

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
January 12, 2009
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Laurie Donatone.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the December 8th, 2008 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 5 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Tax – Shelley Huff

- Collections were 5% more in 2008 than in 2007.
- Shelley Huff is preparing for another tax season. Tax returns will be in the mail next week.
- There are currently 141 payment plans.
- 71 people were taken to court in 2008.
- The tax department will be diligent on keeping track of the two schools being built in 2009 along with the GaREAT Project in JEDD I.

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa asked why the Tax Department wants his business to pay his fourth quarter taxes in December instead of June.

Shelley Huff explained that the Ohio Revised Code requires all corporations to pay their taxes before the quarter is up.

Rodger Fuller stated that Shelley Huff continues to do a great job with the Tax Department.

Citizens

On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Men's Aerie 2243 representative Joe Mason and Woman's Auxiliary 2243 representative Kathy Bowler, along with other F.O.E. members presented Council President Rodger Fuller with a check for \$30,000.00 to be used for the Soldier and Sailors Monument Project.

Rodger Fuller expressed appreciation for the F.O.E.'s generous donation and stated that the Soldier and Sailors Monument Project is one that he is very passionate about. Mr. Fuller feels that this project will make a big difference to the City for its past as well as its future.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2979 was read, second reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN RATES FOR THE GENEVA WATER SYSTEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Ordinance 2987 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE REZONING 646 SOUTH BROADWAY).

Ordinance 2988 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT TO THE GENEVA AREA VFW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 2988 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 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 2988 be placed on the final roll for passage.

Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 2988 duly passed.

Resolution 3086 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GENEVA, OHIO).

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- The City was notified by the Ohio Department of Development that they are eligible to apply for the Community Housing Improvement Program Grant once again. Mr. Pearson explained that the City has participated in this program a number of times which gave up to three million dollars of investment into the housing stock. Mr. Pearson asked Council if they would like the City to pursue the grant application which has a May 1st deadline. Council agreed that the City should move forward with the grant application.
- Mr. Pearson received a call from Janey Spade inviting City Council to the Ashtabula County Township Association Meeting hosted by the Ashtabula County Commissioners. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners room at the Ashtabula County Courthouse on Thursday, January 15th - dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:00 p.m. They will be recognizing Harpersfield Township and the City of Geneva for their efforts in the JEDD I negotiations.
- Mr. Pearson stated that during the CIC Meeting, Mr. Griffiths was very complimentary to the City Street Department for the snow removal downtown. Mr. Griffiths wanted Council to know how much he appreciated the City's efforts as a downtown business owner.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports - None

Citizens - None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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