

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
May 11, 2009  
7:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. David Hill of the First United Methodist Church.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to accept the minutes of the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 6 years,

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

Department Presentation – Recreation – Myke Anderson

- Bitty ball went from January to the first week of April. There were 18 teams with a minimum of 10 players', maximum of 11.
- Summer basketball consists of bitty ball, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams beginning in June one day a week for the entire summer. Practice is for ½ hour followed by a ½ hour game.
- The golf program will begin its 11<sup>th</sup> year one day a week for two hours at Maple Ridge Golf Course. This program is for 8 to 12 year olds who want to learn the basics of golf. Myke Anderson explained that the City received "The Sticks for Kids Grant" in November which allowed for 8 sets of golf clubs for the children.
- Summer lunches will begin June 15<sup>th</sup> through the end of August from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Eagle Street Park for school age children. Children Services sponsors this program.
- The Back to School Program is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for this program with school supplies donated through area churches and civic groups.
- Adult softball is struggling with only 2 teams at this time. Ms. Anderson feels that the lack of sponsorship due to the economy is to blame.
- The City also received the Kool-Aid Grant which will be used toward a new playground at Eagle Street Park along with funding received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Fraternal Order of Eagles. Wood mulch will be used for ground cover. The total cost of the playground including ground cover is \$24,000.00. A poster was presented for Council to view.

Citizens

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seat Belt Poster Contest Presentation – Captain Greg Wiley

Captain Wiley introduced Richard Dana with Geneva Rotary who would be helping present trophies to the contest winners purchased by the Geneva Rotary Club.

Captain Wiley explained that the Geneva Police Department has participated in the Ohio Department of Public Safety 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Seatbelt Program, co-sponsored by the Geneva Rotary Club, for over 10 years. The Ohio Department of Public Safety provides the materials given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

Award Winners are:

Austinburg Elementary -	1) Heather Keiser	2) Brandon Cloos	3) Abigail Clark
Cork Elementary -	1) Travis Cross	2) Rebecca Jackam	3) Alexis Hraga
Geneva Elementary -	1) Yakira Santana	2) Lacie Cutright	3) Brittany Carlos
Spencer Elementary -	1) Kalie Easton	2) Bradon Delia	3) Abigail Cramer

Captain Wiley congratulated the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade winners on a job well done and directed them to the fire bay to have a group picture taken.

Dave Johnson – 1181 Fortier Rd., Harpersfield – Dave Johnson, President of the Grape Jamboree, made a formal request to Council to hold the 46<sup>th</sup> annual Grape Jamboree September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Mr. Johnson stated that they would like the street closings to be the same as last year. Channel 19 will be promoting the Jamboree again and Mr. Johnson hopes to have more people attend than ever before.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to hold the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Grape Jamboree on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Roll call, 6 yeas.

Rodger Fuller presented a proclamation to Beth Carney declaring May 27<sup>th</sup> Senior Appreciation Day honoring the contributions of the seniors to their families, friends and community.

Silvia Oboczky – 289 Ansel Rd., Geneva – Silvia Oboczky stated that a creek in the back of their property that runs down Ansel Rd. from S. Nearing Circle has flooded their back yard. Mrs. Oboczky presented photographs for Council to view and stated that it is a nightmare for her and her neighbors and a health and safety hazard. Mrs. Oboczky asked if it would be possible for the City to come onto her property and dredge out the creek.

Debbie and Lou McDonald – 305 Ansel Rd., Geneva – Lou McDonald stated that a swamp has accumulated in the past three years which is growing larger and is a mosquito breeding ground.

Dennis Jewell – 292 Ansel Rd., Geneva – Dennis Jewell explained that there is a 6’ or 8’ culvert at the end of that creek where water would run into the storm drain sewer. Once the school was built the extra water flow from drainage went under the railroad at the creek and the soot covered the pipe. Now the water flows into the adjacent properties. Mr. Jewell feels once that pipe is cleaned out the problem could be resolved.

Joe Oboczky – 289 Ansel Rd., Geneva – Joe Oboczky stated that they are home owners and tax payers in this community who deserve respect and answers. This situation is getting worse and there is now water backed up to their deck.

Jim Pearson asked how many property owners will need to give construction easements for the City to get in and do the work.

Dennis Jewell replied there would be 25 properties if going from S. Nearing Circle.

Jim Pearson asked Lauren Gardner if the property owners agreed to a construction easement, could the City go in, on a one time basis, and take care of this matter.

Lauren Gardner felt that could be done.

Jim Pearson and Rodger Fuller affirmed that they will personally walk that property and report back to Council.

Dave Johnson – 1181 Fortier Rd., Harpersfield – Dave Johnson added that he is a trustee at the Methodist Church and their parsonage is located at 407 Ansel Rd. Mr. Johnson has seen water in the back yard for the past 5 to 6 years that is getting worse. Mr. Johnson feels that the problem started when homes were being built on S. Nearing Circle.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 2993 was read, second reading. (AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SELECTED SUBSECTIONS OF THE GENEVA CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO WASTEWATER OPERATIONS).

Gary Hydinger explained that he spoke with Lauren Gardner who informed him this ordinance will not be tabled tonight - the EPA will review the language and if it is not accepted there will have to be a rewrite.

Resolution 3091 was read, third reading. (A RESOLUTION ON THE SPENDING OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS TO THE CITY OF GENEVA, OHIO).

Bruce Beckwith asked for a review of the projects Geneva has been awarded from the stimulus package.

Jim Pearson replied that the City of Geneva has been awarded the following:

- A \$450,000.00 stimulus grant was awarded to repave North Eagle Street in the Industrial area.
- The EPA has awarded a \$200,000.00 grant towards the building of a lab for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and a \$364,000.00 grant to help with inflow and infiltration in the Elm Street area.
- Recently received a \$200,000.00 grant for Phase I & Phase II studies through the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act for companies and businesses that would like to locate in the City of Geneva.

Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3091 duly passed.

#### City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

Mr. Pearson stated that Wastewater Superintendent Gary Hydinger and his staff have done a lot of research for a much needed camera and truck. An appropriation will be prepared to bring before City Council.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

#### Committee Reports

Jeff Piotrowski stated that a Finance Committee Meeting was held tonight to look at various funding sources and reanalyze debt schedules to see if there are any funds to free up and continue with capital improvements. The Finance Committee will inform Council of any final determinations.

Crystal Latimer stated that the Shade Tree Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Latimer affirmed that Community Days was a wonderful event where Arbor Day was declared and the first tree was planted by the Shade Tree Commission.

#### Citizens

Dave Johnson – 1181 Fortier Rd., Harpersfield – Dave Johnson complimented the City of Geneva for the beautiful trees that line Rt. 534 and South Broadway.

Joe Oboczky – 289 Ansel Rd., Geneva – Joe Oboczky stated that trees were ruined when the lines were cleared on Ansel Rd. and some side streets and he would like to know if they planned to replace them.

Crystal Latimer explained the trees that were completely taken down will be replaced. The Shade Tree Commission is doing an inventory of all the trees in the City and hopes to do a fall planting in open

spaces suitable for a tree. Ms. Latimer added that the Arbor Day celebration was part of the requirement for becoming a Tree City USA City. The Shade Tree Commission will apply this fall and hopes to receive that designation next year.

Silvia Oboczky – 289 Ansel Rd., Geneva – Silvia Oboczky asked if nurseries in the area donate trees to help the community.

Crystal Latimer replied that donations would be fine for private property, but the City wants to have a controlled planting deciding when, where and what type of trees are planted.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

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