

City of Geneva Council Work Session – October 26, 2009

Rodger Fuller called the work session to order at 6:54 p.m.

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

No business was discussed.

Work session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
October 26, 2009
7:00 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 Father Melvin Rusnak of the Assumption Church.

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

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

Department Presentation – Downtown Revitalization – Jennifer Brown

Jennifer Brown passed out a flow chart to Council illustrating the Downtown Grant Process:

- 1 – A Rehab Specialist from CT Consultants meets the applicant to discuss items they want rehabbed on their property. Specifications are drafted for review.
- 2 – Once the project is defined it goes before the Architectural Review Board to be sure it meets Central Business District requirements. Once approved, it goes before the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO), which has a four to eight week turnaround time.
- 3 – After approved through the OHPO, bid packets are put together which follow the CDBG requirements for bidding.
- 4 – After the project is bid out, the contract is awarded and pre construction meetings are held to go over prevailing wages.
- 5 – Zoning and Building Permits are obtained.
- 6 – The construction process is gone through and the Rehab Specialist inspects to be sure requirements are met in order for funds to be released.

Jennifer Brown explained that there is one applicant reviewing his specs who is not sure he wants to move forward with the project. There are three downtown business owners that have gone through the ARC Review and OHPO Review and are getting ready to get estimates out. Three have gotten projects bid. Three projects are underway. One original applicant bowed out of the program. Four applicants are sitting back and waiting and one is waiting for the Street Improvement Project to move forward. Ms. Brown added that this is a two year grant and the City has until December of 2010 to close the grant out.

Bill Buskirk asked what projects have been done.

Jennifer Brown replied that windows have been replaced and there will be paving and street light improvements along with roof, awning, and furnace replacements.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the contract signed with CIR for the North Broadway Electrical Improvements will come out of this grant.

Jennifer Brown replied that project is a component of the Downtown Grant.

Citizens

Rodger Fuller read a proclamation to Pete and Evelyn Smallwood proclaiming October 26th, 2009 as Pete and Evelyn Smallwood Day celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

Rodger Fuller read a proclamation supporting the Geneva Union Cemetery Districts .5 mill renewal levy and declaring Monday, November 2nd, 2009 “Vote Yes for the Geneva Union Cemetery Levy Day”.

Bill Buskirk stated that he is the City’s representative on the Cemetery Board and explained that the levy allows the cemeteries to keep costs low on grave sites as well as opening and closing costs. If

the levy were to fail, costs to bury a loved one would sky rocket. Mr. Buskirk affirmed that the City of Geneva now has some of the lowest costs in the area and is able to do that working in partnership with the Township and the Village.

Items for Consideration of Council

Resolution 3113 was read, third reading. (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES LEVY). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3113 duly passed.

Resolution 3114 was read, third reading. (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD REPLACEMENT LEVY). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3114 duly passed.

Resolution 3118 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF HIVELY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. OF CANFIELD, MILLER PLUMBING & HEATING CO., INC. OF CHAGRIN FALLS, HAVE, INC. OF ASHTABULA, AND ALL PHASE MAINTENANCE & ELECTRIC OF ORWELL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY). Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3118 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3118 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3118 duly passed.

Ordinance 3012 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING G.C.O. §1402.08 REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF SPECIFIC PORTIONS OF SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bruce Beckwith asked if this will take them above the 25% improvement in Inflow & Infrastructure. Gary Hydinger replied that the amount is still below the engineers estimate - this is an alternate on the project.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 3012 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Ebersole that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3012 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3012 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- A section of downtown lighting was lost last week. A better diagnosis of the problem can be made once the replacement that Council authorized on that northeast portion begins.
- This week starts the first draft of the budget process. Council will be informed of the scheduled date to present the budget.
- Jim Pearson met with the Township Trustees and Ansel Rd. property owners from the township to walk those properties again so that they could fully understand the issues caused by a collapsed pipe. They may be willing to pay some of the ditching to get that problem corrected. Mr. Pearson will keep Council informed.
- Ghoul Fest went very well. Mr. Pearson thanked the Safety Forces, City employees and their family and friends who volunteered their time to make that event a success.
- The City is now meeting regularly with the Geneva Business Association to plan Christmas Downtown.

Rodger Fuller thanked the Star Beacon for their coverage of Geneva's Halloween Festivities.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Bill Buskirk explained that a Utilities Committee Meeting was held tonight prior to the Council Meeting where Tim Miller discussed Lake County’s Stormwater Utility. Mr. Buskirk affirmed that there has been a seemingly endless number of stormwater issues in town and the Utilities Committee will keep Council informed on how they continue to progress in addressing those issues.

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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