

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 24, 2008
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Andy Grimes of the Church of the Nazarene.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to accept the minutes of the November 10th, 2008 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – None

Citizens – None

Items for Consideration of Council

Resolution 3078 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GENEVA AND HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jim Pearson explained that the City met with Harpersfield over several sessions to reopen and discuss JEDD I and all conversations went well. Mr. Pearson stated that the JEDD I Contract as well as JEDD II will have far reaching effects for the City. Mr. Pearson expressed appreciation for Harpersfield working so well with the City over the last number of years.

Bill Buskirk stated that this is a fair and long term agreement for both parties.

Phil Cordova agreed and encouraged Council to be involved in this type of negotiations which was a productive process with cooperation between Harpersfield and the City having a positive outcome.

Crystal Latimer stated that they appreciate all of the hard work put into these negotiations for all concerned.

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3078 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3078 be placed on the final roll for passage.

Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3078 duly passed.

Ordinance 2977 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ADDING “BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES” TO THE GENEVA WASTEWATER CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Crystal Latimer asked why this ordinance is being passed as an emergency.

Gary Hyding explained that a technical justification study has to be in place by December 1st, 2008 which sets the limits to certain metals that can come into the plant. Best Management Practices adds language that is required by the EPA to be in the City’s ordinance.

Jim Pearson added that it was a lengthy process which took more time than anticipated with the engineers.

Bill Buskirk stated that extra time was spent trying not to run into issues once this was implemented so as not to burden small businesses in the community.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 2977 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2977 be placed on the final roll for passage.

Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 2977 duly passed.

City Manager’s Report – Jim Pearson

- Recreation Administrator Myke Anderson received the 2009 Sticks for Kids grant from the National Recreation and Park Association. The City will receive 10 sets of junior golf clubs which will enhance the golf program in Geneva.
- Mr. Pearson asked Council to contact him or Tammy Shuttleworth if they plan to attend the Annual Chamber Dinner on December 3rd at the Lodge and Conference Center so that they can arrange for tickets. The City will hand out awards for corner stone businesses and organizations.
- The municipal parking lot will not be paved at this time due to asphalt plants being closed because of the weather. This will be done in the spring.
- At the next meeting Council will have to act on the Aqua Contract to provide planned and unplanned services. Council is aware that the City has gone out to bid for emergency work and are reviewing and evaluating all bids from private contractors. The City has been working very closely with the County who will be acting on this also.

Bruce Beckwith asked how many bids there were.

Jim Pearson replied that there were six contractors.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Phil Cordova stated that the Planning Committee met tonight to discuss home day care. It was decided to have Lauren Gardner create a draft code for Home Occupation Day Care to include suggestions from the Committee. Mr. Cordova asked Council to inform him, Crystal Latimer, or Lauren Gardner with any suggestions they might have.

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa stated that he was very interested to hear the outcome of the Planning Committee Meeting regarding Home Occupation and asked that he be considered as a future committee member. Mr. Strnisa feels that he would be an asset to the Planning Committee and would also be looking out for himself as a business owner in the City.

Chief Starkey stated that the Fire Department's Training Center is now complete and he would like to invite Council to see it. Chief Starkey is thankful for the Fire Fighters and numerous employees in the City that put so much effort into making the Training Center happen. They are in the process of looking at standards that they fall under and creating policies. The Training Center should be active this spring.

Bill Buskirk stated that the Training Center structure moved along rapidly considering it was mostly volunteer labor and it is very impressive.

Phil Cordova mentioned that while having lunch in town he heard many positive comments regarding the City employee's dedication and hard work decorating the City for Christmas.

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Piotrowski for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel – labor negotiation update. Roll Call, 5 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:49 p.m.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to re-convene the November 24th, 2008 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 8:29 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

President of Council

Clerk of Council