

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
March 9, 2009
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend J. J. Stewart of Park Street Christian Church.

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the February 23rd, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 4 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Water – Dave Gilbert

Dave Gilbert gave a handout to Council of Water Main Breaks from December 2004 to February 2009 which was created by Tom Johnson. The information compiled will be entered into a Geographic Information System (GIS) which will aid in analysis, capital planning, and day to day planning.

- The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants and logging each hydrants age, make, and concerns into GIS software.
- Master Meter vaults have been installed and meters have been ordered.
- The total cost for the Harpersfield Booster Station is \$450, 000.00 to \$475,000.00. This will be a total cost of \$230,000.00 to the City. This project should be out to bid early this summer.
- Ohio American recently increased bulk water rates. Mr. Gilbert wanted Council to be aware that Ohio American plans to continue to bring rate increases to PUCO for their approval.
- RLS Solutions is offering the cura flow pipe lining process “at cost” until the third quarter of this year. This process cleans the interior of unlined cast iron pipe and then sprays on a plastic coating. Mr. Gilbert would like them to work on North Ave. which is highly corroded. The Water Department will have to supply access to the pipe and remove any weak points if found which would be a minimal cost to the City.

Rodger Fuller asked if the couplings purchased were put on the fire hydrants.

Dave Gilbert replied that the 35 couplings purchased for \$5,000.00 were put on the hydrants right away by the Fire Department. Mr. Gilbert explained that the City has 464 hydrants in the City and would like to see the City purchase 20 to 25 a year to move forward with this program.

Chief Starkey added that it would be a waste of money to put stortz couplings on hydrants that only have a 2 1/2 inch discharge, but all replacement hydrants are having stortz couplings put on them.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that they plan to put the couplings on relatively new hydrants that will be in service for a long period of time and are in high density areas.

Bill Buskirk stated that the Cura Flow opportunity at North Ave. sounds intriguing and he would like to discuss it further at the next Utilities Committee Meeting.

Rodger Fuller agreed that the City should take a look at this opportunity and thanked Dave Gilbert for his presentation.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

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

Jim Pearson recognized Mrs. Salisbury in the audience and thanked her for coming to the meeting this evening. Mr. Pearson stated that he is very grateful to Bob Salisbury for giving him the opportunity to serve the City for the past 34 years. Mr. Salisbury was a great manager who knew how to treat the residents, work with employees and department heads, and was always out on the street. Mr. Pearson stated that Bob Salisbury was more than deserving of having this bridge named after him. Mr. Salisbury was an advocate for getting an overpass in the 70's and would be happy to know that it is now in place to serve the citizens both north and south of the tracks with emergency services and convenience.

Roll call on passage, 4 yeas. Ordinance 2991 duly passed.

Mrs. Salisbury thanked Council for allowing her husband to be in this position and stated that it is a wonderful honor to have the bridge named after him. Mrs. Salisbury added that she knows her husband is happy and looking down saying "good job folks".

Jim Pearson added that the sign is still being designed by Mike Parker that will help the citizens of Geneva remember Bob Salisbury every time they go over the bridge.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson thanked the VFW for their \$10,000.00 donation for the monument move.
- Street and Wastewater contracts have been signed by the union to be executed. Mr. Pearson will be meeting with the Police Department this Thursday to try and resolve any issues before going to fact finding.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk announced that a Utilities Committee Meeting has been scheduled to be held Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers before the next Council meeting.

Citizens - None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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