

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
August 22, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

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

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

Motion was made by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller to accept the minutes of the August 8, 2011 Council Meeting. Roll call, 6 yeas. 1 abstention.

**Department Presentation** – Telecommunications Update – Ken Johnson Presenting

Conneaut Telephone previously came before Council to discuss a possible easement and partnership with the City to locate equipment. At that time the company was investigating what the opportunities were. The company is now moving into a phase where they believe they can do a lot of different things. Mr. Johnson's Board has given him latitude to pursue expansion of their network.

The Company will officially file its paperwork with the State of Ohio to be authorized as a competitive telephone company which will give them the right to offer telephone service to Geneva. Conneaut Telephone prefers to own not lease wire and therefore, the phone service will only be available as fiber optic cables are acquired to either businesses or homes. Businesses will most likely be first due to the demands they have for broadband.

The network that Conneaut Telephone is looking to build is a network that would include fiber to the home. Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the system and presented to Council the hook up that would be mounted to the house. This will allow the user to receive two telephone lines, high speed internet and cable. The DSL is built in. Conneaut Telephone currently has two customers utilizing this new technology, one in North Kingsville and one in Conneaut.

With this new technology Conneaut Telephone will be able to offer 150 to 200 megabits without changing any electronics. This network is much more eco friendly. The standard system requires a lot of electricity. This network has no electronics in the field and is not susceptible to lightning strikes.

Conneaut Telephone's partner has fiber optic cables that enter the City through Maple Road in the Township and crisscrosses through the City. Conneaut Telephone would probably be looking at putting a base station somewhere and beginning to build out from there.

Conneaut Telephone is looking for initially forty percent (40%) penetration from a residential neighborhood, approximately 60 to 100 homes. North Ave, the new development is being targeted to gage interest. There will not be the same constraints on businesses.

Conneaut Telephone applied for the statewide authorization with the Department of Commerce and has a blanket franchise that covers all the communities in Ohio. In order to offer services in the governmental jurisdiction, Conneaut Telephone would give thirty (30) days notice to the community of their intent.

The fiber currently installed was done with a grant. The next generation will be funded by Conneaut Telephone. Although their partners fiber is aerial, fiber installed by Conneaut Telephone will be underground.

It is anticipated that interested businesses could be offered services in 120 days. Residential Services could be offered services in six to eight months.

Anticipated rates would be \$49.95 for basic cable, digital will add \$10.00 extra. Telephone rates are anticipated to be less expensive than Windstream by a few dollars. Home phone, domestic long distance, basic cable and internet bundle is anticipated to be \$109.00 a month comparable to Kingsville's rates.

The Company is looking for Council to draft a letter or a Resolution endorsing the project.

**Citizens** – Citizens were present.

Officer Joe Carroll presented the awards for the Third Grade Seatbelt Poster Contest through the Ohio Department of Public Safety. The Rotary Club and the City sponsored and provided the trophies.

The winners of the Third Grade Seatbelt Poster Contest are as follows:

Austinburg Elementary	Cork Elementary	Geneva Platt R Spencer
Jordan Vencill	Stephanie Ranallo	Sarah Beduhn
Brandon Thomas	Rebecca Quirk	Makaila Currence
Alexandra Day	Zan Swanson	Jacey Martello

It was noted that Officer Carroll has been coordinating the Poster Contest for approximately fourteen years.

### **Items for Consideration of Council**

**Resolution No. 3173.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with CIR, Inc. for Repair of the Chestnut St. Culvert, and declaring an emergency.

The bids were within ten percent (10%) of the estimate. There is a contingency of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). There is a possibility that the gas line may need to be moved. The project is expected to be completed end of October or beginning of November depending upon when the box is received.

The road will not be torn out until after Grape Jamboree. Timing will be discussed at the preconstruction meeting.

Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Philip Cordova to declare Resolution 3173 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Jeff Piotrowski, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3173 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3173 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3174.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Mutual Aid Agreement with Madison Township for Law Enforcement, and declaring an emergency.

Bruce Beckwith stated that the Safety Committee recommends passage because of the working relationship with Madison Township and Geneva.

Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3174 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Bruce Beckwith, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3174 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution 3174 duly passed.

### **City Manager's Report – City Manager, James Pearson**

Mr. Pearson stated that he appreciated Council attending the bridge opening.

Progress is being made on the Western County Courthouse. The bid opening for the roof and masonry work is September 7. The Court will be disrupted during the work. The City has been in contact with Judge Stevens. The City will be under pressure to get the outside work completed before bad weather. The City will need to get a good estimate on the interior work for the bond.

Bids were received on the AMR System. A full analysis has not been completed. Short discussion regarding the bids received.

The City is getting the final cost estimates on the star brick work to be done around the monument.

The City is very pleased with the Chip & Seal/Fog Seal. It is expected that the Chip & Seal/Fog Seal should last three to four years. Question was asked if after a couple of years it would do any good to just fog the road. Mr. Bittner stated that they can also do Fog Seal over paving. It keeps the surface black and helps to maintain the road. Mr. Bittner will stay in touch with Specialized. Mr. Bittner stated that he feels Specialized does an outstanding job.

Park Street was paved five to six years ago and cracks are already appearing. So much of the oil has been taken out the mix that the road dries out and cracks apart. Mr. Bittner also noted issues with North Nearing.

Discussion was had regarding the slickness of Route 534 leading to Route 84 from the South. Mr. Bittner stated it is a stone issue in the mix that was used when the road was paved. Route 534 is scheduled to be repaved in 2015. Possible short term solutions were discussed including micro surfacing, Dura-patching ten foot strips, micro-grinding the road to make it rough, chip,

fog seal over the hill. The road needs traction. Mr. Pearson and Mr. Bittner will try to get a budget number on these possibilities.

The City was awarded a CHIP Grant. Once the grant agreement has been received and signed, the City can begin the new program. The City believes that all of the funds from the previous grant will be utilized.

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** - None

**Payment of Bills** - No objections

**Committee Reports**

Bruce Beckwith reported on the Safety Committee held prior to Council. Mr. Beckwith stated that he had already talked about the Mutual Aid Agreement. The Committee also discussed a FEMA Grant to purchase a ladder truck for the Fire Department. The grant would provide ninety-five percent (95%) of the funding for the purchase. The Safety Committee recommends that the City Manager be authorized to file an application.

Rodger Fuller made a Motion to allow the City Manager to file an application to Assistance for Firefighters Grant / FEMA Grant. Bruce Beckwith Second the Motion. Roll Call 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Mr. Beckwith stated an Auto Aid for fire services with Saybrook was also discussed. The Committee recommends passage when the agreement is presented to Council.

It was stated that a phone call was received regarding the flooding. A committee meeting is requested to talk about a Storm Water Utility.

**Citizens** - None

Chief Starkey noted that Christopher Craft is a new full time firefighter with the Geneva Fire Department and is present at Council. Firefighter Craft is a marine and will be shipping out later this fall.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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