

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
January 14, 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 Andy Grimes of the Geneva Church of the Nazarene.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the December 10th, 2007 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Income Tax – Shelly Huff

- Now entering into the tax season. Last year 3,800 returns were sent out and 500 retired exemption forms were received. It looks as though the same amount of returns will be sent out this year.
- In 2007, 130 cases were taken to court.
- 135 payment agreements have been filed allowing residents to make monthly payments to the City.
- 750 estimates are mailed quarterly.
- Revenue generated from 2006 to 2007 was \$151,000.00 more than the previous year giving a 7% increase.

Shelly Huff thanked her assistant Pauline Loveland for her efforts in getting the Tax Department where it is today. Ms. Huff also thanked Lauren Gardner and the Police Department for their help and knowledge. Bill Buskirk stated that Shelly Huff had to start the Tax Department almost from scratch and asked if she feels things are now working well.

Shelly Huff replied that she and Pauline Loveland feel that information is now current and accurate and the Tax Department has a good grip on what is going on in the City.

Rodger Fuller thanked Shelly Huff and stated that she is doing a great job.

Citizens

None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2958 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2952 FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Latimer, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2958 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 2958 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2958 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson explained that he received a call from the County Engineer regarding the Issue I Ansel Rd. Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Paving Project. The City was just under the funding line, but this year the District, encompassing Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula, has extra loan money that needs to be dispersed. The total project was estimated to be \$461,000.00. The initial application was for \$150,000.00 with 0% loan and an \$80,000.00 Grant. Since the City was not funded the grant will not be there, but they can replace the \$80,000.00 with 0% loan if the City wants to move ahead. Mr. Pearson spoke with the Street Superintendent and Wastewater Superintendent who feel that the City should move ahead with this project considering the condition of the road and sewers. Mr. Pearson asked for Council's direction.

Bruce Beckwith asked if there were any storm sewers in that area.

Jim Pearson replied that there are some existing storm sewers needing repair.

Phil Cordova asked how soon that money would be available.

Jim Pearson replied that the money would be available in mid July.

Jeff Piotrowski stated that he feels the City should move forward with this project.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills - No questions

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk stated that a Utility Committee Meeting was held January 7th, 2008 regarding EPA Flow Guides. Mr. Buskirk explained that the Utility Committee's concern with the recent flow guides is that the average per gallon per day usage for a single family residential home was decreased slightly. This will change the baseline for tap-in fees and the way commercial and industrial tap-ins are calculated. The Utility Committee will meet again to take a closer look on how this will affect Wastewater revenue and will keep Council updated.

Citizens

None

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Buskirk for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss property acquisition and litigation. Roll Call, 7 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to re-convene the December 10th, 2007 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 9:30 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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