

City of Geneva Council Work Session – February 22, 2010

Bill Buskirk called the work session to order at 6:46 p.m.

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

Bruce Beckwith asked if there is a projected time table for the North Eagle Street Project. Jim Pearson replied that once the contract is signed, it will go out to bid. Mr. Pearson added that they look for the project to begin late spring or early summer. Bruce Beckwith asked if there was any discussion on utilizing the concrete from that project. Jim Pearson replied that he did ask if it would pay to bring in a concrete recycler and was told that the concrete is suspected to have rebar in it and not much would be gained by recycling. Mr. Pearson stated that he will bring the question up again. Mr. Beckwith affirmed that rebar is a pain, but feels it is well worth working with.

Bruce Beckwith asked if engineering is moving forward on the other street projects. Mr. Pearson replied that a resolution for engineering services in on this evening's agenda and nothing can move forward until it has been approved.

Rodger Fuller asked if the Monument Project is moving forward. Jim Pearson replied that the environmental hurdle has been cleared. Discussions have been held regarding a lot split – a quarter of the property has to be carved out due to tanks and pumps that are not wanted. Mr. Pearson is waiting to hear back from price negotiations. Mr. Fuller asked if anything has been said regarding the relocation issue. Jim Pearson replied that they are in the process of getting a clearer understanding of that also.

Jeff Piotrowski asked if the Vo-Ed students are working on the covered bridge. Jim Pearson replied that they are working on it. Tarps have been purchased to keep the wood covered and out of the snow. Mr. Pearson stated that one of the challenges will be timing – getting a good sense of when the wood structure will be done so that the road is not shut down too far in advance. Mr. Pearson shared a flyer with Council which stated that the liberty bridge was built in 1908.

Work Session adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
February 22, 2010
7:00 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 Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to accept the minutes of the February 8th, 2010 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Police – Chief Dan Dudik

Chief Dudik gave an overview of things to come in 2010 for the Police Department:

- The County OVI Task Force was affected by the economy and lay offs. The grant for this program will continue through Safe Communities, but will now be run at a local level.
- The Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections will be conducting a physical audit of the jail this year.
- The State of Ohio will be conducting a full LEADS audit this year.
- The Geneva Police Department will take part in the Perry/EMA evaluation exercise.
- The Police Department averages four to five Public Information Requests a day for incident and accident reports. An e-mail account has been set up through the City, and those requests will now be taken care of electronically. Go to policerecords@genevaohio.com.
- The State of Ohio has changed the social security format on traffic tickets. This is a mandatory change and the Police Department will have to purchase an entire new stock of tickets. Chief Dudik will speak with the Judge regarding a possible modification of the current ticket books.

Bruce Beckwith asked what the current method of monitoring Officer's during a radiation release is. Chief Dudik explained that there are multiple methods. Perry offers training on an annual basis. A pocket dosimeter is used along with a personal TLD badge, which are kept in each police vehicle. Officers are also given two geiger counters. Chief Dudik invited Council to attend this year's training to be held in August.

Bill Buskirk thanked Chief Dudik for his presentation.

Citizens - None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 3021 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR FUNDING FOR THE CITY'S PORTION OF THE NORTH EAGLE STREET PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bruce Beckwith asked what the total amount to be financed is.

Jim Pearson replied that the City is asking for \$70,000.00 to be prepared for any unforeseen issues.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3021 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3021 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3021 duly passed.

Ordinance 3022 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “256 – COPS SOS GRANT”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 3022 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 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 3022 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3022 duly passed.

Ordinance 3023 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVING ON THE GENEVA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD).

Bill Buskirk stated that the ARC Review Board discussed changes several months ago.

Phil Cordova mentioned that Jennifer Brown informed the Service Committee that there currently are not enough members on the ARC Review Board to have a quorum.

Tim Miller explained that when he served on the ARC Review Board there were only three members.

Mr. Miller stepped down when he was appointed to Council leaving them with two members. The board is supposed to be comprised of five members. One of the recommendations was to amend the requirements to allow a Council member to sit on the board.

Mr. Pearson added that the amendment will also provide more flexibility.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that the current ordinance requires specific degrees and experience which is difficult to find.

Ordinance 3024 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2010 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 3024 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3024 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3024 duly passed.

Resolution 3123 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEAN OHIO ASSISTNACE FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jim Pearson stated that this will allow the City to file an application to help them through the process of Phase I and Phase II.

Bruce Beckwith asked if this is aimed at a specific project.

Jim Pearson replied that they met with a local manufacturing company last week who would like to expand – this is one of the first projects the City is interested in doing.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Miller to declare Resolution 3123 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3123 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3123 duly passed.

Resolution 3124 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 3074 TO EXPAND THE AREA ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMPREHENSIVE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jim Pearson commented that this relates to the Downtown Revitalization Grant. In that grant, the area to be rehabbed is closely defined. Since that time, there have been a number of requests for rehabs just outside of that zone, but still in the Downtown area. This Resolution will allow that to occur. The state is agreeable to this expansion.

Bruce Beckwith asked if this will allow most of the funding to be used.

Mr. Pearson replied that they anticipate a second round once they establish what can't be used this year.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3124 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at

three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3124 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3124 duly passed. Resolution 3125 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH EAGLE STREET AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bruce Beckwith asked if this includes the tracks to North Avenue.

Jim Pearson replied yes – this is the preference of both ODOT and the City.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3125 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Miller, seconded by Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3125 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3125 duly passed.

Resolution 3126 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO HIRE CT CONSULTANTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ANSEL ROAD, LOCKWOOD STREET, EAST TIBBITTS, WEST LIBERTY, SHERMAN STREET, EASTWOOD STREET AND SURVEYING SERVICES FOR SOUTH BROADWAY, WEST LIBERTY, ANSEL ROAD, EAST TIBBITTS AND LOCKWOOD STREET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bill Buskirk stated that this was discussed at a previous Street Committee and Council Meeting.

Motion by Cordova, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3126 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Latimer, seconded by Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3126 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3126 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- The City is a member community of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) who recently made an announcement of a grant program which is fairly significant. The City has 1,988 accounts in which each will receive \$30.00. This comes to \$59,640.00 that the City will be eligible to apply for. This is a 100% grant for energy saving projects. An analysis of all City buildings will be done to see where that money might best be used.

Unfinished Business

Bill Buskirk asked if the Service Committee was ready to make a recommendation for the open Planning Commission seat.

Phil Cordova explained that the Service Committee met prior to the last Council Meeting to interview three candidates for the open Planning Commission seat and unanimously agreed to appoint Serge Grenier to that open seat. Mr. Cordova added that they were impressed with all three candidates who were proud to be citizens of the City of Geneva and eager to be involved with their community.

Discussion was held to invite the other two applicants to the Architectural Review Board.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Latimer to appoint Serge Grenier to fill the open Planning Commission seat. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion: Carried.

Phil Cordova asked Mr. Pearson if he would remind Jennifer Brown to send a letter to Mr. Gala and Mr. Widlits expressing thanks and asking if they would be interested in the Architectural Review Board.

Bruce Beckwith asked if there is still an open seat on the Civil Service Commission.

Jim Pearson replied that there is an open seat that needs to be filled. This position has been advertised.

Bruce Beckwith asked that it be mentioned once again and gave Margie Trax, Star Beacon representative the information needed.

New Business - None

Payment of Bills

Rodger Fuller asked how much salt has been used this winter and how the budget for salt is. Jim Pearson replied that he will have that information for Council at the next meeting. Rodger Fuller stated that he is very impressed with how the Street Department has handled the snow this winter.

Committee Reports - None

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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