

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
December 19, 2011
7:03 p.m.

Roll Call – Jeffrey Piotrowski, Philip Cordova, Rodger Fuller, Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, Michael Keenan, Mike Shupska

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Phyllis Dunlap, Clerk.

Motion was made by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Philip Cordova to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2011 Council Meeting. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Department Presentation – Architectural Review Board – Jennifer Brown Presenting.

Ms. Brown reported that there are two vacancies on the Architectural Review Board. One vacancy was created by Mr. Keenan’s election to council. A citizen did express interest; however, the citizen residence is in Rock Creek.

The Architectural Review Board is made of members with different “niches” such as rehab background, architect, engineer, property owner.

There has been a lot of activity this year due to the Downtown Grant. That grant is now complete. The last project to come before the Board was the Warner Building, the colors to be used.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance No. 3070 - An Ordinance Amending Geneva Codified Ordinances Section 230.02(a), (b) and (c) relating to expenditures, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Ordinance 3070 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Rodger Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3170 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3070 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3072 - An ordinance Amending the Compensation of Officers and Employees of the City of Geneva effective January 1, 2011, Amending Chapter 250 of the Codified Ordinances, Repealing Ordinance No. 3049, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Michael Keenan to declare Ordinance 3072 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Rodger Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3172 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3072 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3073 - An Ordinance Appointing the City Solicitor, Establishing Compensation of the City Solicitor, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Ordinance 3073 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3173 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3073 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3074 - An ordinance Re-appointing and Establishing Compensation for the Clerk of Council, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Ordinance 3074 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Michael Keenan that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3174 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3074 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3075 - An Ordinance to Amend the 2011 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, Attached Hereto and Marked Exhibit "A," and declaring an emergency.

Remaining funds on the bond issue were briefly discussed.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Michael Keenan to declare Ordinance 3075 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Rodger Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3175 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3075 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3076 - An Ordinance Making Appropriations for Current Expenses of the City of Geneva, State of Ohio, from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Finance Committee met and found the Operating Budget to be a very tight document. The Finance Committee recommends Council approve the 2012 Budget.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Michael Keenan to declare Ordinance 3076 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3176 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance 3076 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3197 - A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Stuetzer stated that this resolution is necessary to allocate the inside millage. It is the same percentage as it was in the 1980s. The resolution grants permission to tax the landowners. If the City had debt funded through real estate it would be more significant.

Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution No. 3197 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3197 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3197 duly passed.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Pearson directed Council to item number six on the City Manager's Report. The City's Law Director, Lauren Gardner, the City Manager, Dave Gilbert and Shawn Aiken of CT Consultants met with Mr. DePascale of DePascale Construction today. Mr. DePascale restated his position. Mr. Aiken talked about his letter and why he wrote it as such. Lauren talked about the City's position. Mr. DePascale does have options open to him.

Mr. DePascale also attended the County's Work Session and stated the position. The County has not acted officially on their contract.

Mr. Pearson asked Chief Starkey to report on the recent fire.

Chief Starkey stated that there had been a trailer fire at Normandy Park. The fire flashed up pretty quickly. The fire is now out. The family is taking care of the resident.

Mr. Pearson stated that the lighting in the Council Chambers is different; the lighting has been replaced with energy efficient lighting funded through the NOPEC Grant.

Mr. Pearson stated that the City's holiday party will be held on Thursday at the East/West Brew House.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business -

The vacancy on the Income Tax Review Board was discussed. An application was submitted by Mr. Bob Russell. An inquiry was made by Mr. Bill Buskirk. Mr. Miller asked if the opening had been advertised. It had not. Rodger Fuller asked if there was conflict of interest if the board member is a trustee. It was agreed to send the issue to the Service Committee.

Payment of Bills - No objections.

Committee Reports

Howard Anderson stated that the Finance Committee did meet for approximately four hours to review the 2012 Operating Budget. The meeting was very informative. Each Department Head did a great job of presenting and informing Council. The Finance Committee will meet again in April, after the first quarter.

Citizens - None.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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