

City of Geneva Council Work Session – September 28, 2009

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

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

Jim Pearson asked if anyone received comments on the City Road Talk News Letter that went out to the residents.

Council replied that they have not received any comments.

Bruce Beckwith asked if Ansel Rd. is included in the upcoming construction projects.

Jim Pearson explained that Ansel Rd. is an OPWC Project. The City did not receive all of the loan money that was needed with the original application. Some grant money was received and the remaining balance was applied for with the last cycle - the City is waiting for final approval.

Jim Pearson explained that the City has had discussions with the GaREAT Board regarding the Recreation Program. A Joint Partnership has started to get basketball out to the GaREAT Sporting Complex. Myke Anderson is helping to coordinate the program just as she has in the past.

Jeff Piotrowski asked if the fees are going to change.

Jim Pearson replied that the fees will be the same. The GaREAT Board got involved and worked to make the program acceptable to all local residents.

Bruce Beckwith asked if Myke Anderson will be at the GaREAT Complex for a short period.

Jim Pearson replied that Myke Anderson will manage as she would manage the City's program, the only change is location. Mr. Pearson added that the City typically would run grades 3 through 6 in the fall and then K through 3 after the first of the year. Because of the size of the GaREAT Complex, the two groups will be combined – K through 6 this fall.

Phil Cordova stated that he spoke with Rick Selip who asked that he express his appreciation to the City for helping to make this happen at the GaREAT Complex and for their help with the tap in fees as well.

Jim Pearson stated that he, Jennifer Brown and Lauren Gardner met with Stewart Cordell today to work through a formal tap in fee agreement. Lauren Gardner will take the lead and start to prepare a draft which will be circulated to Council.

Work session adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone  
Clerk of Council

**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
September 28, 2009  
7:02 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Susan Hill of Geneva United Methodist Church.

Motion by Ebersole, seconded by Cordova to accept the minutes of the September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with representatives from the Star Beacon and Gazette.

Department Presentation – Fire – Chief Doug Starkey

Chief Starkey stated that the word for the night was cooperation:

- Mr. Pearson has been pushing for cooperative services. Meetings have been held with NAD, Madison, Saybrook, Harpersfield, Trumbull, Austinburg and Geneva to come up with a plan to partner up in case of a mass medical emergency to protect the citizens of these communities. There are also discussions regarding bulk purchasing and combining Suggested Operating Guidelines (SOG's) so that all departments are functioning the same.
- The Fire Department has been working cooperatively with the Water Department. Hydrant inspections, maintenance and painting has added money to bring in additional part time personnel and has improved the hydrants immensely.
- The Fire Department has had discussions with the Township and MARCS Radio Representatives to have an identical template for the Geneva Police, Fire Department, and NAD. This will be a huge enhancement to the interoperability throughout the State and within the area.
- The Fire Department is close to planting seed on the south end of the Training Center. The Training Center was made a reality by a cooperative effort of the citizens, donations, different companies offering help and Street Departments of both the City and Township.
- Chief Starkey is working on a cooperative effort with Tri C to schedule Fire Fighter Training classes. This will bring in some income to put toward additional staffing or improvements at the Training Center.
- Chief Starkey acknowledged that the Department Heads and Staff worked well together to create an Incident Action Plan in case of a major event at the Grape Jamboree. Chief Starkey stated that the Grape Jamboree Board informed him that this is one of the few, if not the only action plan written in the entire state. Chief Starkey attended an Emergency Operation Planning Class recently and felt very good about the City of Geneva being on the front edge of the planning stage.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the 1 mill signs he sees around the township are for a new building. Chief Starkey replied that the Township Trustees would like to build a new Fire Station further north in the Maple Avenue area. The millage will offset costs along with grants that are being looked at. Rodger Fuller thanked Chief Starkey for his presentation and the fine job that he does.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Resolution 3113 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES LEVY).

Resolution 3114 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASHTABULA COUNTY ALCOHOL, DRUG ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD REPLACEMENT LEVY).

Resolution 3115 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Ebersole to declare Resolution 3115 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 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 3115 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution 3115 duly passed.

Ordinance 3010 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUNDS “283 – 2009 CHIP CDBG GRANT”, AND “284 – 2009 CHIP HOME GRANT”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Ebersole to declare Ordinance 3010 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 3010 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 3010 duly passed.

Bruce Beckwith asked how many years the City has received the CHIP Home Grants. Jim Pearson replied that this is the 6<sup>th</sup> Grant and the City has received a total of \$3,000,000.00

Ordinance 3011 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 Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 3011 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 3011 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance 3011 duly passed.

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

- Mr. Pearson thanked all Department Heads and Staff for the many hours of preparation that was put into the Grape Jamboree to make it a successful event.
- Mr. Pearson asked Jeff Piotrowski to contact Laurie Donatone, Bill Buskirk and Crystal Latimer for tentative dates to schedule a Utilities Committee Meeting for Tim Miller to discuss Lake County’s Stormwater Utility. Jeff Piotrowski agreed.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports - None

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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