

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
October 27, 2008
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Jonathan Schroeder of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the October 13th, 2008 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 6 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Planning Commission – Chuck Buck

- Mrs. Joyce Humphrey and Mr. & Mrs. William Hezebicks applied for a Conditional Use Permit for an adult day care facility at 616 South Broadway along with a Variance reducing the number of parking spaces. This request was approved.
- Mr. Bruce Hottle applied for a Variance for an additional three feet to increase the height of a fence dividing him from his neighbor at 260 Pepperidge Drive. This request was approved.
- Mrs. Andrea Laughlin applied for a Variance of two feet from the side yard setback to allow for placement of a garage on her property at 247 North Broadway. This request was approved.
- Mr. Bill Austin applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a single family dwelling to be used as a daycare center for individuals with developmental disabilities at 20 Fairview Street. This request was approved.
- Mr. Thomas Gragg applied for a Variance for an additional 6 inches, to increase the height of his fence from what is allotted by ordinance at 650 Sherman Street. This request was approved.
- Mr. Thomas Mitchell applied for a Variance of 1 foot of his side yard setback, to add a car port on his property at 39 Raymond Drive. This request was approved.
- Mr. Todd Nagy applied for a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a home occupation – in home architecture business at 681 Chestnut Street. This request was approved.
- Mrs. Charlene Kemp-Crawford applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a home occupation – in home day care business in an R-2 zoned district at 1493 Sherman Street. This request was denied.

Mr. Buck asked if the Planning Commission would be presented with the Comprehensive Plan on November 5th. Jim Pearson explained that it was discussed at the Work Session to reschedule that presentation to November 12th due to a heavy work load on November 5th.

Rodger Fuller thanked Chuck Buck for his presentation.

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa stated that the Board of Elections put handicapped parking signs up at the Community Center without notification. Mr. Strnisa acknowledged that the City of Geneva lacks accessibility for the handicapped and he understands the importance of handicapped parking since he has had back surgery and has difficulty getting around. Mr. Strnisa's concern is where the best locations for placement of the handicapped signs are. Mr. Strnisa added that his wife and daughter will be attending the next Council meeting with signatures they have collected regarding needed parking in the City.

Rodger Fuller stated that he appreciates Mr. Strnisa's concerns and affirmed that discussions have been held with Jim Pearson and Jennifer Brown regarding this issue which will be addressed in the near future.

Chuck Buck stated that the signs put up by the Board of Elections are temporary and will be removed after the election in November.

Bill Buskirk added that parking is an ongoing, long existing issue in the City that Council is trying to address.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2976 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2008 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT "A", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 2976 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2976 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 2976 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

Jim Pearson thanked all involved in the Ghoul Fest held on Saturday, October 25th. Mr. Pearson stated that the Police and Fire Departments, City Staff and their families took a lot of time and effort to put this on for the community. Mr. Pearson acknowledged Myke Anderson and Chief Dudik for their hard work and thanked the organizations that came forward with donations.

Crystal Latimer stated that Halloween will be on Saturday next year and suggested that Council consider moving trick or treat to that day in order to coincide with the surrounding communities.

Jim Pearson explained that an ordinance was passed years ago due to many lengthy discussions on this issue.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk stated that work is ongoing with the Timber Lane Soccer Fields. Jamie Miller has volunteered the plowing and disking and suggested that some low spots be leveled. Severino Construction will do the leveling for \$600.00 and may also do the pathway to the high school parking lot.

Jim Pearson added that grass seed and fertilizer will cost \$2,200.00 which is well under the budget discussed by Council.

Crystal Latimer announced that the next Shade Tree Commission Meeting will be held Thursday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa stated that having trick or treat on a different night than the surrounding areas is good for business in the City.

Chuck Buck – Central Hardware- 44 South Broadway, Geneva – Chuck Buck stated that the City business owners had a lot of fun handing candy out to the children a few years ago. Mr. Buck added that he has heard a lot of good comments on the Ghoul Fest and he thinks it is nice that the City does this for the community.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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