

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
March 10, 2008
7:36 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend J.J. Stewart of the Park St. Christian Church.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to accept the minutes of the February 25th, 2008 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 abstain - Cordova.

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

Department Presentation – Water – Dave Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert gave a recap of 2007:

- Paving was completed on Raymond Drive at the first of the year.
- The Centennial Street Issue II Project was completed.
- One master meter was installed which took longer than anticipated. Mr. Gilbert will take the knowledge gained and make adjustments for installation of the seven additional master meters.
- There were 30 water main leaks in 2007 at the cost of \$50,930.75 which equals 1/3 of the unplanned maintenance budget.
- Seven hydrants were replaced, raised, or reset.
- The Water Department has a meter swap out program for meters 15 years old or more. 36 meters were swapped out last year. 42 are scheduled to be swapped out in 2008.
- 19 new accounts were started in 2007.
- Mr. Gilbert initiated a feasibility study for the purchase of an Automated Reading System which should take two months. If this system is purchased, the City will no longer have estimated water reads. Information could be pulled up instantly saving both time and money.

Bill Buskirk thanked Dave Gilbert for his presentation.

Citizens

Paul Mikulin – Geneva Soccer Board – Paul Mikulin stated that the fall session was a true community endeavor and tremendous success with 36 coaches, 12 people working in the concession stand, and Assumption Church allowing the soccer league to play for free on their property. Mr. Mikulin thanked the board members and others who put in a tremendous amount of time and physical effort to make this happen. Registration has begun for the spring season and there will be junior high age groups added to the soccer league. One coach is starting a travel team for kids under 12 years of age that want to play at a higher level. The travel team will play in the Cleveland area on Sundays, and teams from those communities will be playing in Geneva. A web site is being created, www.genevasoccerleague.com, so that schedules, registration and communication will be available for all involved.

Paul Mikulin stated that Brenda Hraga and Scott Carley are up for re-election to the soccer board, and Patti Mikulin will be replacing a board member who resigned in the fall. Mr. Mikulin asked Council for their approval.

Bill Buskirk thanked Paul Mikulin for all of the work and hours he has put into the soccer league

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Beckwith to approve Brenda Hraga and Scott Carley for re-election to the soccer board, and Patti Mikulin's appointment to the soccer board. Roll call, 6 yeas.

Chief DelCalzo – Madison Township Police Department – Chief DelCalzo stated that he was representing the Madison Township Police Department and Madison Township Trustees to present resolutions to two Patrolmen. Chief DelCalzo explained that on February 7th, 2008 a young mother with her daughter, was parking her car at the Madison Wal-Mart, a stranger approached her, stuck a gun in her face, and demanded her vehicle. The mother frantically removed her daughter from the car and the suspect drove off fleeing east bound on North Ridge Rd. Two Geneva Police Officers attempted to stop this vehicle and became involved in a pursuit to Ashtabula City where the pursuit ended in a crash. The suspect continued on foot followed by the two Officers. The suspect fired at the Officers, and the Officers returned fire, wounding the suspect and apprehending him. Chief DelCalszo recognized Officer Derrick Yopp and Officer Doug Zetlaw for their bravery and dedication to duty. Eve Heshler, the young mother who's car was stolen, presented the resolutions to Officer Yopp and Officer Zetlaw, thanking them for what they did. Jim Pearson and City Council also thanked Officer Yopp and Officer Zetlaw for their bravery and dedication and congratulated them on their much deserved recognition.

Lowell Beaudoin – 160 Raymond Dr., Geneva – Lowell Beaudoin explained that he locked his keys in his car at Key Bank three weeks ago. Within 10 minutes Officer Roger Wilt showed up and was able to open his car door very quickly. Mr. Beaudoin thanked Officer Wilt for his quick and efficient response in helping him that day.

Council Member Bruce Beckwith thanked all Geneva employees for their hard work this past week. Mr. Beckwith explained that it was a Mother Nature nightmare and all departments worked together to pull the City through.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2961 was read, second reading. (AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SELECTED SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1042 SEWERS).

Resolution 3055 was read, second reading. (A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION AND STRENGTHENING OF TRADITIONAL MEDICARE).

Resolution 3056 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION DECLARED BY THE CITY MANAGER AND FIRE CHIEF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jim Pearson thanked all Geneva departments for their hard work this past week and explained that they declared a state of emergency due to the severe weather and potential for cost recovery.

Chief Starkey also thanked the departments for working together and added that this is one of the greatest assets of the City of Geneva which helped to minimize the impact to the citizens this past week. Chief Starkey explained that a state of emergency was declared due to the road conditions and risk to the public. Clean up is a concern now and paper work has been filed with the County and State of Ohio for cost recovery. Chief Starkey added that the City was open as a shelter and used for a short period of time by a couple of people.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3056 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3056 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3056 duly passed.

Resolution 3057 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF WASTE MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE REFUSE PICKUP FOR THE CITY RESIDENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bruce Beckwith asked if the Waste Management proposal includes the fuel charge being contracted or is it a floating item.

Jim Pearson replied that the fuel charge fluctuates with the Department of Energy's price of fuel.

Crystal Latimer stated that she feels the citizens would be better off with Ashtabula City. Ms. Latimer stated that Ashtabula City's main attraction is the flat fee they offer without the worry of increases.

Bill Buskirk stated that Crystal Latimer made valid points regarding Ashtabula City and thanked them for delivering a competitive bid.

Jim Pearson added that he is sure Ashtabula City's bid had a big impact on prices from Waste Management.

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3057 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3057 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas, 1 nay – Latimer. Resolution 3057 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson stated that the City has been in the process of getting rid of vehicles in the impound lot for a number of years and recently put 60 of those vehicles out to bid.
Chief Dudik explained that the 60 unclaimed motor vehicles are from the 1980's and 1990's. The Police Department has been trying to notify the owner's of those vehicles over the past year and a half, with no response. The Ohio Revised Code allows the City to put those unclaimed motor vehicles out to bid. Three bids were received. The lowest bid was \$13,660.20, middle bid was \$15,075.00, and the highest bid was \$16,200.00. The Police Department will be sure that the company with the highest bid complies with the Ohio Revised Code and meets the criteria of the bid specifications before moving forward.
- The City is nearing 1000 tons of salt used this year. The last 100 ton order has been placed to hopefully get the City through the rest of the season. The State will not permit anything above 1000 tons, but additional salt can be purchased at a higher rate through different suppliers if necessary.
- Mr. Pearson reminded Council that Friday, March 14th is the Capital Retreat to be held at NAD starting at 8:00 a.m.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Payment of Bills

No questions

Committee Reports

None

Citizens

None

Council meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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