

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
July 14, 2008
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Jim Walker of Peoples Church.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the June 23rd, 2008 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 6 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Tax – Shelly Huff

- Shelly Huff passed out an Income Tax Revenue Comparison for the past three years to Council which showed a 7% increase in 2007.
- 750 failure to file letters for 2007 were mailed in June, 2008.
- 35 cases have been brought to court so far in 2008.

Bill Buskirk asked what the cut off was before filing with the court.

Shelly Huff replied that the City has three years to collect that debt. The City Ordinance states that the City maintain records for a minimum of five years.

Rodger Fuller thanked Shelly Huff for her presentation and the fine job that she is doing.

Citizens

None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2966 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GENEVA TO PARTICIPATE IN A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CREATION OF A SMALL UTILITIES GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) COOPERATIVE WITH THE VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS).

Jennifer Brown explained that Sherry Loos of the Rural Community Assistance Program asked if the City would want to cooperate with other communities in a grant request to conduct a feasibility study for a shared GIS service. There are eight other communities involved in the grant application with no financial commitment to the City.

Dave Gilbert added that he and Gary Hydinger met with several cities and CT Consultants to look at different GIS units. The unit they decided on is by far the most widely used and widely recognized because of cost and features. Mr. Gilbert stated that you need someone that is very knowledgeable to utilize the information to its full potential that is collected by this device. This grant will provide access to those people who will be shared by all of the communities involved.

Jim Pearson asked when the grant is due.

Jennifer Brown replied that the grant it is due at the end of July. There will be time for a second reading at the July 28th Council meeting.

Ordinance 2967 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$463,000 OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS INCURRED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED R.E. OLDS CENTER, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Buskirk to declare Ordinance 2967 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas.
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 2967 be placed on the final roll for passage.
Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2967 duly passed.

Ordinance 2968 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “280 – FEMA GRANT FUND”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 2968 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 2968 be placed on the final roll for passage.
Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2968 duly passed.

Ordinance 2969 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE PLAT OF MILLWOOD SUBDIVISION PHASE II FOR RECORDING PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 2969 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas.
Motion by Latimer, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2969 be placed on the final roll for passage.
Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2969 duly passed.

Resolution 3064 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION APPROVING PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY).

Resolution 3065 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GENEVA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009 AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3065 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas.
Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3065 be placed on the final roll for passage.
Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3065 duly passed.

Resolution 3066 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF D.B. BENTLEY, INC. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jim Pearson explained that excellent bids were received, but the main difference was in labor for the Nearing Street Project.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Resolution 3066 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas.
Motion by Latimer, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3066 be placed on the final roll for passage.
Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3066 duly passed.

City Manager’s Report – Jim Pearson

- 112 letters will be sent out this week to residents with the most hazardous sidewalks in the City. Mr. Pearson is hoping for a quick response so that the City can move forward with the repair/replacement of those sidewalks. Mr. Pearson will update Council at the next meeting.

Crystal Latimer asked what the status was on the Austin Rd. overpass.

Jim Pearson replied that they were working on the sidewalk ramp today and forms for the side rails are almost complete. Mr. Pearson hopes to talk with the construction manager next week.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Payment of Bills

No questions.

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk affirmed that a Utilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, July 21st at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Crystal Latimer stated that the first Shade Tree Commission Meeting was very eye opening. The Commission will be inventorying all trees on the tree lawns within the City limits. The next meeting will be held July 30th at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The Commission has decided to meet once a month for the first year.

Citizens

Greg Stranisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Stranisa asked where the R.E. Olds Center will be located. Jim Pearson explained that the property goes back to the original note from 7 years ago which is located on West Main Street.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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