

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
August 25, 2008
7:34 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Father Melvin Rusnak of the Assumption Church.

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Piotrowski to accept the minutes of the August 11th, 2008 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 6 yeas.

Citizens – Citizens were present.

Department Presentation – Wastewater – Gary Hydinger

- Repair work was needed on the sewer jet truck which cost \$3,500.00. The sewer jet truck is now back in operation and routine maintenance is being done for the fall season.
- Water flow is up to 331 million gallons this year compared to 284 million gallons last year.
- The Wastewater Department has had 34 sewer calls this year – 6 of those were the responsibility of the City, having a blockage in the main rather than in the lateral.
- NPDES Permit – 2 new requirements from the EPA – 1) Reporting of sanitary sewer overflows and, 2) Water in basements. This information will help the EPA to have a wider perspective on sanitary sewer systems and will hopefully get the Federal Government involved with funding.
- Mr. Hydinger is still researching the pan and tilt camera which will enable them to identify problems in sewer lines.

Rodger Fuller asked what the camera will cost.

Gary Hydinger replied that a pan and tilt camera mounted in the truck will cost between \$135,000 to \$160,000.00 depending on the features.

Rodger Fuller asked if you can add on to the camera and if so, would the add ons have to be purchased at the same time the camera is purchased.

Gary Hydinger replied that the camera they are looking at does have a number of things to add on which can continue to be purchased over the years.

Mr. Fuller thanked Gary Hydinger for his presentation.

Citizens

None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2972 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Latimer, seconded by Buskirk to declare Ordinance 2972 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 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 2972 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2972 duly passed.

Resolution 3072 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE A JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE ASHTABULA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTHY OHIO COMMUNITY OBESITY PREVENTION GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3072 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Buskirk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three

separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3072 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3072 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Grinding is complete on Depot and S. Eagle Streets. Curbing followed by paving will be done on Depot Street after which they will move to N. Nearing.
- Mr. Pearson asked Council if they would like him to plan a dedication ceremony for the Austin Rd. overpass opening. Council agreed to have Mr. Pearson proceed with those plans.
- The City will be receiving \$28,000.00 reimbursement for damaged caused from the ice and snow storm last winter.
- Mr. Pearson reminded Council to get any information they would like to have included in the Fall News Letter to Tammy Shuttleworth.
- Mr. Pearson encouraged Council to drive by and see the painting that was done at the Community Center.

Unfinished Business

Rodger Fuller asked if there was any information on ORCO.

Jim Pearson explained that he and the Law Director are assembling documents for the Attorney. There are still a few questions on the agreement that need a response.

New Business

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Latimer to form a JEDD I Negotiations Committee and to appoint Rodger Fuller, Bill Buskirk, and Phil Cordova to that committee. Roll call, 6 yeas.

Payment of Bills – No questions.

Citizens – None

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk stated that a Utilities Committee Meeting was held tonight at 6:00 p.m. The following ongoing issues were discussed: Automated Meter Reading System, NPDES Permit, and Wastewater Budget. The next Utilities Committee Meeting will be held before the second Council meeting in September.

Crystal Latimer gave a printout to Council to inform them of what the Shade Tree Commission hopes to achieve. Ms. Latimer read the Commission's Master Plan Statement (Mission, Vision, or Purpose). To maximize the economic, environmental, and social benefits of a sustainable urban forest for the residents of Geneva, Ohio. The next Shade Tree Commission Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 27th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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