

City of Geneva Council Work Session – July 13, 2009

Rodger Fuller called the work session to order at 7:19 p.m.

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

Bruce Beckwith stated that \$7,000.00 is coming from the water fund for the purchase of a Chevy 1 ton van, and asked where the additional \$14,000.00 is coming from.

Jim Pearson explained that the \$14,000.00 is also coming from the water fund, but it wasn't appropriated at the beginning of the year.

Bill Buskirk stated that another Utilities Committee Meeting will be scheduled before the first Council Meeting in August at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Storm Water Utility.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the City is in a position to meet all of the dates for the sale of ORCO. Mr. Pearson replied that he believes so.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the City will be able to appreciate any of the savings that were mentioned in the newspaper regarding the NOPEC Discount Program.

Jim Pearson replied that the City, as well as the citizens, will be able to take advantage of those savings. Mr. Pearson mentioned that he is a little bothered that the City of Geneva is a Member Community, but never mentioned as one in NOPEC's literature. Geneva Township is mentioned. Mr. Pearson is working to get that corrected.

Bill Buskirk stated that some people have a difficult time with the Geneva Township, Geneva City, Geneva-on-the-Lake Village concept, not realizing that they are separate entities.

Work session adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

City of Geneva
Council Meeting
July 13, 2009
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Father Melvin Rusnak of the Assumption Church.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to accept the minutes of the June 22nd, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 years.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with a representative from the Star Beacon.

Department Presentation – Soccer Committee – Paul Mikulin, President of the Soccer Board

- Finished fourth season with 460 children participating from the ages of four to twelve.
- There were three girl travel teams ~ Northern Ohio Girls Soccer League, and four boy travel teams ~ Ohio American Soccer League.
- Mr. Mikulin mentioned that Chief Dudik was one of the girl's team coaches and he did a wonderful job.
- High quality goals and a paint lining machine were purchased with funds from sponsorships and donations.
- Practices were held at Geneva High School, Spencer and Austinburg Elementary and St. John's Lutheran Church. Saturday games were held at the Assumption Church which is the home field and travel teams played their games on Sunday's at the Geneva High School.
- Mr. Mikulin stated that this has been a phenomenal community effort with many donations and volunteers.
- Field development behind Woodridge Allotment has begun. Jamie Miller volunteered the grading, plowing, disking, seeding, and fertilizing which was a huge donation and very much appreciated. A large party of volunteers helped to reseed and lay straw. Mr. Mikulin is looking forward to seeing those fields develop and turn into a home for the Soccer League.
- The GaREAT is interested in the Soccer League playing in their facility. Discussions are still being held regarding overhead and cost issues.

Paul Mikulin thanked the City for their continued help and support and stated that the Soccer Board is working hard to move the league forward and very thankful to have the City behind them.

Sign ups have been delayed due to discussions with GaREAT, but will begin any day.

Mr. Mikulin explained that the Soccer Board's goal is to keep this affordable for all children. The charge is \$30.00 for the first child and \$15.00 for siblings – the child receives a t-shirt, ball, and trophy. This fee is made possible with the support from sponsors and local businesses. Those who could not afford the fee were permitted to play for free.

Bruce Beckwith added that the cost adds up, but in previous years parents had to drive their children to Madison to play soccer. Mr. Beckwith thanked Paul Mikulin and everyone involved that made this happen for the community.

Bill Buskirk thanked Paul Mikulin and the Board for the endless hours they have given to the Soccer League.

Mr. Mikulin acknowledged Chakib & Brenda Hraga, Scott & Wendy Carley, Dan & Mary Dudik, and Katie Carter along with many others who have all worked so hard for the Soccer League.

Rodger Fuller thanked Paul Mikulin for his presentation and the great job that he does.

Citizens

Lowell Beaudoin – 160 Raymond Dr., Geneva – Lowell Beaudoin stated that at the last Council meeting he mentioned coyotes that were seen on his property, but wanted it to be known that they were in fact a family of six red foxes. Mr. Beaudoin apologized for crying wolf or “coyote” as the case may be.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2996 was read, third reading. (AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 1282 CHILD DAY-CARE HOMES INTO THE GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCES).

Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 2996 duly passed.

Resolution 3098 was read, third reading. (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE INCLUSION OF ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO IN THE PROPOSED HIGH-SPEED RAIL ROUTES THROUGH THE GREAT LAKES REGION).

Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3098 duly passed.

Resolution 3106 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ORCO SPORTSMAN’S ASSOCIATION, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3106 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3106 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3106 duly passed.

Ordinance 3000 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 Buskirk, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3000 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3000 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 3000 duly passed.

Ordinance 3001 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$478,000, INCURRED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED R.E. OLDS CENTER, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 3001 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 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 3001 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 3001 duly passed.

Ordinance 3002 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$722,000, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS AND ROADS WITHIN THE CITY BY WIDENING, RESURFACING, RECONSTRUCTING, CONSTRUCTING, PAVING, CURBING, TRENCHING, CONSTRUCTING STORM SEWERS AND RELATED DRAINAGE, AND TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES ALL AS DESIGNED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bill Buskirk explained that the Finance Committee has met to discuss this matter and affirmed that the City is refinancing to pick up matching funds on certain grants that the City has and also looking to take advantage of advantageous pricing of road paving bids available in order to repair roads that will not otherwise qualify for funding options such as Grants, CDBG, Issue I, OPWC, etc.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 3002 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3002 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 3002 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- It has been reported that the Youth Opportunity Workers hired last week are doing very well. Street Superintendent Tim Bittner mentioned how pleased he is to be able to get things done that have been pushed aside.
- The buildings on East Main are down. Mr. Pearson has been meeting with the surrounding building owners to discuss possible uses for that area and will report that information to Council.
- Mr. Pearson informed Council that Chief Dudik's father passed away last week.

Unfinished Business

Phil Cordova asked how the Community Center is doing financially.

Jim Pearson replied that Juanita Stuetzer has been working on a report for the Community Center. Mr. Pearson explained that the Center is not self sufficient and that there have been many expenses with maintenance issues.

Phil Cordova suggested that a presentation on the Community Center's status be added to an upcoming Council agenda.

Jim Pearson replied that Jennifer Brown could give an update at an upcoming Work Session or Council Meeting.

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk explained that there was a Utilities Committee Meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the City taking ownership of laterals to the right of way. The Committee will be coming to Council with a recommendation.

Mr. Buskirk added that another Utilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled to be held before the first Council Meeting in August at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Storm Water Utility.

Citizens

Greg Strnisa – 50 South Broadway, Geneva – Greg Strnisa stated that parking at the Community Center continues to be a problem, and asked if the Tuesday meetings that are held there could be moved to another day. Mr. Strnisa offers discount hair cuts on Tuesdays' and has more business that day. Mr. Strnisa feels that the City needs to look ahead and have parking available at the Geneva Elementary School.

Bill Buskirk stated that Council is aware that there is an ongoing parking issue in the City and they will continue to work on a solution. Mr. Buskirk thanked Mr. Strnisa for bringing it to there attention.

Margie Trax of the Star Beacon suggested that business employees, who are able, begin to park at Geneva Elementary which would open up countless spaces and allow seniors to park closer. Bruce Beckwith added that the new senior busing offered by the Senior Center will open up parking spaces and help with Mr. Strnisa's Tuesday concerns.

Mr. Strnisa questioned the cost of the bus, maintenance and employee.

Mr. Pearson explained that the bus was purchased by the County, the City has agreed to maintain and fuel the bus, and the employee is a volunteer.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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