

City of Geneva Council Work Session – December 14, 2009

Bill Buskirk called the work session to order at 6:47 p.m.

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

Rodger Fuller asked how the monument project was going and mentioned that he spoke with Ray Gruber at the Senior Board Meeting to inquire whether the Governor could get involved to move the monument project forward.

Bill Buskirk agreed that the monument project is moving very slowly.

Jeff Piotrowski announced that the Finance Committee met on December 10<sup>th</sup> to review the 2010 Operating Budget and it is their recommendation for Council to approve the Budget.

Rodger Fuller asked why expenditures were at \$4,346,184 – greater than the projected revenue amount of \$4,286,884.

Juanita Stuetzer explained that there is an extra payroll in 2010 and there are 2009 carryover dollars going into 2010. This leaves a projected carryover into 2011 of almost \$600,000. Also, the City was conservative on projected revenues for the 2010 budget.

Bruce Beckwith extended an additional thank you for the budget process which has everything laid out, including explanations, so that Council can understand the bigger picture.

Work session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
December 14, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Bob Cunningham of the United Church.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Council Meeting and the December 7<sup>th</sup> Re-Organization Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas – 1 abstain from Tim Miller for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting. Mr. Miller was sworn in as Councilman on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Citizens – Citizens and a representative from the Gazette were present.

Department Presentation – None

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa stated that the Christmas music playing downtown is very loud and customers are complaining that they can hear it inside of his business – Mr. Strnisa stated that he spoke to Jim Pearson about this on December 7<sup>th</sup> after the Re-Organization Meeting. Mr. Strnisa feels that the same speakers used for the Grape Jamboree and Winterfest should not be used since the music is being played all month long. Mr. Strnisa asked Council to consider looking into a better sound system.

Crystal Latimer asked if there have been other complaints.

Jim Pearson affirmed that Mr. Strnisa spoke with him Monday evening, December 7<sup>th</sup> about the loud music complaint in which he replied that he would go downtown the next day. Mr. Pearson and Street Superintendent Tim Bittner did go downtown the next day and turned the music down. The only other discussion Mr. Pearson has had about the Christmas music was at the CIC Meeting today with Mr. Griffith who was very supportive and thanked CIC for their involvement in funding the music. People in attendance chimed in with that same sentiment.

Mr. Strnisa stated that a lot of people have complained about the music.

Bill Buskirk asked Mr. Strnisa to encourage others to come to City Council or City Administration with their concerns. The whole idea was to create an atmosphere that is conducive with having people downtown. Mr. Buskirk thanked Mr. Strnisa for bringing this to their attention and affirmed that they will review his concerns and take them under advisement.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 3013 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010, AMENDING CHAPTER 250 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2980, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3013 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3013 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3013 duly passed.

Ordinance 3014 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 Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3014 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3014 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3014 duly passed.

Ordinance 3015 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION OF THE CITY SOLICITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3015 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3015 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3015 duly passed.

Ordinance 3016 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE RE-APPOINTING AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Fuller to declare Ordinance 3016 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3016 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3016 duly passed.

Ordinance 3017 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, STATE OF OHIO, FROM JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2010, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3017 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 3017 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3017 duly passed.

Resolution 3119 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF GENERAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION FOR FURNISHING THE CITY OF GENEVA WITH ALUM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3119 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3119 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3119 duly passed.

Resolution 3120 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Miller to declare Resolution 3120 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3120 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3120 duly passed.

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

- Mr. Pearson acknowledged that the City of Geneva lost a valued member of the community over the weekend. Tom Swesinger passed away. Mr. Swesinger put a lot of time in on Boards and Commissions and was a real supporter of the City of Geneva. Mr. Swesinger will be greatly missed.  
Bill Buskirk stated that Mr. Swesinger was very involved in a number of projects in the City.  
Crystal Latimer affirmed that Mr. Swesinger loved the City of Geneva.

Rodger Fuller stated that Tom Swesinger always wanted a playground in the City and suggested that if there ever is one, it be named after him.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports - None

Citizens – None

Bill Buskirk announced that the December 28<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting has been cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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