

City of Geneva Council Work Session – September 14, 2009

Rodger Fuller called the work session to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

Jim Pearson explained that he and Street Superintendent Tim Bittner recently conducted a detailed inventory of the City streets to determine which streets are in need of maintenance. Mr. Pearson passed out a list of streets that they felt could use chip and seal in order to extend the life a few years until the streets can be resurfaced. Mr. Pearson acknowledged that chip and seal is not the best repair, but the City does not have the money to resurface all the streets in need of maintenance. Jim Pearson added that Juanita Stuetzer spoke with Bond Council to see if bond money could be used for this purpose. The estimated cost to repair these streets is \$48,000.00. Crystal Latimer asked if a street can be grinded and resurfaced once it has been chip and sealed. Jim Pearson replied that the material can be grinded and recycled. Mr. Pearson explained that there is a new process that takes the grindings up, re-emulsifies it, puts it back down, and creates a new base. Mr. Pearson stated that the main complaint with chip and seal is that for a short period there is dust and some loose stone. Tim Bittner added that the loose stone is swept up and recycled. Once the dust and stone has calmed down the street is in better shape.

Council Member Phil Cordova arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Pearson suggested that another news letter should be prepared explaining what streets have been paved, what projects are moving forward, why the Street Department uses the durapatch, why they crack seal and why they chip and seal so that the residents can have a better understanding. Bill Buskirk asked if the cost for a simple grind and overlay is around \$100.00 a linear foot. Tim Bittner replied that amount is in the ball park. Bill Buskirk added that cost does not include curb work, base repair, wastewater or water repair.

Bruce Beckwith mentioned that Eastwood Street was not on the list of streets to be repaired. Jim Pearson explained Eastwood Street is one that is beyond chip and seal repair and being considered for resurfacing.

Mr. Pearson asked Council for their direction regarding chip and seal for the City streets needing repair. Council agreed to have a news letter prepared and to move forward with the street repair. Bruce Beckwith commented that he would rather have the money come out of capital funds. Jim Pearson explained that the City would like to preserve as much General Fund cash as possible. Administration felt that since this is a road construction/maintenance issue, the bond is the appropriate place to get the funding. Mr. Pearson stated that they will work to put together a news letter, start to repair a couple streets this week, and hold off with the balance until the news letter is out.

Work session adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

MINUTES

City of Geneva
Council Meeting
September 14, 2009
7:07 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 Laurie Donatone.

Rodger Fuller asked Mr. Pearson to explain what was happening with Dispatch.

Mr. Pearson explained that he was approached by Geneva-on-the-Lake Mayor Nelson, Administrator Jim Huckaday, and Chief Bruckman to inquire if Geneva would be interested in dispatching for them. Mr. Pearson acknowledged that Geneva has dispatched for them in the past and has had a good relationship. Geneva-on-the-Lake left in 2004 and went with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Pearson stated that he spoke with Chief Dudik who gave a break down of the number of calls and how much was charged in the past. Both Jim Pearson and Chief Dudik have some reservations, but generally feel that if the dollar amount is right, the City would want to take them on.

Mr. Pearson added that the City dispatches for Fire and NAD which is four townships in the City, along with Austinburg and Harpersfield Fire. Mr. Pearson feels that if the City can develop a relationship with Geneva-on-the-Lake again it would be more of a Regional Dispatch Center that makes sense.

Crystal Latimer asked what the last contract amount was.

Jim Pearson replied that it was \$24,000.00

Mr. Pearson asked Council for their direction regarding a Dispatch Contract with Geneva-on-the-Lake.

Council agreed to have Mr. Pearson negotiate a dispatch contract with Geneva-on-the-Lake.

Mr. Pearson affirmed that he will keep Council informed.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Latimer to accept the minutes of the August 24th, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Water – Dave Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert explained what has been accomplished this year.

- The Water Department is nearing the 5th year of operation.
- There were 12 water main breaks this year.
- A partnership was developed with the Fire Department which is going very well – A complete system flushing and inventory of hydrants was accomplished. More money was appropriated than was used so they will update and paint some hydrants and look into purchasing more adapters for the storz fittings.
- Master Meters – six sites are at 100%. Two sites needed adjustments and are now ready for meters to be installed.
- Ohio American is looking at increasing bulk water rates 46% to 47% once again. Historically the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has given them 12% - 15%. Discussions have been held on how to handle this recurring issue. Mr. Gilbert stated that if this does go through he recommends a direct pass through in order to stay on top.

Bruce Beckwith asked if there were updates on the Harpersfield Pump House Project.

Dave Gilbert replied that this project has taken a back seat due to the funding application being turned down and EPA requirements.

