

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
December 8, 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 Bob Cunningham of the United Church.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the November 24th, 2008 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas, 2 abstains – Ebersole and Fuller.

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

Department Presentation – None

Citizens – None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2978 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 1042.03 (C), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 2978 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2978 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2978 duly passed.

Ordinance 2979 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN RATES FOR THE GENEVA WATER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Ordinance 2980 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009, AMENDING CHAPTER 250 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2952, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 2980 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Cordova, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2980 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2980 duly passed.

Ordinance 2981 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “823 – JEDD I GAREAT SANITARY SEWER FUND”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 2981 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2981 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2981 duly passed.

Ordinance 2982 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “824 – JEDD I HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP FUND”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2982 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 2982 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2982 duly passed.

Ordinance 2983 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 Cordova, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 2983 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2983 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2983 duly passed.

Ordinance 2984 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, STATE OF OHIO, FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 2984 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2984 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2984 duly passed.

Ordinance 2985 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY SOLICITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2985 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2985 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2985 duly passed.

Ordinance 2986 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 Beckwith to declare Ordinance 2986 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2986 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2986 duly passed.

Resolution 3079 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GENEVA AND AQUA OHIO, INC. FOR OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND MONITORING OF WATER TRANSMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Resolution 3079 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3079 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3079 duly passed.

Resolution 3081 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3081 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3081 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3081 duly passed.

Resolution 3082 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL # 3695, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3082 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3082 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3082 duly passed.

Resolution 3083 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF

NORTH AMERICA WASTEWATER EMPLOYEES LOCAL # 860, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to declare Resolution 3083 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstain – Beckwith. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3083 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstain – Beckwith. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas, 1 abstain – Beckwith. Resolution 3083 duly passed.

Resolution 3084 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE LABORER’S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES LOCAL # 860, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Buskirk to declare Resolution 3084 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstain – Beckwith. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3084 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstain – Beckwith. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas, 1 abstain – Beckwith. Resolution 3084 duly passed.

Resolution 3085 was read first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC DEFENSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3085 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 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 3085 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3085 duly passed.

City Manager’s Report – Assistant City Manager Jennifer Brown

Jennifer Brown had nothing to add to the City Manager’s report in the Council packet.

Bill Buskirk congratulated and thanked Jennifer Brown for receiving the Downtown Revitalization Grant. Mr. Buskirk explained that this is the third year the City has tried for the Grant which has taken an enormous amount of effort.

Rodger Fuller added that he spoke with Phyllis Dunlap who assisted in the application process and is very happy that it was awarded to the City of Geneva.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk stated that a Utilities Committee Meeting was held prior to tonight’s Council Meeting. Ordinance 2979 – An ordinance amending certain rates for the Geneva Water System was discussed. A 4% increase will be proposed which is strictly a pass through of the bulk water increase. Mr. Buskirk stated that the Utilities Committee or Dave Gilbert will be happy to answer any questions anyone might have.

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa asked if the water rate increase is an additional fee. Bill Buskirk explained that Ohio American obtained a 14.3% bulk water increase through PUCO. Mr. Buskirk stated that the City is translating that difference and passing it on.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone

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President of Council

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