

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
February 23, 2009  
7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Ebersole, Fuller, Latimer, and Piotrowski.  
Beckwith, Buskirk, and 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 Latimer to accept the minutes of the February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 4 years.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with a representative from the Gazette.

Department Presentation – Wastewater – Gary Hyding

Gary Hyding stated that last year was an interesting year and this year started off even more so:

- Flow was up 14% due to rainfall last year which caused electric bills to go up.
- There were 47 sewer calls last year – 10 of which were blockages in the main.
- One pump failed at the TEGAM lift station in January.
- From February 7<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> over 24 million gallons of water flowed through the Wastewater Plant due to large amounts of snow that melted suddenly. In nine days, more water flowed through the plant than each of three months in the preceding year.
- There have been 11 sewer calls already in 2009. Asphalt was found in the sewer line at Beringer Place and a piece of the sewer line was found in the sewer line at East Main Street.

Council Member Bill Buskirk arrived at 7:36 p.m.

- Two pumps failed within one week at the repair cost of \$3,000.00 each.
- A computer board module had to be replaced at the Elm Street pump station at the cost of \$1,600.00.
- I & I problems are getting worse at Elm Street. A larger pump has been ordered at the cost of \$9,000.00 to help correct those problems.
- Tap in fees were down in 2008.
- Per household water consumption has declined over the past 10 years. This has produced a decline in the impact of rate increases.

On a brighter note:

- Fewer overtime hours were used in 2008.
- Of the six Wastewater employees, all but one has their Wastewater Operator's License and all have their CDL.
- The mercury reduction program continues to do well – 100 thermometers, 13 mercury bearing thermostats, and 7 lbs of mercury was collected in 2008.

Reverend Schroeder asked where the mercury pick ups were located.

Gary Hyding replied that the Fire Department will take the mercury at any time of the day, or it can be dropped off at the Wastewater Plant on North Ave. East between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Rodger Fuller thanked Gary Hyding for his presentation.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2991 was read, second reading. (AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE BRIDGE AT AUSTIN ROAD AS THE “ROBERT SALISBURY BRIDGE”).

Resolution 3089 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Resolution 3089 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3089 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3089 duly passed.

Resolution 3090 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3090 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3090 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3090 duly passed.

City Manager’s Report – Jim Pearson

- On Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, the City met with a representative from the Geneva Library to discuss their fire protection fees. Mr. Pearson asked Council if they would like to schedule a Utilities Committee Meeting to discuss their concerns.  
Bill Buskirk replied that a Utilities Committee Meeting will be scheduled promptly.
- The City is in the process of working with Waste Management to schedule a spring clean up date.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports - None

Citizens - None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

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