

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
October 8, 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 September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Council Meeting and the September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Special Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Street Scape – Jim Pearson

Mr. Pearson presented a concept of possible revitalization of the South Broadway Corridor between the Norfolk Southern Railway and Park Street. A handout was given to all present that included a sketch of the corridor and covered bridge, possible funding sources and probable costs of the covered bridge. Mr. Pearson explained that this project would include street lighting, Civil War Monument relocation, Cowles Creek restoration and foot path, covered bridge and parking area, and a cast iron welcome to Historic Geneva. Kevin Grippy of Smolen Engineering explained possible funding sources for the Revitalization Plan to include transportation funding, ODOT grants, USDA grants, private donations, and contributions from the City among others. Mr. Grippy added that there are many opportunities to find funding for this exciting project. Jim Pearson stated that this is the initial planning of the Revitalization Plan and he looks forward to Council's comments to move forward with any one of these projects if Council so desires. Denny Brown stated that this is another project that Council needs to consider to help make the community appealing, alive and vibrant. Mr. Brown is personally in favor of the Revitalization Plan and thanked Mr. Pearson and Mr. Grippy for their insight and presentation of this idea to the community.

Citizens

Geoff Kotzar – 7141 ST. Rt. 534 – Geoff Kotzar, President of ORCO Sportsman's Association, stated that it is his understanding that Council is considering alternate sites for the recreation complex. Mr. Kotzar informed Council that ORCO has potential interest in purchasing the Romeo property and they are looking forward to speaking to Council about this in the future.

John Clarkson – 65 S. Cedar Street – John Clarkson asked if the City was planning to pave S. Cedar Street in the near future.

Jim Pearson replied that the purpose to chip seal the streets was to protect them from further damage and to prolong their life. Mr. Pearson explained that Council meets each year to look at the Capital Budget and at that point they determine how the capital dollars will be spent.

Items for Consideration of Council

Resolution 3041 was read, third reading. (A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN RECOMMENDED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATOR). Motion by Cordova, seconded by Fuller to place Resolution 3041 on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Resolution 3041 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson asked Council if they have had an opportunity to look at the 2008 tentative budget schedule and would they like to see any changes on it for this fall. Council agreed that the tentative budget schedule was acceptable.

- The citizens will be pleasantly surprised with the Christmas lights in Downtown Geneva again this year. Mr. Pearson stated that countless hours are put into this project and he thanked everyone who participates.
- The Safety Forces will be hosting this years Ghoul Fest. Mr. Pearson gave them much credit for their time and effort.

### Unfinished Business

Denny Brown stated that Councilmen Phil Cordova, Bill Buskirk, and Rodger Fuller were appointed to a Personnel Committee to fill a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission.

Phil Cordova stated that the Personnel Committee reviewed the applications and feel very strongly about moving forward.

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Fuller to nominate Gary Holt to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Roll call, 7 yeas.

### New Business

None

### Payment of Bills

No questions

### Committee Reports

Kim Ebersole stated that the NAD Board has decided to seek a 1 mill replacement levy in March. Denny Brown asked Kim Ebersole to keep Council informed on this issue as it proceeds.

Bill Buskirk announced that a Utilities Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss wastewater rates.

Rodger Fuller stated that the CIC met today. Mr. Fuller announced that the new Welcome to Geneva sign on I 90 is almost complete.

Jim Pearson added that they still want to work on the color of the lettering that will say Geneva and seal coat the grape so that it stands out.

### Citizens

Lenny Fowkes – 1166 Sherman Street, Geneva – Lenny Fowkes stated that Denny Brown will be completing his term on Council in December after 12 years and thanked him for his time and tremendous contributions to the City. Mr. Fowkes added that he hopes Denny Brown will come back to City Council one day.

Mr. Fowkes stated that Romeo Park is a great idea which will have many benefits for the community and he encourages Council to continue to move forward with it. Mr. Fowkes added that he hopes ORCO Sportsman's Association does not purchase the Romeo property.

Denny Brown thanked Mr. Fowkes for his comments and added that the City functions with Council working as a whole. Mr. Brown stated that the City Administration and Department Heads are the ones that actually do all of the work along with volunteers from the community.

Jennifer Brown, Assistant City Manager, announced that the Christmas Committee is in need of volunteers for this years display.

Jim Spellman – 7 Elizabeth Drive, Geneva – Jim Spellman stated that he is a strong believer in citizen involvement and he feels that the Revitalization Project is an ideal time to appoint a citizens committee.

Jim Pearson agreed with Mr. Spellman and stated that the City is also in the process of interviewing consultants for the Comprehensive Plan and these projects will coincide. Mr. Pearson feels that this is a perfect opportunity to have citizen involvement.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

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