

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
October 29, 2007
7:30 p.m.

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

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

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Ebersole to accept the minutes of the October 8th, 2007 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 6 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Wastewater Department – Gary Hydinger (in place of Downtown Revitalization)
Gary Hydinger stated that he and Juanita Stuetzer prepared a wastewater fund carryover & rate analysis which was given to Council in their packets. Mr. Hydinger explained the many repairs and replacements needed to maintain the Wastewater Plant and stated that there has only been a 5% increase in the sewer user fees since 1998. Mr. Hydinger feels that a 10% increase initially, followed by 10% the second year and then 11% the third year is a reasonable request.

Rodger Fuller asked why the analysis shows a drop off in revenues.

Gary Hydinger explained that in 2008, a one time payment of \$364,000.00 in JEDD II tap-in fees will be received. Revenues are reduced by that amount in succeeding years. Mr. Hydinger projects only \$55,000.00 in tap-in fees next year which is where the biggest decrease in revenues will be. All tap-in fees are rolled into the operating budget.

Rodger Fuller asked why the debt service for 2008 is going up over \$76,000.00.

Gary Hydinger explained that in 2007 one payment was projected on the JEDD, and next year two payments will be made.

Denny Brown feels that Council has no choice but to maintain the wastewater plant, unless they want to see it deteriorate to the point that it does not function. Mr. Brown thanked Gary Hydinger for his presentation.

Bill Buskirk stated that the Utility Committee would like to meet and review wastewater rates again.

Citizens

Dave Johnson – 1181 Fortier Rd., Harpersfield – On behalf of the Grape Jamboree Committee, Dave Johnson thanked Council for their close relationship and another successful year. Mr. Johnson also thanked Council for the proclamation that was presented to Channel 19 Action News at the Grape Jamboree.

Denny Brown stated that Council has supported the Grape Jamboree Committee over the years and it is a pleasure to have that working relationship with them. Council is very proud and appreciative of the Grape Jamboree Committee's contribution to the community.

Debbie Caranci – 4055 Austin Rd., Geneva – Debbie Caranci represents a committee to establish a museum for Platt R. Spencer. Ms. Caranci gave a packet to Council consisting of a summary biography and the accomplishments of Platt R. Spencer and asked if Council would consider hanging flags in the City representing Platt R. Spencer and his penmanship.

Denny Brown feels this is a great idea and asked the City Manager or his designee to meet with the committee and follow up on their suggestion.

Council had no objections and agreed that this would be a good idea.

Jim Pearson asked Ms. Caranci to contact him and added that he had an opportunity to meet with some of the Spenserian's at Mary's Diner who also expressed interest in having a monument or plaque in the City.

Crystal Latimer asked that the meeting be held on a Friday so that she can attend.

Julie Lynn Pavelecky – 574 S. Ridge East, Geneva – Julie Lynn Pavelecky stated that she was interested in the issue of the park and asked what the City of Geneva was doing to consider the second option that was presented. Denny Brown replied that the topic of the park will be discussed later in the meeting.

Jim Spellman - 7 Elizabeth Drive, Geneva – Jim Spellman asked if Gary Hydinger said that all of Wastewaters expenditures are taken out of the operating budget.

Gary Hydinger replied that is true, with the exception of the JEDD project.

Mr. Spellman stated that the Wastewater Department is looking at large expenditures down the road to keep the plant operating and suggested that Council go to the voters for millage to handle the capital projects so that rate increases would not have to be so high.

Denny Brown stated that the Utility meeting will meet to discuss this issue which is open to the public.

Bill Buskirk added that he will call Mr. Spellman to inform him when the Utility Committee Meeting will be.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2949 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE TO BE PAID BY A VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OFFERING VIDEO SERVICE IN THE CITY PURSUANT TO A STATE-ISSUED VIDEO SERVICE AUTHORIZATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO GIVE NOTICE TO THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Council agreed to change Ordinance 2949 from an emergency to a first reading in the Work Session.

Resolution 3046 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR THE FURNISHING OF A 2008 FORD F-450 4 X 2 BUCKET TRUCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Fuller, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3046 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3046 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3046 duly passed.

Resolution 3047 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GENEVA AND GENEVA TOWNSHIP).

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- The West Street CDBG Project is being paved for completion.
- The Sherman Street walk bridge sidewalk has been poured for completion of the FEMA project.
- Rip rap lost at the Rt. 84 / Rt. 534 creek is also being replaced as part of the FEMA project.
- Mr. Pearson thanked the Grape Jamboree Committee and stated that a Jamboree exit meeting was held today along with Department Heads to discuss any problems or changes that may be needed.
- The Ghoul Fest hosted by the Safety Forces and Recreation Department was held Saturday. Many people volunteered their time and efforts to make this a huge success for the children in the community.
- Chief Dudik received a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant to help provide bullet proof vests for the Officers in the amount of \$4,700.00.
- Jim Pearson and Street Superintendent Tim Bittner will be leaving tomorrow for Columbus to attend a Storm Water Conference until Wednesday.

Denny Brown added that he was able to attend the Ghoul Fest which allowed for a safe place for children to enjoy Halloween activities.

Unfinished Business

Bill Buskirk stated that an e-mail was received from Ron Clutter inviting representatives from Council to attend a meeting to discuss the pros and cons for a joint usage complex.

Kim Ebersole mentioned that Phil Cordova had an interest in attending that meeting.

Julie Lynn Pavelecky asked how this option was passed up initially and not previously considered.

Denny Brown replied that nothing has been passed up that he is aware of and no final decisions have been made.

Mr. Brown stated that Council is open to hear any options Mr. Clutter has and representatives of Council will attend his meeting.

Bill Buskirk added that Council has no specifics at this point, but once received, Council will want to get that information to the public so that they can have feed back from the citizens.

Denny Brown stated that Council has no objections to Mr. Clutter giving a presentation to Council and the citizens of Geneva if he so chooses.

Julie Lynn Pavelecky feels that the City should not ignore Mr. Clutter's free offering and added that the City can do a number of other things with the Romeo property.

Denny Brown stated that Council does want to hear what Mr. Clutter has to offer and again welcomed Mr. Clutter to make a presentation to Council and the citizens of Geneva. Mr. Brown stated that Council can not make any decisions without having all of the information.

Julie Lynn Pavelecky feels that this is an important issue and should be made as public as possible.

Margie Traxx of the Star Beacon added that several articles have been written on the park and Mr. Clutter has declined comments three times.

Council will contact Bill Buskirk if interested in attending Mr. Clutters meeting.

New Business

Liquor Permit ~ Bruce's Fine Foods, Inc. DBA Giant Eagle of Geneva 617, 755 S. Broadway, Geneva.

Jim Pearson explained that this is a transfer of stock from Bruce Archinal to his son David Archinal. A background check was done and Chief Dudik sees no reason to object.

- No Objections

Payment of Bills

Bill Buskirk asked if each department receives a separate phone bill.

Jim Pearson replied that there is one phone bill broken down into departments.

Committee Reports

None

Citizens

Greg Stranisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Stranisa asked if the property purchased across the street from the municipal building was now a parking lot. Mr. Stranisa feels the City needs extra parking.

Denny Brown replied that the property was purchased with the intent to turn it into a parking lot.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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