

City of Geneva Work Session – May 10, 2010

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

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

Amie Scarpitti and Mike Shaut from Carbon Vision were present at the work session.

Buskirk commented that there was a presentation from Carbon Visions during the Utilities Committee.

Latimer asked if there were any updates on the Spencer signs at the City limits that were discussed about 6 weeks ago at Council? It was previously discussed to replace the carved signs at the City limits with a saying such as Home of Spenserian script. It was discussed to add this new sign below the ones for R.E. Olds. Miller commented that Spencer was born and lived in the Township. Pearson apologized for not having an update because the City staff has been very busy. Pearson stated that he will talk to Conrad Signs and get a price on the carved and metal sign.

Fuller asked Carbon Vision how vulnerable the solar panels are to hail. Carbon Vision commented that they are not very vulnerable to hail much bigger than quarter size hail. The panel itself is a pretty tough surface and should withstand normal weather conditions including hail. Fuller asked if the insurance would cover that type of damage. Pearson stated that he had talked to the insurance company about the cost to insure the solar panels but did not ask about hail damage, but he would check with them when they are out this week. Pearson asked Carbon Vision if one panel is damaged, would the whole panel be replaced or just a section. Carbon Visions commented that generally the whole panel would be replaced and the cost per panel is about \$400-\$500. Pearson commented that due to the lower cost, it wouldn't be covered by the City insurance. Amie Scarpitti from Carbon Visions commented that the likelihood of the panels getting damaged by hail is very small because they are virtually indestructible because they are made out of silicon crystals. Even if the panels were damaged they would still work. The manufacturer's warranty is 25 years, and most damage that would occur, it is usually covered by the warranty. If a panel stops working it would knock out the whole string which is about 8-11 panels. Carbon Vision would be monitoring the system and would be aware when something has stopped working. Even if a string stops working, it would not be a big deal because there would still have enough panels working to get the power until it can be replaced. Buskirk asked if there was a maintenance program for the solar panels. Carbon Vision recommends twice a year to hose them down, usually in spring and fall. Beckwith asked if the panels are expected to have a decreased amount of efficiency each year or with the panels just stop working. Carbon Vision's commented that the 25 years is the warranty period but the panels could produce power for the next 40 years. Industry wide say to look at a 1% annual decline, but generally it is less than 1%. There have not been a lot of people with these systems out there for more than 25 years yet to get data. Buskirk commented that in 25 years the City might be able to get a more efficient system. The invert life is shorter and might be looking at replacing in about ten years. The invert comes with a 10 year warranty and some of them you can purchase an extended warranty. Miller asked what the replacement cost for the inverter would be. Carbon Visions commented that replacement cost today is about \$35,000, but maybe in 10 years could find one for \$15,000 and could probably buy one 60 kilowatt invert for \$20,000 - \$25,000. Fuller asked if there was a storage facility for the power. Carbon Visions commented that out peak demand is when the power is being generated so it flows into the inverter through the meter and will decrease the draw

from the utility. The electrons from this system will replace the electrons we would buy from First Energy.

Bill Buskirk asked City Council if they would like to make a recommendation to get the information to Lauren Gardner for review and move forward from there. Miller commented that he thinks that is a good idea. The rest of City Council agreed.

Work Session adjourned at 7:05 PM.  
Recorded by: Tammy Shuttleworth  
Interim Clerk of Council

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council meeting  
May 10, 2010  
7:08 PM

Motion by Latimer, seconded by Beckwith to appoint Tammy Shuttleworth Interim Clerk of Council. Roll call, 6 yeas.

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

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

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 Council meeting. Roll call, 6 yeas.

Citizens - Citizens were present along with City of Geneva Department Heads and a representative from the Gazette.

Department Presentation – Planning Commission – Jennifer Brown

Jennifer Brown gave an update on the Planning Commission on behalf of Chairman William Douglass. Jennifer commented that the Planning Commission has not been very active and their agendas have been small. The most notable happenings have been in March approved the variance for the Marcs radio tower that Chief Starkey has been involved with. That project is still waiting a signature from the Governor. The other two applications that have come before the Planning Commission were a fence variance on Centennial Street and the other was for Dr. Curry who asked for a conditional use permit for a Veterinarian Clinic in the plaza next to KFC. Did not have a meeting in May and don't anticipate having one in June, no interest at this point. There was \$1.3 million invest in the community due to \$670,00 for the Wastewater lab. There were 28 permits issued. They was a recent permit pulled for the Hospital to redo their cafeteria, which was a significant number. Buskirk asked what Dr. Curry's timeline is? Brown commend that Dr. Curry has a short timeline, and it is in the engineering phase now, but haven't pulled the permits yet. Jim Pearson commented that he talked to Smolen Engineering who has the job and they are trying to fast track it and hope to be open in July. Brown commented that they will be taking up three units in the south side of the plaza.

Bill Buskirk read a proclamation for Leonore Keener declaring Sunday, May 16, 2010 Leonore Keener Day in the City of Geneva when she will be celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Citizens: - None

## Items for Consideration of Council -

Ordinance 3027 was read. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “ 457 E. TIBBITTS STORM SEWER PROJECT –ISSUE I FUND”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.) Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3027 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3027 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3027 duly passed.

Ordinance 3028 was read. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “458 – ANSEL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS – ISSUE I FUND ”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.) Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Ordinance 3028 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 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 3028 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3028 duly passed.

