

City of Geneva Council Work Session – August 10, 2009

Rodger Fuller called the work session to order at 6:45 p.m.

Council members present were Beckwith, Buskirk, Cordova, Ebersole, Fuller, Latimer, and Piotrowski.

Crystal Latimer asked that the minutes of the Architectural Review Board, CIC, and Planning Commission be included in Council's packets on a regular basis to keep them informed.

Jim Pearson stated that on June 22nd Denny Brown and Ray Gruber gave a presentation to Council regarding Senior Busing. Mr. Pearson asked Council for direction on how they would like to proceed with the requests of the Geneva Area Senior Corporation regarding fuel and in-kind services.

Rodger Fuller explained that the County is willing to give the Geneva Area Senior Corporation more funding if the City agrees to appropriate funds that would be available for emergencies.

Bruce Beckwith added that insurance will cost \$1,400.00 and rear tires for the bus are an estimated cost of \$600.00. This is a \$2,000.00 set up cost – anticipated cost after that is projected. If the City supplies cash up front along with fuel and in-kind service, the Geneva Area Senior Corporation could apply for grants in the future after they gain experience.

Bill Buskirk stated that he has no issues with appropriating \$5,000.00 for Senior Busing this year to be re-evaluated next year. Mr. Buskirk feels this is a small investment on the City's end to help the Senior Center provide transportation for the seniors.

Juanita Stuetzer questioned if it was legal to donate money, as a municipality, to an outside organization. Jim Pearson replied that this is a service to the citizens which is no different than recreation. Mr. Pearson sees no issues with the donation, but will check with Lauren Gardner to be certain.

Bruce Beckwith suggested that a cap be put on the amount to be donated and a letter be given to the Senior Corporation stating exactly what that amount will be including fuel and in-kind service. Mr. Beckwith added that the Senior Corporation also needs a place to park the bus at night and suggested that be included in the letter if it is an option.

Crystal Latimer asked if the Senior Corporation will provide requisitions for approval and receipts for the money that is set aside for emergency.

Rodger Fuller replied that they would have to receive approval and provide receipts. This money is not to be used for daily operations.

Bill Buskirk suggested that \$2,500.00 be given to the Senior Corporation along with \$2,500.00 for emergencies, fuel and light maintenance.

Bruce Beckwith reiterated that the letter should be included. This format will help the Senior Corporation in the grant process.

Tim Bittner mentioned that the Street Department gets exceptional deals on tires and may be able to get a good deal on tires for the senior bus.

Council agreed to discuss this matter further during the Unfinished Business portion of the Council Meeting.

Work session adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

MINUTES

City of Geneva
Council Meeting
August 10, 2009
7:05 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 Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the July 27th, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Citizens – Citizens were present. There were no representatives from the media.

Department Presentation – Street – Tim Bittner

Mr. Bittner explained what the Street Department has accomplished this year:

- The downtown street lights were cleaned and base's were painted.
- Storm lines were repaired throughout the City.
- They are in the process of working on the main storm line on Rt. 534.
- The Durapatch has been used all summer. Residents have had issues with the tar and the stone. Mr. Bittner and Jim Pearson explained in the newsletter that the Durapatch is being used to seal the roads so that they don't deteriorate like Ansel Rd. did. The crack sealing machine has not been used due to all of the rain this summer.
- Line striping has been worked on downtown.
- The hot water tank was replaced in the Community Center along with many odd jobs in that building.
- Assisted in seeding and straw for the soccer fields.
- Assisted in the playground assembly at Little People's Park.

Mr. Bittner stated that the Street Department does numerous jobs in addition to their regular duties. Daily data sheets of work completed by the Street Department were available for Council to review. Bruce Beckwith commented that the roads repaired with the Durapatcher early in the summer have leveled out nicely and it is helping tremendously.

Tim Bittner explained that there is no way the City can afford to pave all of the streets that need repair. The Street Department is doing all they can to maintain the roads to the best of their ability.

Crystal Latimer mentioned that Tim Bittner has put in numerous hours with the Shade Tree Commission and they are very appreciative of that.

Rodger Fuller thanked Tim Bittner for his presentation.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 3003 was read, second reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING G.C.O. § 1402.08 REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS).

Ordinance 3004 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH IMPROVING THE FOLLOWING STREETS BY SUPPLYING STREET LIGHTING, AND TO LEVY ASSESSMENTS FOR SUCH LIGHTING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 3004 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Cordova, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3004 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3004 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Hydrant flushing should be complete this week. The Fire Department will follow up with maintenance on the hydrants to ensure they are all working properly. There have been complaints of dirty water on North Avenue where it dead ends. The flushing has been stepped up in that area from once a month to once every two weeks and will go to weekly flushing if necessary.
- Jim Pearson and Lauren Gardner did attend the second Sheriff's sale for the Main Street Property near Capo's Pizza. There were no bids, so the City of Geneva will acquire that lot.

Unfinished Business

Bill Buskirk mentioned that Senior Busing can not operate without the City making an appropriation. Jim Pearson suggested that the money for Senior Busing be appropriated from Community Development with a separate line so that it can be identified.

Discussion was held and Council agreed to have \$5,000.00 appropriated from Community Development for Senior Busing to include fuel and in-kind services. Bruce Beckwith asked that a letter be sent to the Senior Center explaining the amount that will be appropriated. Jim Pearson stated that he will contact the Director to see what is needed.

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports - None

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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