Bill Buskirk asked how far along the flow meters have to be in order to determine how much lost water there is in the system.

Dave Gilbert replied that all meters have to be up and running. After a full month of 100% readings there will be a clearer picture of what is going on.

- Mr. Gilbert will not continue to pursue CuraFlo at this time. Mr. Gilbert feels it is a great process, but not cost effective.
- A new Water Department van will be delivered the end of September/beginning of October and put immediately into service.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the County is still doing a line replacement on N. Broadway.

Jim Pearson replied that project was phased in two sections. Next spring they will do the first phase. The City hopes to do a joint project on the second phase and will be talking to the County about it.

Bruce Beckwith asked if anything is happening with the Automatic Meter Reading System.

Mr. Pearson replied that they have not received the return on investment report they've been waiting for.

Dave Gilbert added that they are still pursuing the Automatic Meter Reads, but it is a \$500,000.00 project. Mr. Gilbert stated that at the very least they should seriously look at getting monthly actual reads.

Rodger Fuller thanked Dave Gilbert for his presentation and the fine job that he does.

Citizens – None

Rodger Fuller read a Proclamation declaring September 17th through September 23rd, 2009 Constitution Week in the City of Geneva to commemorate the anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America signed September 17, 1878.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 3109 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO REJECT THE AWARD ON ANY BIDS FOR WASTEWATER ELM STREET SUB-BASIN REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3109 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Cordova, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3109 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3109 duly passed.

Ordinance 3110 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RE-BID THE WASTEWATER ELM STREET SUB-BASIN REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bruce Beckwith asked if the proposal for re-bid will be changed.

Jim Pearson explained that one bid was received over the Engineer's estimate. Contractors were contacted to ask what concerns they had. It was found that there was a concern regarding the connection in the lateral to the main. This will be clearly defined through an addendum.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the project will still be bid as a single general contractor.

Gary Hydinger replied that the original bid reads no general contractor shall sub contract more than 50% of the job – that will not be the case with the re-bid.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3110 an emergency measure.

Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3110 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3110 duly passed.

Ordinance 3111 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RE-BID THE NORTH BROADWAY ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Resolution 3111 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Buskirk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3111 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3111 duly passed.

Ordinance 3112 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF RONYAK BROS. PAVING, INC. FOR SOUTH EAGLE STREET PAVEMENT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to declare Resolution 3112 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3112 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3112 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- Mr. Pearson stated that he received a request for a resolution in support of the Senior Services Levy and asked Council if they would like that brought before them at the next Council meeting or any time before the election.

Bruce Beckwith stated that the Mental Health Levy is up at the same time and asked if a resolution pertaining to each could be prepared. Mr. Beckwith added that he would like to see the resolutions brought before Council at the next meeting.

Council agreed to have resolutions in support of the Senior Services Levy and Mental Health Levy prepared for the next Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

Bill Buskirk mentioned a letter received from the Ohio EPA found in the Council packets and asked if the wastewater discharge limits pertained to businesses or the City.

Gary Hydinger replied that the limits will be imposed on businesses and industries.

Bill Buskirk asked if the limits will be checked.

Gary Hydinger replied that the permit requires businesses and industries to do testing and the City to do testing.

New Business

Rodger Fuller commented that the Nuclear Energy Commission Newsletter stated that last years Perry Nuclear Power Plant audit showed that they were not in compliance with 12 requirements and this year they were not in compliance with 20 requirements. Mr. Fuller stated that it is disturbing to hear there are that many problems which are getting worse.

Phil Cordova asked if Tim Miller was ever asked to speak to the Utility Committee regarding Lake County's Stormwater Utility.

Jim Pearson replied that he will contact Mr. Miller to find out when he is available.

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Jeff Piotrowski stated that the Community Involvement Committee (CIC) met today and is always active with economic development or City beautification. The Committee discussed the Outdoor

Drama Project in which Ken Johnson has put in countless hours and completed the script for the play. Mr. Johnson is ready to have experts at the University of North Carolina's Outdoor Drama Department look at the script. The CIC has voted to approve expenditure of funds for that and also to send Mr. Johnson to the Outdoor Drama Conference. Mr. Piotrowski added that there may be a few other Committee Members interested in attending the conference and asked if there were economic development funds available for the City to send them.

Jim Pearson replied that there is funding available.

Mr. Piotrowski added that the work Mr. Johnson has done is phenomenal regarding the history of the area pertaining to the Underground Railroad.

Citizens – None

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Buskirk for Council to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel – investigate complaint against public employee. Roll Call, 7 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:47 p.m.

Motion by Buskirk, seconded by Cordova to re-convene the September 14th, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas. The meeting re-convened at 8:08 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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