

City of Geneva Council Work Session – April 26 2010

Bill Buskirk called the work session to order at 6:47 p.m.

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

Bruce Beckwith asked what the time frame is on the North Eagle bid.

Jim Pearson replied that he can't say because it is strictly an ODOT Project and the City is not directly involved. An e-mail was included in Council's packet with bid results. The City would like to be included in the pre-construction meeting - the job was sold to Tri-Mor Corp.

Mr. Beckwith asked if the City anticipates engineering costs on top of the total cost.

Mr. Pearson replied that the City will have their share plus the engineering costs, but still think it will be less than what Council approved.

Bill Buskirk stated that Council received a request from CDC to purchase a table for their kick off dinner and asked if there were any objections.

Crystal Latimer asked when the meeting is.

Bill Buskirk replied that the meeting is this Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Council had no objections.

Bruce Beckwith asked if the electrical work downtown was complete.

Jim Pearson replied that everything underground is done and they are making great progress.

Weather permitting, the concrete should be poured tomorrow and then the brick will be laid. The project should be complete no later than two weeks, maybe sooner.

Work Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
April 26, 2010
7:02 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Laurie Donatone.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Miller to accept the minutes of the April 12th, 2010 Council Meeting.
Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstain - Piotrowski.

Citizens – Citizens were present. There were no representatives from the media.

Phil Cordova presented Nancy Barbo, Geneva Girls Basketball Coach, with a proclamation declaring Monday, April 26th, 2010 Geneva Eagles Girls Basketball Team Day for their high degree of success, both on and off the court.

Phil Cordova stated that not only can the community be proud of the girls, but proud of the school we are lucky enough to have in the City of Geneva. Mr. Cordova added that the number of people who traveled to Barberton, Ohio to support the girls was very impressive.

Nancy Barbo stated that this is an experience she and the girls will never forget and they are proud to represent Geneva.

Items for Consideration of Council - None

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

Mr. Pearson mentioned the following infrastructure projects that are underway:

- Opening bids for Sherman Paving and the West Liberty Sanitary Work were anticipated for tomorrow, but due to some confusion they have been postponed for one week. Bids will be open May 4th – in time for Council to take action at the May 10th Council Meeting.
- The Elm Street Rehabilitation Project is going well.
- The Wastewater Lab is proceeding.
- The North Eagle Street Stimulus Project was finally awarded and there should be some movement soon.
- Mr. Pearson asked Council, if they so desire, to schedule a Utility Committee Meeting to discuss the Carbon Vision Proposal for solar panels on top of the City Hall Building. City Staff has met twice with them and feels this is a good opportunity to reduce our carbon foot print.

Tim Miller affirmed that he will discuss dates with the Committee and asked Mr. Pearson if he could have Carbon Vision attend that meeting to give a presentation.

Phil Cordova asked how they know what is being produced by the panels.

Mr. Pearson explained that it is a 60 kW system which will be monitored internally in the utility room. It should produce, on an average, about 25% of the power needs at no cost to the community. This is a \$400,000.00 system, the State provides \$200,000.00 – they get 30% back on an energy credit from the Federal Government. The City will pay what they normally would pay for the electrical costs for five years and at the end of that five years, buy the system for \$15,000.00 having another 20 years of life left in it. Mr. Pearson feels this is a good opportunity. If they don't take advantage of the system now, some of the grants and credits will slowly diminish.

Tim Miller asked if there is a deadline on the grants.

Jim Pearson replied that the deadline is the end of the year. From the time the agreement is entered into, there is 12 to 16 weeks to get the grant approved, order the panels and have them installed.

The Law Director has been asked to review the agreement.

Jeff Piotrowski asked how they are determining what the City is currently paying.

Jim Pearson explained that they reviewed the billing history.

- There has been recent interest in property at the Industrial Park. Money has not been budgeted for wetland delineation which was last done in the year 2000 – this is good for five years. Mr. Pearson stated that the City needs to revisit that and have an environmental firm come in. There are three properties there and Mr. Pearson suggested all be looked at in order to affectively deal with people showing interest.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that this is important, because property acquisition can move quickly.

Mr. Pearson stated, if Council so desires he will have that appropriation at the next Council Meeting.

- The Street Department has been busy cleaning up damage from the snow and mail box repair.
- The City's Insurance Company came out to do an inspection of the Skate Park. There are areas of disrepair that will be estimated in order to get the Park up to suitable standards.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Beckwith to appoint Tim Miller to serve on the Architectural Review Board. Roll call, 7 yeas. . Motion: Carried

Liquor Permit ~Palinkas, Inc. – DBA Beverage Depot, 119 N. Broadway 1st Fl, Geneva.

Jim Pearson affirmed that Chief Dudik found no reason to object to this permit transfer.

- No Objections

New Business

Bruce Beckwith stated that a lot of people feel the City is not involved with the County Government being in the shape it's in due to the Sheriff's office being in the headlines. Mr. Beckwith affirmed that the City uses the court system and the tax auditors – the County Government affects all of us. Mr. Beckwith asked that the citizens consider that when they go to the ballot box.

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Crystal Latimer stated that the Shade Tree Commission is getting ready to plant European Beech trees on North Nearing and also a couple trees across from the football field on Eastwood.

Jeff Piotrowski stated that the Finance Committee met to discuss Job Creation Tax Credit. The Township Attorney is preparing a draft and then the Committee will reconvene to discuss it further.

Department Presentation – Fire – Chief Doug Starkey

Chief Starkey's word for the evening was "Opportunity". Chief Starkey stated that one of the goals of the Geneva Fire Department is to give young men and woman an opportunity to see what Fire Service is like. The Explorer Program, spear headed by Chris Craft, has twenty members and is a huge asset to the community. Chief Starkey stated that the Fire Department has applied for a grant to send some members to Hocking College for a Fire and Emergency Services Program to get immediate credentials in order to be involved in the Geneva Fire Department or their local Departments. Chief Starkey affirmed that it is exciting to see these young members wanting to be a part of not only the Fire Department, but the community.

Crystal Latimer asked how long the Explorer Program has been active.

Chief Starkey replied that it was established in 2006 and encouraged everyone to spread the word to young men and woman ages 14 to 21.

Tim Miller asked if the Explorer's are able to use the Fire Training Center.

Chief Starkey replied that they are.

Bill Buskirk asked if you have to attend the 40 hour training in order to be a paid on-call Fire Fighter for the City of Geneva.

Chief Starkey explained that there is a 36 hour volunteer course that is required to get onto the Department and then they are required to have their Fire Fighter Level I within five years.

Bill Buskirk stated that it is good to see all the communities represented in the Explorer Program. It is so important - the City should have twelve to sixteen full time Fire Fighters, but only have four.

Chief Starkey added what a night it is for Geneva's youth with the Girls Basketball Team and the Explorer's attending tonight's meeting.

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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