

City of Geneva Council Work Session – June 28, 2010

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

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

Bill Buskirk stated that he would like to see the entire Zoning Ordinance revamped to be current with the latest declarations by the court. Mr. Buskirk would like to have one cohesive document that makes sense and is not contradictory.

Rodger Fuller asked if this project is currently in the process of being worked on.

Jennifer Brown explained that revamping the Zoning Ordinance was a recommendation in the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Brown stated that she feels it is hard to find the time to write code. Administration attended a Zoning Seminar Friday where they found that the thought process on non-conforming structure and case law is starting to change. Ms. Brown suggested that the Zoning Code be updated to reflect that.

Bruce Beckwith stated that Conneaut recently voted to utilize the Advance Northeast Ohio Program in a total renovation of their zoning law which is an option.

Bill Buskirk suggested that the Planning Commission review this and come back to Council with a recommendation or that Administration could look at it and decide how they would like to move forward.

Tim Miller agreed that the Zoning Ordinance needs to be revamped and stated that it will be a lengthy process that will have to get started at some point.

Bill Buskirk added that they should also get feedback from the Architectural Review Board.

Jennifer Brown mentioned that she just came across a Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Grant Program with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) who are giving dollars to update zoning code and building code.

Rodger Fuller stated that the Community Center was previously run by a Board and there were plans made for a monument.

Bruce Beckwith added that a flag pole was purchased with an agreement to install a monument for someone along with two plaques.

Chief Dudik explained that the monument – a Japanese Garden with flag pole – was planned for Mr. Raymond for all the money and help that he donated to the City. Mrs. Cordova brought this up to the City when they were taking over the Community Center.

Bruce Beckwith asked if there were blueprints for this project.

Chief Dudik replied that Mrs. Cordova or Pam Zack would be the ones to ask.

Jennifer Brown added that she was told the flag pole was purchased and is in the basement of Central Hardware.

Bruce Beckwith stated that one of the obstacles he was made aware of was the electrical wires were too close in the area they planned for the monument. Mr. Beckwith suggested that they put the monument in the adjoining lot the City has which may be more appropriate for both safety and appearance.

Jennifer Brown stated that they are currently looking to solve a storm water issue at the back door of the Community Center. They would like to run a line and pull out shrubbery in the back of the building.

Council Member Phil Cordova arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Bruce Beckwith acknowledged that there are a number of projects going on throughout the City. A good number of these projects were made possible by Stimulus Funding. Mr. Beckwith stated that Geneva made out quite nicely and will soon be driving on smoother roads.

Mr. Beckwith asked if the speed monitor could be rotated on the finished roads because he suspects there will be some speeding.

Chief Dudik stated that the speed monitor will be placed on Sherman Street next.

Jeff Piotrowski stated that the Wine & Culinary Institute meeting was held this morning and things are progressing nicely. Mr. Piotrowski announced that they are about to get their final draft of the feasibility study and will have a presentation ready for Council at the July 12th Work Session starting at 6:00 p.m.

Rodger Fuller asked what the status is on the building itself.

Jeff Piotrowski replied that they have not had further discussion with the School Board at this point.

Bill Buskirk thanked Mr. Piotrowski for all of the time and effort he has put into this project.

Work Session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
Clerk of Council

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
June 28, 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 Reverend Harry Pishcura of New Life Assembly of God.

Bruce Beckwith asked that the June 14th, 2010 minutes be amended to not say that the “Fire Department” is in the process of repairing the water main break on Walnut Street – (found under the City Manager’s Report).

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer to accept the minutes of the June 14th, 2010 Council Meeting as amended. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstain - Cordova.

Citizens – Citizens were present along with a representative from the Gazette.

Department Presentation – Recreation Department – Myke Anderson

- The Eagle Street Park is in the process of being repaired. It will be the same, but structurally sound. Myke Anderson passed out pictures for Council to view.
- Free lunches are given out at Eagle Street Park all summer long from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- This spring, an Eagle Scout painted picnic tables, painted and repaired the pavilion, did landscaping and the installed a solar powered security light at Eagle Street Park.
- New front doors have been installed on the Recreation Center along with plant hangers and flower baskets.
- Summer breakfasts are being served at the Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunches are served to anyone from 1 to 18 years of age.
- There is open gym at the Geneva Recreation Center up until 5:00 p.m.
- Basket ball signups begin June 29th for Kindergarten through sixth grade. Summer Basketball will run July through August, one day a week.
- Signups for the Golf Program will be in July. The Program begins in August.
- There will be summer movies on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m.
- Back to School distribution will be held in August.

