

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
April 28, 2008
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Any Grimes of the Geneva Church of the Nazarene.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to accept the minutes of the April 14th, 2008 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 7 years.

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

Department Presentation – Employee of the Year 2007

- City Wide Employee of the Year – Gary Hydinger – presented by Jim Pearson and Rodger Fuller.
- Full Time Police Officer of the Year – Officer Todd Emmett / Officer Doug Zetlaw – presented by Chief Dudik.
- Full Time Dispatcher of the Year – Ann Juodenas-Smith – presented by Chief Dudik.
- Part Time Employee of the Year – Laurie Donatone – presented by Chief Dudik.
- Fireman of the Year – Dale Arkenburg – presented by Chief Starkey.

Gary Holt was the representative for the American Legion and presented the George Call Post 124 Award to each award recipient.

Citizens

Dave Johnson – 1181 Fortier Rd., Harpersfield – Dave Johnson, President of the Grape Jamboree, made a formal request to Council to hold the 45th annual Grape Jamboree September 27th and 28th, 2008.

Mr. Johnson stated that Channel 19 will be promoting the Grape Jamboree again this year. Mr. Johnson added that Council member Bruce Beckwith and his wife are on the Grape Jamboree Committee and he invited other Council members to join the Committee if interested.

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Beckwith to hold the annual Grape Jamboree on September 27th and 28th, 2008.
Roll call, 7 years.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2964 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “455-MONUMENT PARK”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2964 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 years. Motion by Cordova, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2964 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 years. Roll call on passage, 7 years. Ordinance 2964 duly passed.

Ordinance 2965 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 2965 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 years. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2965 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 years. Roll call on passage, 7 years. Ordinance 2965 duly passed.

City Manager’s Report – Jim Pearson

- South Eagle Street and Sherman Street paving projects were discussed at the capital retreat this year. The City's engineering firm evaluated both roads and recommends that the City proceed with the resurfacing of South Eagle Street along with an alternate bid for base repair and drainage for Sherman Street if Council so desires. Council agreed to move forward with those bids.
- The North Nearing Issue I project to remove old maple trees for reconstruction of the roadways is ready to go to bid. Mr. Pearson explained that a letter was sent to the residents that this will affect and he is holding off on this project for a couple of days to be sure there are no serious objections.
- The sidewalk repair and replacement bids are ready to be advertised.
- Emergency repair work had to be done on leaking water lines at the Wastewater Plant. Gary Hydinger explained that there have been repeated problems over the years and an excavating company had to be hired to locate and repair the leaks which cost a substantial amount of money. Lines that were not needed were abandoned and they relocated lines that are necessary to a depth that can be safely worked on in the upcoming years.
- CT Consultants is preparing engineering estimates to remove the last two steel light poles in the Downtown area. This project will be underway in the near future.

Crystal Latimer asked if there was going to be a service Thursday for the National Day of Prayer. Reverend Andy Grimes replied that a service will be held Thursday, May 1st at noon in front of the Western County Court House.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Liquor Permit ~ William Singleton, 1st Floor & Patio, 55 Water Street, Geneva.

Chief Dudik explained that this is a D2 liquor permit for carryout. Chief Dudik sees no reason to object.

- No Objections

Bill Buskirk stated that he will be attending the Elected Officials Conference in Washington, DC on May 8th and 9th and would like to have reimbursement for gas setting the cap at \$200.00.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to have \$200.00 appropriated for fuel reimbursement for the Elected Officials Conference. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Payment of Bills

No questions.

Committee Reports

None

Citizens

Greg Stranisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Stranisa thanked Rodger Fuller and City Council for the new parking lot at the Geneva Municipal Building. Mr. Stranisa stated that it is a nice addition that will be well used.

Bill Buskirk added that he is also very thankful for the additional parking.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation, property acquisition, and personnel – upcoming union negotiations. Roll Call, 7 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski to re-convene the April 28th, 2008 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 9:16 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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