

City of Geneva Council Work Session – February 8, 2010

Bill Buskirk called the work session to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

Crystal Latimer questioned Resolution 3122 on the agenda – is the elementary school the site being considered, what happens if the study by Poggemeyer Design Group, Inc. comes back as being feasible and where would the cost of refurbishing that building come from.

Jim Pearson explained that Geneva Elementary is the site being looked at because of the size. Funding will come from grants and loans. The City has looked at a comparable site in New York which has been open five years. The visits to New York have been very informative to help establish what Geneva may want in the center. Mr. Pearson stated that there is a variety of things that could be incorporated into the center. Geneva is looking more at business development and incubators while New York's center is more educational with 75% culinary. Crystal Latimer asked how far the New York facility is from the largest City.

Jim Pearson replied that it is 45 minutes from Rochester – about the same distance as Geneva from Cleveland or Erie.

Mark Winchell, Executive Director of the ACCVB, has supplied a lot of marketing information. Mr. Winchell knows how many people come to this area and what the City may want to track. Mr. Pearson affirmed that the whole premise, from the City's point of view, is the economy, job creation and supporting downtown businesses. They are working through the business plan and should have a good answer on how to move forward, if it is feasible, within three to four months. Crystal Latimer stated that she can still see a park on that property.

Jim Pearson affirmed that the beauty of this type of facility is that it is a park like setting.

Bruce Beckwith stated that he sees additional grant money was received for the Elm Street Project and asked if there is any possibility of adding paving where there have been road cuts.

Jim Pearson explained that the project has to stay as it was presented, so nothing can be added. The City will have to look at a way to repair the roads in the spring.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that the City is borrowing \$190,000 less than what was projected for that project.

Work Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
February 8, 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 Father Melvin Rusnak of the Assumption Church.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer to accept the minutes of the January 25th, 2010 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

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

Department Presentation – Tax – Shelley Huff

- Revenue collection numbers for year ending 2009 and the month of January 2010 were favorable – over the projected amount.
- Shelley Huff and Pauline Loveland have been working very hard to keep track of what is going on in the City along with contractors in and out of the new schools that are being built.
- 4000 tax returns were recently mailed out.
- An automatic PDF Tax Form has been installed on the City website – enter W-2 information and it will do all calculations.

Crystal Latimer asked Ms. Huff if she will be open any evenings as it gets later in the tax season. Shelley Huff replied that starting in March she will be open Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. through April 15th. Ms. Huff will be in the office April 15th until 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Bruce Beckwith stated that he sits on the Tax Income Review Board and many of the taxes collected are because Shelley Huff and her assistant are doing a lot of investigating. Mr. Beckwith added that roads can be paved with the money Ms. Huff is finding.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that the City requires quarterly estimates and asked Ms. Huff if she has seen a substantial change over the last year.

Shelley Huff replied that she is anticipating a low this year due to the economy. The first quarter will give a clearer picture of what direction they will be going. Ms. Huff added that there was an increase in Failure to Files last year which only incurs more cost.

Bill Buskirk thanked Shelley Huff for her presentation.

Citizens

Dave Johnson – 1181 Fortier Rd., Harpersfield – Dave Johnson, President of the Grape Jamboree, made a formal request to Council to hold the 47th annual Grape Jamboree September 25th and 26th, 2010.

Mr. Johnson stated that they would like the street closings to be the same as last year and added that the Grape Jamboree Board greatly appreciates the support from the City and Council and hopes it continues for many years to come.

Bill Buskirk acknowledged that Council appreciates all of the work that the Board puts into the Grape Jamboree.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith to hold the 47th Annual Grape Jamboree on September 25th and 26th, 2010. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 3018 was read, second reading. (AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO PLACE ON THE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT THE QUESTION OF SUNDAY SALES OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR AT THE GENEVA COMMUNITY CENTER).

Dave Johnson explained that the Grape Jamboree Board has had many requests over the past couple years for a wine tasting within the City. With 19 wineries in the area, the Board wanted to explore having a controlled wine tasting event and found that Sundays were dry at the Community Center. Mr. Johnson stated that the people wanting a wine tasting are the type of people the Grape Jamboree Board would like to attract. This ordinance was created after talking with the Board of Elections and Mr. Pearson to enable them to move forward.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that this ordinance is to place the item on the ballot so that the citizens can vote on the Sunday sales option.

Bruce Beckwith asked if this ordinance has to be passed as an emergency.

Mr. Pearson replied that it does have to be passed as an emergency due to the February 18th filing deadline.

Crystal Latimer asked if anyone found out who will pay for the ballot expenses.

Jim Pearson replied that they did not look into that and apologized. Mr. Pearson stated that historically costs have not been a huge number and added that having Sunday sales may help marketability for other events at the Community Center in the future.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 3018 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3018 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3018 duly passed.

Resolution 3122 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Bill Buskirk affirmed that a grant was received from Growth Partnership for a feasibility study of the Geneva Elementary Project. This item was discussed at tonight's Work Session.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Miller to declare Resolution 3122 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 3122 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3122 duly passed.

City Manager's Report – Jim Pearson

- With Council's direction, Mr. Pearson has been working with CT Consultants to get the agreements for the infrastructure projects prepared. Mr. Pearson should be ready to report to Council at the next Council Meeting.
- Mr. Pearson thanked everyone who volunteered their time for Winter Fest, which is a great day for the community. Mr. Pearson added that the combined efforts of everyone involved are what make Geneva a great place to live.

Bill Buskirk added that volunteers work year round to establish a project like this.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Rodger Fuller stated that a Service Committee Meeting was held tonight to interview three well qualified candidates for an open seat on the Planning Commission. The Service Committee will announce their selection at the next Council Meeting.

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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