

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
March 24, 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 Jim Walker of Peoples Church.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Council Meeting.  
Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Fire – Dale Arkenburg

- Fire calls and services provided to the citizens have gone up due to recent wind, ice, and power issues.
- A petrogen torch was recently purchase to replace the Fire Departments oxy assembly torch. The petrogen torch aids in forcible entry. Training was provided for the Firefighters.
- Ice rescue equipment was purchased to include a sled, winches, special rope, and special suits. Training was provided for certification of Ice Rescue. Mr. Arkenburg invited Council to stop by and view the new equipment if interested.
- Upgrades in 2008 included a hydraulic tool with Core Technology. This will give the ability to switch tools with ease.
- The Fire Department is applying for the Fire Act Grant to update the mobile cascade system and assist with the purchase of SCBA one hour bottles. There is a 5% match which is \$9,731.00 in order to leverage a total grant request of \$194,634.00.
- The Fire Department is also applying for the Fire Marshals Firefighters Grant. There is no match for this grant.

Fire Prevention Activities:

- Assisting at the Home and Flower Show at the Ashtabula Mall to represent the County.
- There has been a rash of Fires from late 2006 to present caused from alternative heating. The Fire Department plans to be very aggressive getting information out to the citizens to have their chimneys cleaned and checked for safety.
- Dale Arkenburg is on the committee to upgrade the current fire safety trailer. 1,500 to 2,000 children go through the safety trailer each year. This is a County wide endeavor.
- Fire extinguisher classes are available. The Fire Department has applied for a digital version of a fire to use for training.
- Lap top computers have been installed in the Chief's vehicle and Fire Truck. Dale Arkenburg hopes to have them linked to dispatch's GPS system so that they can see exactly where they are going.
- Inventory, inspections, and vehicle maintenance are all being worked on at this time.

Rodger Fuller thanked Dale Arkenburg for his presentation and the fine job that he does with the Fire Department.

Bill Buskirk asked how many SCBA units are included in the Fire Act Grant.

Dale Arkenburg replied that there are 30 SCBA units.

Bill Buskirk asked what the budget would be for the replacement of the fire safety trailer.

Dale Arkenburg replied that it would be roughly \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 for a new trailer.

Mr. Arkenburg is currently pursuing the purchase of a trailer that is 4 years old.

Bruce Beckwith thanked the Fire and Police Departments for participating in the basketball game fund raiser. Mr. Beckwith stated that it was an excellent show and a lot of fun for all.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

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

Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2961 duly passed.

Ordinance 2962 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §452.05(a) OF GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, WILLFULLY LEAVING VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 2962 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2962 be placed on the final roll for passage.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2962 duly passed.

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

Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3055 duly passed.

Resolution 3058 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIRE FIGHTERS GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3058 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3058 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3058 duly passed.

#### Assistant City Manager's Report – Jennifer Brown

- Jennifer Brown reminded Council that they need to determine a term for the Waste Management Contract.
- Ms. Brown asked Council if they wanted to make a decision on the Architectural Review Board appointment or have the Service Committee meet. Ms. Brown explained that in the past there have been multiple applicants, an interview process, and the Service Committee made a decision. The Architectural Review Board is now down two people and in need of an alternate. Only one application has been received.

Rodger Fuller stated that he reviewed the application, and the applicant seems to be more than adequately qualified with a great deal of interest.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Buskirk to accept the Architectural Review Board application. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Beckwith to accept a five year contract with Waste Management for trash hauling in the City of Geneva. Roll call, 7 yeas.

#### Unfinished Business

None

#### New Business

None

#### Payment of Bills

Rodger Fuller questioned the purchase of the 1999 Chevy Blazer.

Dale Arkenburg explained that Chief Fitchet from Ashtabula Township and his Assistant Chief purchased new explorers. The Geneva Fire Department purchased this blazer to be used as a utility vehicle and a brush fire unit.

#### Committee Reports

None

Citizens

Dale Arkenburg added that the Fire Department has the new Fire Training Center and they will be moving forward with it once the weather breaks.

Margie Traxx with the Star Beacon asked how long it will take to build the Training Center.

Dale Arkenburg replied that it should take 30 to 60 days to build and they hope to have it up and running by fall.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

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