Ordinance 3029 was read. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “ 645 - W. LIBERTY AERIAL SEWER ELIMINATION – ISSUE I FUND ”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.) Motion by Miller, seconded by Fuller to declare Ordinance 3029 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Piotrowski that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3029 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3028 duly passed.

Ordinance 3030 was read. (AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE FUND “ 681 - LOCKWOOD ST. IMPROVEMENTS – ISSUE I FUND ”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.) Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Latimer to declare Ordinance 3030 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 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 3030 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3030 duly passed.

Ordinance 3031 was read. (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2010 BUDGET THROUGH APPROPRIATIONS AND FUND TRANSFERS, ATTACHED HERETO AND MARKED EXHIBIT “A”, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.)

Beckwith asked how much of the infrastructure funding would be left. Pearson commented that he does not have the exact number but believes it to be around \$30,000 to \$40,000 and will have a more firm number once the projects have been completed.

Motion by Beckwith, seconded by Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 3031 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Fuller, seconded by Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3031 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3031 duly passed.

Resolution 3129 was read. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR SHERMAN ST. PAVEMENT REPAIR FOR THE BASE BID AND ALTERNATE ITEM 6, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.)

Beckwith asked if there were any other contingencies that were considered for this project other than the one that was approved? Pearson commended that there was a list of them that was included in the bid, most of them being related to apron repair. The City feels that the elevation will be put back to where it was so there shouldn't need to be any apron repair on this project.

Motion by Fuller, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3129 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 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 3129 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3129 duly passed.

Resolution 3130 was read. (A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE BID OF ALBA CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR WEST LIBERTY SANITARY SEWER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.)

Pearson comment that the engineering firm had some concern with Alba when the bids were opened due the fact that they are primarily a concrete contractor. Alba had prepared a schedule that details their construction. Shawn Aiken feels that it should be ok to go ahead with the bid and they will be watched closely and recommend approving the bid. Miller asked if there were any references provided? Pearson commented that references were provided.

Motion by Piotrowski, seconded by Beckwith to declare Resolution 3130 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 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 3130 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3130 duly passed.

#### City Managers Report:

- Pearson reported that the City did a walk through on the downtown project and C.I.R. is about 98% completed. Pearson also commented that C.I.R. did a nice job on the project. There only a few things left to do such they will be pulling the two poles and then doing come final clean up. CEI should be in on Wednesday to disconnect the pole. Latimer asked if there will be a bearing there between the parking lots. Pearson commented that City Council has approved some funding to go in and do some parking and put in some green space.
- The paving has been competed on Elm Street.
- The Community Days also contacted us about purchasing a plaque in memory of Tom Schwesinger and have asked to display it in City Hall if City Council has not objection. Latimer commented that would be nice.

- The City has done some more work with HZW since the last City Council meeting to define the wetlands and how to proceed. Mr. Pearson recommend to get through Phase I which will allow us to actual look at hard data for the delineation which should be just under \$6,000 for the three parcels. After that, the City can evaluate whether it is worth moving further through the other process. Fuller asked if there are any other City properties that need to be reviewed for wetlands. Pearson commented that there are a lot of them and are just dealing with Industrial Park right now. There was a discussion on the Ackley property that was recently donated to the Community Improvement Corporation and the future plans for the property. Buskirk asked Pearson to try and get a price on what it would cost to do the wetlands study on that property. Pearson said he would ask them when they are out here.
- Income Tax initially looks to be initially down around \$7000-\$8000 for the month of April.
- The City will be filing an intent to apply for \$59,000 grant from NOPEC. Then will have one year to file for grant.
- Police Memorial Day is May 15<sup>th</sup> and the City will have the flags up for the week and will be lowered on that day.
- Traffic signal at Park Street was believed to be struck by lightning during the storms. It is off right now and being evaluated to see what the repair costs will be. The City will look to see if can use our insurance company.
- There was a tree down on North Broadway just over the tracks which closed the road for just over two days.
- If any City Council members are available on Thursday, City staff will be visiting Albion, NY to review an automatic meter reading system by Datamatic. Would like to meet with Utility Committee after trip to discuss the findings.
- The Lockwood, East Tibbitts and Ansel are about 85% complete with the design phase. The anticipated start date should be around mid-summer.

Fuller asked if it has been decided what is happening with the traffic light at Route 20 and Lockwood Street? Pearson commented that it has been planned in the Lockwood Improvement Issue II project to replace the signal. The issue will be whether to put in a mask arm or replace with another wood pole.

Beckwith commented that he received an advertisement from Universal Disposal and suggested contacting them to let them know where the City limits are. Pearson commented that he will have Tammy Shuttleworth contact them.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills – No questions.

### Committee Reports

Miller commented that the Utility Committee met to discuss the solar panel project with Carbon Visions. The representatives from Carbon Vision were delayed due to traffic problems and were unable to give their full presentation but stayed for the work session to answer any questions. Miller recommends having Lauren Gardner move forward to review the agreement. Miller also commented that he asked Carbon Vision to provide a spreadsheet to show the potential savings for the City before moving forward with final approval.

Rodger Fuller discussed that he attended the NAD Committee meeting on Wednesday. NAD talked about one of the challenges they are having is when the state made a change in the transports. They have started giving the money to the nursing homes and this has dropped their calls by 25%. Debra Newcomb is working on getting the law changed.

NAD also discussed that their access is not very good due to the damage to Fairview Road. Buskirk commented to have Tim Bittner look into the issue. Pearson said he only recalls having some citizens complaints about NAD using that access and will have Tim Bittner look at.

### Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM

Recorded by: Tammy Shuttleworth  
Interim Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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