

Greg Stranisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Stranisa asked that parking behind the food pantry be changed to handicapped parking.

Denny Brown thanked Mr. Stranisa for his comments and added that anything the community can do to address the needs of the handicapped is certainly worthy of consideration. Mr. Brown asked Chief Dudik, the Street Department, and the City Manager's office to look into this issue.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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