Myke Anderson explained that the possibility of a Community Playground was started in 2002. Ms. Anderson researched and the CIC agreed to be the fiscal agent. 600 children were asked what their ideas of a perfect playground were. Those ideas were considered and a playground was designed. Over \$11,000.00 was raised for the playground, but a location was never chosen. Ms. Anderson gave a hand out to Council of possible locations for a Community Playground: Kiwanis Park, the existing football field, Eagle Street Park, Geneva Elementary or the West Main property.

Ms. Anderson asked Council if they would consider a location for the playground or direct them on what to do with the existing funds.

Bruce Beckwith asked if there was a cost estimate for the Community Playground that was designed. Myke Anderson replied that the estimate in 2002 was \$130,000.00. Different products are now being used that will last a lot longer.

Bill Buskirk stated that Council will take this into consideration.

Citizens – None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance 3032 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO NECESSARY REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jennifer Brown explained that this pertains to the area from North Avenue to Geneva-on-the-Lakes' jurisdiction and is scheduled for 2014.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to declare Ordinance 3032 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 3032 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3032 duly passed.

Ordinance 3033 was read, first reading. (AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN RATES FOR THE GENEVA WATER SYSTEM).

Bill Buskirk affirmed that that this is the first reading for the pass through of the bulk water increase.

Resolution 3136 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF C.I.R., INC. FOR LOCKWOOD STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jennifer Brown explained that C.I.R., Inc. came in under bid. Administration has decided to go with Alternate B.

Bruce Beckwith asked if this project is funded by partial grant and partial loan.

Jennifer Brown replied yes – the Lockwood Street Project has Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) funding.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Latimer to declare Resolution 3136 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3136 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3136 duly passed.

Resolution 3137 was read, first reading. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF C.I.R., INC. FOR EAST TIBBITTS STREET IMPROVEMENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY).

Jennifer Brown explained that the East Tibbitts Street Project is funded by CDBG and OPWC and includes paving, storm water, water line repair and minor wastewater improvements.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Cordova to declare Resolution 3137 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Miller, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3137 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Crystal Latimer asked what the time line is for these projects.

Jennifer Brown replied the projects are planned to start this year, but a pre-construction meeting has not been scheduled with C.I.R. yet.

Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3137 duly passed.

Assistant City Manager's Report – Jennifer Brown

- Two OPWC applications have been submitted to get funding for Van Epps through the stimulus dollars. The first project includes waterline repair and paving, the second project is the replacement of traffic lights at the intersections of Park Street & Broadway, and W. Main & Eagle Street.

Bruce Beckwith asked if there is a specific area that the City will use the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund.

Jennifer Brown replied that the Clean Ohio Assistance Fund will be used on North Avenue and Cedar.

Bruce Beckwith asked for an update on the wetlands survey.

Jennifer Brown replied that the City received a preliminary layout of the wetlands. The wetlands have expanded on the three parcels that are being looked at since the last wetlands delineation. Ms. Brown expects the results of the full report to be in next week.

- Alive Ride will be held July 17th with trails going through the City. This is the Civic Development Corporation's (CDC) way to kick off their tourism summit to get people out and about.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills – No questions

Committee Reports

Tim Miller stated that an Architectural Review Board Meeting was held last Monday to discuss a couple of approvals. There were also inquiries into the Board's opinion on improvements to buildings. Mr. Miller affirmed that this is encouraging and it is good to see improvements being made.

Crystal Latimer stated that the Shade Tree Commission met last Monday also. The State Arborist shared that they are beginning to implement a new plan to plant trees in a City. Instead of inventorying all of the City trees and deciding what trees to plant where, they plan to inventory the planting sites, determine the quality of the site and then decide what trees to plant using that determination. Ms. Latimer added that the Shade Tree Commission is still deciding where they will plant next, but she would like to see West Main Street get some attention.

Bill Buskirk affirmed that the City spends a lot of money every year taking trees down and it is good to have a plan on how they will approach replacing them.

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Recorded by: Laurie Donatone
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