

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
December 13, 2010
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Rodger Fuller

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Cunningham, United Church.

Motion was made by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Philip Cordova to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2010 Council Meeting. Roll call, 6 years.

Citizens – Citizens were present.

Department Presentation – Zoning Department – Presented by Jennifer Brown

Ms. Jennifer Brown presented Council with a written report. Ms. Brown stated that the community has received approximately \$3,200,000 in investment, approximately \$6,000.00 in permit fees. The largest and most significant investments are listed including Ashland Park LLC whose remodeling project invested \$500,000 and Westland Park's remodel at \$118,000.

Ms. Brown directed Council to the New Businesses section. Mr. Hero is a new business, permits have been pulled. O'Reilly's Auto Parts is the latest one. H & R Block will be moving over one unit to accommodate O'Reilly's. She has listed out the new businesses. Several are in the downtown. There are additional businesses that have not pulled permits as yet. Ms. Brown stated that the plaza were Subway is located will be full. The plaza were Movie Gallery was located will also be full. The Downtown is significantly full. She has listed the investments by year. The numbers are down; however with the current economy it is pretty good. New housing starts in 2009 were two; in 2010 there are five indicating that it is picking up.

There were seven (7) Home Occupation Permits issued in 2010. One hundred eight (108) violation letters were sent out. The top three violations were high grass, property maintenance-loss of garbage service and residents parking on the lawns. There were forty-four (44) properties assessed this year totaling \$8,900.00. The dollar amount is down from eleven thousand (\$11,000) last year. The Zoning Department completed 366 rental inspections this year not including re-inspections.

Mr. Buskirk asked how the City is doing with regard to completing the rental inspections and getting them declared. Ms. Brown stated it is better. The utility service application now asks if the property is owned or rented. This is helping to identify rental properties. Next in line to parking on front lawns are people who have been identified as renting out their properties. The

City is finding that the properties are not in as bad a shape as they were previously; there are not as many violations. Ms. Brown stated that Dana is doing a wonderful job with inspections.

Mr. Beckwith stated that he has noticed an increase in home occupations. Is this due to the change in the ordinances or due to the economy? Ms. Brown stated that it a sign of the times, people trying to find ways of making ends meet.

Mr. Buskirk stated that it is easier now to start a home based business with access to internet.

Citizens

None.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 3042 An ordinance fixing the compensation of Officers and Employees of the City of Geneva effective January 1, 2011, amending Chapter 250 of the codified ordinances, repealing Ordinance No.3013, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Crystal Latimer, seconded by Jeff Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 3042 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3042 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3042 duly passed.

Ordinance 3043 An ordinance establishing compensation of the City Solicitor, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Philip Cordova to declare Ordinance 3043 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Jeff Piotrowski, seconded by Bruce Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3043 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3043 duly passed.

Ordinance 3044 An ordinance re-appointing and establishing compensation for the Clerk of Council, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Bruce Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3044 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Crystal Latimer, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3044 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3044 duly passed.

Ordinance 3045 An ordinance to create fund “459 – Traffic Signal Replacement – Issue I Fund”, and declaring an emergency.

Juanita Stuetzer stated that this in regard to Issue 1 funding for the signals at Park and Broadway and Main and Eagle.

Motion by Jeff Piotrowski, seconded by Bruce Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3045 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Crystal Latimer, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3045 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3045 duly passed.

Ordinance 3046 An Ordinance to create fund “655 – Recycle Fluorescent Bulb Grant”, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Philip Cordova to declare Ordinance 3046 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Crystal Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3046 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3046 duly passed.

Ordinance 3047 An ordinance to amend the 2010 budget through appropriations and fund transfers, attached hereto and marked Exhibit “A,” and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Crystal Latimer, seconded by Jeff Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 3047 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3047 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3047 duly passed.

Ordinance 3048 An ordinance making Appropriations for current expenses of the City of Geneva, State of Ohio, from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, and declaring an emergency.

Triple T Foundation is from WKKY that gives donations to City each year. Mr. Cordova stated that he would be curious as to what the FOE and VFW contributes to the Police and Fire and the City as a whole each year.

Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Crystal Latimer to declare Ordinance 3048 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3048 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3048 duly passed.

Resolution 3151 A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the bid of General Chemical Corporation for furnishing the City of Geneva with Alum, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Jeff Piotrowski, seconded by Bruce Beckwith to declare Resolution 3151 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Crystal Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3151 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3151 duly passed.

Resolution 3152 A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Ashtabula County Public Defender Commission to provide counsel to represent indigent persons, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Bruce Beckwith to declare Resolution 3152 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Crystal Latimer, seconded by Bruce Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3152 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3152 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – City Manager, James Pearson

Mr. Pearson asked the staff to report on the Food Drive and Shared Christmas.

Ms. Shelly Huff gave an overview of the food drive for the Geneva Food Pantry. Ms. Huff stated that it has been very successful to date and they hope to continue the program after the holidays.

Mr. Starkey reported that Shared Christmas is assisting forty (40) families, one hundred fourteen (114) children, this year; the largest distribution to date. Harpersfield Fire, Geneva-on-the-Lake Police and Fire, Geneva Police and Fire and Northwest Ambulance are participating. The money coming in this year has been very good. A lot of organizations have given. Additionally, as part of their fundraising this year, they did appear on the radio twice.

Crystal Latimer asked if the food drive accepts sundries as well. The Food Pantry can buy food very cheaply but the sundries (soap, toilet paper) are not included in the cheap purchases. Ms. Latimer has been informed that they like to get those things donated as well. Ms. Huff stated that she would inform people in the office. Ms. Huff did have people ask about donating money, money can be used to purchase food at a lower price; however, Ms. Huff discouraged that for now. This is the first food drive and she didn't want the front office to have to keep track of funds as well. Money donations may be included in the future. Mr. Beckwith suggested that it may be possible to donate directly and have them track the City's donations.

The Street Department delivers for Halo each year. Distribution is scheduled for the 15h of December this year.

Mr. Pearson stated that the Wastewater Lab is coming along. After the first of the year the City will report to Council on the progress and schedule a tour for Council.

Mr. Pearson stated the Growth Partnership has a new Executive Director. Mr. Pearson has invited him to come in and meet with Council.

A Corridor Study meeting is scheduled for December 16th at the GaReat.

Mr. Pearson asked if Council wished to have the final City Council Meeting in December. Mr. Buskirk stated that he did feel a need to; all the business has been taken care. A Special Council meeting can be scheduled if something were to come up. Mr. Buskirk asked if anyone had any objection to not having the final meeting. No objections were raised.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – Liquor Permit

This is a name change from Revco Discount Drug Centers Inc. dba CVS Pharmacy 3169 to Ohio CVS Stores LLC dba CVS Pharmacy.

No objections were made.

Payment of Bills - None

Committee Reports

Mr. Buskirk stated that we will need to schedule a Utility Committee Meeting after the first of the year. Mr. Miller suggested we schedule it at the first council meeting in January. Mr. Pearson stated that we will also need to schedule the capital meeting.

Citizens – None

Mr. Buskirk stated that he would like to thank the Administration, Department Heads, and Council Members. It was a really good year, a pleasure working with everyone this year, very professional atmosphere. It was a privilege to be on Council this year.

Mr. Cordova commended the Administration.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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