

City of Geneva Council Work Session – August 24, 2009

Rodger Fuller called the work session to order at 6:47 p.m.

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

Rodger Fuller asked who will be attending the Growth Partnership Best of the County Awards Dinner to be held September 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the GaREAT Complex.

All of Council replied that they will be attending except for Bill Buskirk who was not sure at this time.

Rodger Fuller asked Jim Pearson what he knew about the Waste Management increase.

Jim Pearson replied that the document in Council's packet is self explanatory, but they are in the process of looking into how Waste Management came up with the rate of \$.22 per unit per month to see if it is reasonable.

Jim Pearson asked Gary Hydinger if he would like to show them the new Sewer Camera Truck.

Gary Hydinger explained that the camera truck has already found a number of problems and got them out of a tight situation today. Mr. Hydinger added that they still have software training and computer set up to do, but the camera has been a great help in just the first week.

All present went outside to view the new camera truck.

Work session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

City of Geneva
Council Meeting
August 24, 2009
7:06 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 Harry Pishcura of New Life Assembly Church.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the August 10th, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Wastewater – Gary Hydinger

Mr. Hydinger explained what has been accomplished since the February Presentation:

- A chopper pump in the secondary digester was installed replacing a pump that was installed in the early 30's. Mr. Hydinger stated that Greg Copeland did a wonderful job of pipefitting and invited Council to come to the Wastewater Plant to look at it.
- There have been numerous call outs to the Millwood Lift Station area due to plugged pumps caused from flushable/disposable wipes. The Wastewater Department is considering installation of a smaller version of the chopper pump.
- Welding has been done on some rapid sand filters.
- The Wastewater Budget looks good in general - 61% of the budgeted revenues have been received and expenses are over 55% of the budget.

Gary Hydinger gave a four page handout to Council of the Lab Building Project and an overview of all that will be included in the expansion. Mr. Hydinger stated that the Lab Building will be in compliance with EPA standards.

Lab Building Project Schedule:

- The project will be advertised for bids September 4th.
- Bids will be opened the first week of October – after which there will be one week to submit bid information to the EPA.
- The loan application should be awarded by December 10th. The engineers estimated cost is \$639,500.00 – of that there will be \$210,000.00 in grant funding and the balance will be paid with a 20 year loan at 1% interest.

Elm Street Sub-Basin Rehab Schedule:

- The project was advertised for bids last Friday.
- Bids will open by September 4th – after which there will be one week to submit bid information to the EPA.
- The loan application should be awarded by October 1st. The engineers estimated cost is \$477,000.00 – of that there will be \$180,000.00 in grant funding and the balance will be paid with a 20 year loan at 1% interest.

Gary Hydinger added that CT Consultants has been working late hours and Saturdays to help prepare for this and the Wastewater Department is very excited about these projects.

Rodger Fuller stated that the Lab Building looks very impressive.

Bruce Beckwith asked what exterior material will be used.

Gary Hydinger replied that the exterior will be metal.

Rodger Fuller thanked Gary Hydinger for his presentation and the fine job that he does.

Citizens – None

Items for Consideration of Council

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

Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3003 duly passed.

Ordinance 3005 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §672.12 OF GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCES, POINTING AND DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 3005 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3005 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3005 duly passed.

Ordinance 3006 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A DEED FOR THE ROMEO PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 3006 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3006 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3006 duly passed.

Ordinance 3007 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “643 – WW ELM ST. SUB-BASIN REHAB”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 3007 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 3007 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3007 duly passed.

Ordinance 3008 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “644 – WW LAB BUILDING PROJECT”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3008 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3008 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3008 duly passed.

Ordinance 3009 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2009 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 3009 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3009 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3009 duly passed.

City Manager’s Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson mentioned transmission problems that the Fire Department was having with Engine #314 and asked Chief Starkey to explain additional problems they were having.

Chief Starkey explained that when Engine 314, which is a 1985, was in route to Youngstown for transmission repairs, wires began smoking which disabled the vehicle on Route 11. In addition the Aerial Ladder, which is a 1984, went out of service due to a faulty transmission line. Chief Starkey stated that the Fire Department still has a 1977 truck in service and affirmed that the fleet continues to get older. Chief Starkey stated that the engines are back in service now and acknowledged that the Street Department does a great job getting more years than they should out of the fleet.

- Preparations for the upcoming Grape Jamboree will be discussed at the Tuesday Staff Meeting.
- Mr. Pearson had a meeting with Smolen Engineering and Dr. Jerry Brockway from the Ashtabula County Joint Vocational School to go over the schedule for the covered bridge building. Mr. Pearson would like to get an article in the paper about expanding the search for timber. Students will probably start wood construction in January, February, and March - most of which can be built inside. The students were also asked to do some metal fabrication.
- The Street Department has been using the Dura Patcher which is working very well to seal the streets before bad weather sets in. In addition they are using crack sealing methods so that water and salt will not get in over the winter. The Street Department has also been line striping throughout the City.
- Mr. Pearson and the Street Superintendent had an opportunity to go to Mayfield to look at a new process for base repair. This process puts a new 6" base underneath that would be overlaid with some asphalt for a wear surface. City Engineers have approved this process, but the cost will be looked at. Mr. Pearson added that the uncurbed streets are good candidates for this process.

Bruce Beckwith asked if tear out of the Liberty Bridge is anticipated for spring.

Jim Pearson replied that they are still working on that, but the intent is for the students to have the bridge complete by the end of the school year.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports - None

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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