

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
January 26, 2009
7:30 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 Robert Cunningham of the United Church.

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the January 12th, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Police – Chief Dudik

Chief Dudik gave a synopsis of 2008 and mentioned that the 2000 census shows a population of roughly 6,600 for the City of Geneva.

- Dispatch handled 7,959 calls for assistance averaging 21.8 calls per day. This includes Harpersfield, Austinburg, Geneva, and Geneva Township Police, Fire, and EMS.
- Police reports accounted for 2,101 averaging 5.75 per day.
- There were 1,601 tickets handed out. 8% accounted for 123 felonies's averaging 4.3 per day.
- There are currently 297 warrants for arrest.
- 427 pieces of evidence were collected and stored in the property room.
- 34 cars were towed which are related to OVI's and DUS's.
- 277 people were booked into jail. This accounts for 1,200 man days with an estimated 3,603 meals cooked and served.

Rodger Fuller asked Chief Dudik how these numbers compare to the previous years.

Chief Dudik replied that numbers dropped once the Geneva-on-the-Lake contract was let go, but they are steadily increasing. Chief Dudik added that thefts have increased due to the current economic state.

Rodger Fuller thanked Chief Dudik for his presentation.

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa stated that he was aware of an open seat on the Planning Commission and gave a letter requesting consideration for that appointment to Council President Rodger Fuller. Mr. Strnisa affirmed that he could get serious about a lot of issues if appointed to the Planning Commission.

Items for Consideration of Council

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

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 2979 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2979 duly passed.

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

Ordinance 2989 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 Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 2989 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 2989 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 2989 duly passed.

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

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson passed a plaque to Council that was awarded to The City of Geneva at the Annual Ashtabula County Township Association Meeting. Council President Rodger Fuller, Council Member Bruce Beckwith and Mr. Pearson attended the meeting that was hosted by the Ashtabula County Commissioners. Harpersfield and the City of Geneva were recognized for their re-negotiation efforts of the JEDD I Agreement.
- The City of Geneva was recognized in a publication by Advanced Northeast Ohio for the City's ability in getting the 534 corridor study up and running.
- Mr. Pearson invited Council to attend the Annual CIC Meeting to be held Wednesday, January 28th at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.
- Mr. Pearson thanked Laurie Donatone for her efforts in preparing a spread sheet of the history of Council members and their terms of office which was included in the Council packets.
- Fact Finding will begin January 27th with the Police Dispatchers Union. Mr. Pearson spoke with the Fact Finder for a potential date for the report and he has agreed to mail out the report on Friday, February 6th. A decision will have to be made at the February 9th Council meeting.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports - None

Citizens - None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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