

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 22, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Bill Buskirk, Philip Cordova, Rodger Fuller, Tim Miller, Jeff Piotrowski, Crystal Latimer and Bruce Beckwith

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Jason Mott, Park Street Christian Church.

Motion was made by Tim Miller, seconded by Bruce Beckwith to accept the minutes of the November 8, 2010 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Citizens – Citizens were present.

Department Presentation – None

Citizens

The Monument Committee represented by Dennis Brown and Michael Shupska were present. Mr. Michael Shupska introduced himself as the Chairman of the Geneva Soldiers and Sailors Organization that has maintained the Monument. Mr. Shupska presented Council with a letter of transfer of the responsibility to take care of the monument which they have assumed for many years. Mr. Shupska presented Council with a check in the amount of \$6,936.25 representing all but \$200.00 of the remaining funds for this account. The \$200.00 will serve to hold the account open in case a fundraiser is needed. Council thanked the Soldiers and Sailors Organization.

Mr. Buskirk asked if there were any other citizens present who wished to speak.

None.

Items for Consideration of Council -

Resolution 3150. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Ohio Environmental Education Fund for the Purpose of Increasing Public Awareness of the Environmental Impacts of Mercury through an Educational Recycling program, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Beverly Hoffman of the Wastewater Department stated that this is a grant to purchase recycle boxes for florescent lamps and compact florescent bulbs. The recycle boxes are expensive. Ms. Hoffman stated that she and Jennifer Brown worked on the grant application. The purpose of the approximately \$15,800 grant is to encourage people to recycle florescent lamps and compact florescent bulbs instead of breaking them into the garbage can. The City is matching part of Ms. Hoffman's time as in-kind service. Additionally, Harpersfield Trustees have pledged \$260.00 per year for five years to help keep the project going after the grant

funding runs out. Geneva Township Trustees will also be contributing but have not decided on an amount as yet.

Mr. Buskirk asked how many bulbs we believe we will be able to capture for sixteen thousand dollars. Ms. Hoffman did not have a number right off hand. Ms. Hoffman stated that Geneva Township had donated some boxes and Ms. Hoffman had brought some when the City was having trouble with mercury and trying to get it's variance at the Wastewater Plant a few years ago.

Ms. Buskirk asked if the public is informed that the City is offering this service or do we need to educate the public that this is available. Ms. Hoffman stated that a few years ago when we had the boxes and were doing advertising and informational booths at Community Days people were bringing them. The City had since run out of boxes; they were too expensive to buy.

Ms. Hoffman believes that once the City starts advertising that they will be used. Mr. Hoffman further stated that in doing the Community Days booths she learned that many people didn't know that there is mercury in the compact florescent bulbs. There is education to be done.

Mr. Pitrowski asked if the City had a newsletter coming out anytime soon. Mr. Pearson stated this would be a good item to include. Mr. Pearson also stated that we can use the sign as well. The website was suggested. Mr. Beckwith suggested we contact the radio stations.

Mr. Beckwith stated that he would like to thank Ms. Hoffman for spearheading this because mercury is a real problem. Mr. Buskirk stated he agreed especially for us, he further stated that we have heard several times how low our limits are before we are out of compliance.

Mr. Buskirk asked for any other questions or comments.

Motion by Jeff Piotrowski, seconded by Rodger Fuller to declare Resolution 3150 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Bruce Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3150 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3150 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – City Manager, James Pearson

Mr. Pearson stated that he had nothing other than what is in the memo.

Mr. Beckwith stated that he noticed the Chamber Dinner is coming up. Does the City have a good representation? Mr. Pearson stated we need to talk about who would be attending so that we have the proper number of seats. Discussion was had regarding who would be attending.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Mr. Buskirk stated that in the City Manager's report, item number 4, the VFW has approached the City about picking up a few more feet off the back of their building. Mr. Buskirk asked if anyone had any concerns about that. Mr. Fuller asked if that would be taking the parking spots on the back of the building. Mr. Pearson stated that what he wanted to bring to Council is that the leadership at the VFW had asked Jennifer Brown and himself to come over and talk about it. They are actually talking about four feet off the sidewalk. There is the ramp, four feet of sidewalk and they need another four feet. What the City needs to do is go out and check the parking spaces. Probably we won't use any parking spaces. The City needs to make sure that there is a ten foot lane for traffic.

This is on the south side of the building. Discussion was had regarding the configuration of the parking spaces. Mr. Pearson and Tim Bittner, Street Superintendent, will go over make some measurements. Mr. Pearson further stated that if we have to move it out and lose some parking spaces that might be one or two. Mr. Pearson believes there are five existing parking spaces. Mr. Buskirk believes one or two of those are handicap spaces.

Mr. Pearson is bringing this to Council's attention because the request has been made. Mr. Pearson will review the parking and report back to Council. Additionally, the way that those parking lots were designed, the deeds state that if the City ever sells, transfers or assigns the space, it has to go back to the original property owner. The City will have to do some research to find out who owned that property before the City took on the parking to see if they are willing to transfer. There will be work involved, title work and transfers. The VFW has offered in return for Council's consideration, some other ways that they could help the community out. One of the things that was suggested is the house across the street, the Warner building, possibly acquiring it for the City. After the City has obtained more information, they will come back to Council. Mr. Buskirk stated that without objection, preliminary, the City can move forward with reviewing this.

Payment of Bills - None

Committee Reports

Mr. Beckwith stated that a Safety Committee was held. The meeting was called to discuss a used ladder. It appears that the ladder was sold prior to the meeting. The Committee ended up having a round table discussion on existing equipment and needs within the Fire Department. It was inconclusive as to really accomplishing anything but a very good discussion. Mr. Beckwith stated he appreciated having the meeting.

Mr. Buskirk stated that the recommendation out that meeting is that the City is going to end up having to buy some police cars. Mr. Beckwith stated that that was not on the agenda but it was a report that was received that the Crown Victoria model is being discontinued and therefore any equipment that we have that we normally move from cruiser to cruiser will no longer fit a different model. If the City wants to take advantage of the existing equipment and this includes quite a list. Mr. Beckwith believes that three to five thousand dollars for each car was mentioned. If we need to move forward with buying the 2010 models under the State Program, the opportunity ends in March. Ms. Latimer stated that this will be just delaying the inevitable;

delaying it for three years. Mr. Beckwith stated that anytime we can delay it we are better off. Mr. Buskirk asked what the new vehicle will be, Dodge Charger, different Ford model? Mr. Pearson stated that he believes they are going to come out with a new model. Mr. Pitrowski stated that Chevy has a new Caprice based on the old Pontiac G8 with a whole new chase.

Citizens – None

Mr. Beckwith made a motion at 7:19 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session for discuss of Personnel. Ms. Latimer seconded the motion. Roll Call, 7 yeas.

Ms. Latimer made a motion to reconvene the Council Meeting at 7:32 p.m. Tim Miller seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Mr. Buskirk asked if there was anything to add.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
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