

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
January 24, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Bill Buskirk, Philip Cordova, Jeff Piotrowski, Crystal Latimer, Tim Miller and Bruce Beckwith

Absent: Rodger Fuller

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

Motion was made by Jeff Piotrowski, seconded by Bruce Beckwith to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2011 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 abstention.

Citizens – Citizens were present.

Department Presentation - Recreation Department – Jennifer Brown Presenting

Beginning with the fall program, last year 200 children enrolled in the fall basketball program for grades three through six. The Recreation Department hosted an adult softball league. The Recreation Department hosts an adult softball tournament during Grape Jamboree. Fifteen teams participated this past year. Goulfest continues to increase in popularity. Approximately one thousand people attended this year. For next year there is talk of a craft show or corn hole tournament for the month of October leading up to the Goulfest. The Christmas parade was held. The Recreation Department hosted Santa after the parade. Approximately three hundred children attended. For spring the city is looking forward to Bitty Basketball for grades kindergarten to second grade. Currently there are eight teams signed up, typically we have eighteen teams sign up. Sign-ups have been extended to try to add additional teams.

Gym rentals are up. The gym is rented through the end of February. Gym rentals have been very successful. There is a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee to use the gym.

Facilities improvements include roof repairs in the Men's bathroom and the replacement of the roof on the basement extension. Funds have also been set aside for the Woodridge Soccer Fields.

At the end of last year Ms. Brown and Chief Starkey met with Members of Rotary to discuss a walking path. In the initial meeting necessary funds and cost estimates were discussed. Ms. Brown believes it is down to figuring out where and where to start. Ms. Brown offered that the Comprehensive Plan discusses important pathways to facilities such as the library. She anticipates having some additional meetings to see if that can come to fruition.

The Manager's Memo discusses the Downtown Revitalization Grant and Microenterprise Grant. The current Downtown Grant will end mid 2011. The City is already receiving requests for that

funding above what remains. The funding cap for the Downtown Revitalization Grant is \$400,000 and requires a 10% or \$40,000 match from the City. The grant is a competitive grant. To be competitive you need more than a one to one match. In-kind, private funds and monetary funds can be used as match. The Pre-application for this grant is due in May, the full application in October.

The Micro-enterprise grant requires no match. The ceiling amount is between fifty and fifty-five thousand dollars. The grant can be used for training entrepreneurs and assisting with start-ups. The program would have to be designed in order to apply. This includes how it will be run, who is going to do it and a timeline. The grant cycle for micro-enterprise is eighteen months. The Micro-enterprise grant would be applied for through the County's CDBG program. There is a separate Economic Development Micro-enterprise grant which could be applied for through CIC. Jennifer Brown asked if both the City and CIC could apply. Her understanding is that due to the competitiveness of the grant, chances are that we would not be able to obtain both grants.

In order for the City to apply for the Downtown Grant, the Downtown Plan and Marketing Plan will need to be updated and a new building inventory will need to be completed. The target area can be moved. The City could focus on the southern portion of Broadway. The State would like to see you be a member of Heritage Ohio, we have been a member.

Micro-enterprise is targeted to businesses with five or fewer employees. Jennifer Brown feels we have many businesses in the Downtown retail area with five or fewer employees.

The grant programs are working well for the City. Discussion was had regarding the current grants and improvements.

For the administration of the Downtown Grant, the City has been working with CT Consultants, Inc. The Downtown Grant requires a one to one match from the business owners. For the current grant, the City used the monument move, streetscape project, the demolition of 51/53 E. Main Street and the flowering potted plants as City's match. It looks good when we go above and beyond. We have had business owners who have made improvements and not utilized the grant funds. The Wine and Culinary Center can help us with match in this application.

Mr. Pearson suggested that it might be a good time after the Capital Meeting to give the City some direction with regard to the applications. The pre-application for the Downtown Grant is due in May.

Citizens - None.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance No. 3050 An Ordinance to Create Fund "297 – Clean Ohio Assistance Fund Grant Fund," and declaring an emergency.

This program is to do Phase II work on the ATC Property on North Ave. The grant is for approximately \$232,000 to do soil borings and to create a plan for remediating the site. This is different than the Brownfield ARRA project. If we had utilized those funds, this project would have wiped out those funds. This is a separate grant through Clean Ohio Assistance Fund.

Motion by Jeff Piotrowski, seconded by Crystal Latimer with to declare Ordinance 3050 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Bruce Beckwith that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3050 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3050 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3051 An Ordinance to Create Fund “461 – Chestnut Street Culvert Replacement – Issue I Fund,” and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pearson stated that this ordinance is to create the fund for the 2010-2011 OPWC Project to replace the culvert on Chestnut Street. This work will be done early in the year.

Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Philip Cordova with to declare Ordinance 3051 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Crystal Latimer with that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3051 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3051 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3052 An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, attached hereto and marked Exhibit “A,” and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Tim Miller with to declare Ordinance 3052 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Jeffrey Piotrowski, seconded by Crystal Latimer with that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3052 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3052 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3153 A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to file an Application for a NOPEC Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Bruce Beckwith with to declare Resolution 3153 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Crystal Latimer, seconded by Bruce Beckwith with that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3153 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3153 duly passed.

City Manager’s Report – City Manager, James Pearson

The City’s ice rink is up. The skates will be available for rent. The City is working with the Midget League to utilize the skate rental as a fundraiser. Currently looking for a small shed to utilize for the skate rental and concession stand. The skates will be rented on Saturday and Sunday. The rink is available to anyone anytime who has skates.

Mr. Pearson met with Mr. Miller and corrected ninety-nine percent of the issues. The issues centered mostly on the sanitary, defective manhole. Street Superintendent Bittner is happy with the Streets. Mr. Pearson hopes to have the acceptance to Council soon.

Good news, Millwood has sold another home.

Mr. Brus Kirk directed Council's attention to the e-mail from Miller Realty expressing appreciation for the efforts of the administration.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Payment of Bills - None

Committee Reports -

Bruce Beckwith stated that a Safety Committee Meeting had been held earlier in the evening. Committee was updated on a good amount of the equipment. Chief Starkey updated the Committee on the Fairport Harbor incident; thankfully, no one was hurt. The City was very much involved.

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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