

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
April 13, 2009  
7:31 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Harry Pishcura of New Life Assembly Church.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 years.

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

Department Presentation – Planning Commission – Bill Douglas

- The Geneva middle school and elementary school plans have been approved.
- The Planning Commission is working through a proposal for Home Occupancy written by the Law Director. This proposal will be submitted to Council for their approval once it is finalized.
- The Comp Plan was approved at the first of the year. This took a year and a half to complete with much effort by many individuals. It has been recommended that the zoning codes be reviewed beginning with the sign code.

Bill Buskirk asked if the entire zoning code will need to be rewritten in order to be current with today's standards.

Bill Douglas replied that the entire code will need to be rewritten which will take a lot of time. Jennifer Brown explained that the Consultant for the Comprehensive Plan recommended a total rewrite. The code contradicts itself and needs to be corrected. The Geneva Township and City of Euclid have recently redone their sign codes, now called street graphic code, which can be used as a template.

Jim Pearson added that an estimated cost will be given to Council.

Rodger Fuller thanked Bill Douglas for his presentation.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Resolution 3091 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION ON THE SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS TO THE CITY OF GENEVA, OHIO).

Resolution 3092 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 9, 2009 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3092 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 years. 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 3092 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 years.

Bill Buskirk asked if declaring an Arbor Day helps the Shade Tree Commission reach any goals.

Crystal Latimer explained that declaring an Arbor Day is required to qualify to be a Tree City USA City. The Shade Tree Commission will plant a tree on Arbor Day and hope to plant more by the end of the year. Roll call on passage, 5 years. Resolution 3092 duly passed.

Resolution 3093 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE COPS HIRING GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3093 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 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 3093 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3093 duly passed.

Resolution 3094 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES WITH SMOLEN ENGINEERING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3094 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Buskirk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3094 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3094 duly passed.

#### City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Jim Pearson met with Dr. Brockway last week regarding the ACJVS Levy which will be on the ballot this May. Mr. Pearson will provide factual information to Council in the next Council packets.
- Mr. Pearson stated that the Grape Jamboree Committee would like to be added to the May 11<sup>th</sup> agenda to ask Council's permission to move forward with preparation of the 2009 Grape Jamboree.
- The Ashtabula County Commissioners will hold an Evening Agenda Session on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and have invited City Council to attend if they are interested.
- The Employee of the Year awards will be given at the April 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

#### Unfinished Business

Bill Buskirk asked how the project with Smolen Engineering is going.

Jim Pearson explained that Mr. Smolen is currently designing the timber that will be needed for the bridge wanting to make lengths and weights manageable for the Ashtabula County Joint Vocational students to work with.

#### New Business - None

#### Payment of Bills – No questions

#### Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk stated that a Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Pearson explained that final numbers for income tax will not be in by that meeting and suggested that it be scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Buskirk and Bruce Beckwith agreed to have the Finance Committee Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Joint Cemeteries Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Kim Ebersole stated that a Service Committee Meeting will be scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to interview applicants for the open Planning Commission seat.

Citizens - None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

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