

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
September 26, 2011
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Bruce Beckwith

Mr. Buskirk stated that the Department Presentation would be moved to following the Items for Consideration of Council.

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

Motion was made by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Philip Cordova to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2011 Council Meeting. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 abstention.

Citizens – None

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance No. 3065. An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$355,000, to Pay Costs of Acquiring, Renovating, Improving, Equipping and Furnishing the Western County Court Facility, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pearson introduced Ryan Calendar of Squires, Sanders and Dempsey, the City's bond council. Mr. Calendar stated that this Ordinance will facilitate the financing of the Western County Court to acquire and renovate the facility. Andover Bank offered to purchase the bond. It is a ten year bond with close to level debt services. The principal plus interest payment will remain about the same for the ten year period. The interest rate is a four percent (4%). The Ordinance approves the bond and approves various city officials to execute documents that are necessary for the bond to be issued. The bond will be issued on Thursday.

Mr. Buskirk stated that the City appreciates the work that Squires, Sanders and Dempsey does for the City.

Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Jeff Piotrowski to declare Ordinance 3065 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Crystal Latimer that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3065 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance 3065 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3178. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement with KeyBank, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Pearson stated that this is the purchase of the five ton dump truck discussed in the last Finance Committee Meeting and approved at the Capital Meeting. Juanita Stuetzer has made arrangements to move forward. This will be a five year lease with a rate of 2.95.

The Fire Department pick-up truck is not on for Council this evening. There is an issue with the State contract and trying to find a vehicle. The 2011 contract is for a dodge which the City has been unable to find locally. The State is in the process of bidding for 2012. The City will try to find a vehicle and have the legislation on for council next week.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Rodger Fuller to declare Resolution 3178 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 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 3178 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution 3178 duly passed.

Mr. Buskirk stated that Council will take a quick break at 7:08p.m.

Reconvened Council Meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Department Presentation – Wastewater Department – Gary Hydinger, Wastewater Superintendent Presenting

The Wastewater Department has been working in the lab for over nine months. Some of the bugs are still being worked out. The City is working on obtaining certification for the water lab. Drinking water certification is handled under a different division of EPA than wastewater. The City is being asked to comply with a different set of requirements and will be required to obtain \$26,000 in equipment to be able to do that

The Elm Street project has been successful. With all of the rain that the City has had, there has been only one legitimate high water alarm. For future projects, the USEPA has now realized that you can get rid of I & I by lining laterals. Now they have authorized UPC funds to be spent on lining private laterals to the house.

The City has finished up the Ansel Road project. Mr. Hydinger does not have any data on the effectiveness of the project yet. The project was over budget by \$10,000. There were a couple of water lines that were in the way and had to be relocated. It was also very wet.

The digester project went well. It began a month late due to all of the rain. There were a few problems.

The City has ordered a new cover for the secondary digester. It is fabric material on curved pipes. The cost of this for a twenty by forty structure, twelve feet tall including shipping from Iowa is \$5,600.00.

The City received shipment last week of the \$15,000 bond chopper pump. This will be used to transfer raw sludge from the clarifier to the primary digester. Disposable wipes are causing problems in the system, clogging the system. This pump will chop the disposable wipes into small pieces.

Last year there were no plant bypasses. This year there have been six bypasses. Next year the Wastewater Department will authorize CT to do a flow study to try to determine the worst areas. It may take a couple of years to finish.

The two field techs from RCAP have been completing the wastewater and storm sewer locates for the GIS system. The rest of the sanitary manholes that were missed should also wrap up.

There have been thirty-nine inches of rain this year. In 2006 there was a total of forty-five inches of rain of which the last twelve inches came down in the last three months of the year.

Department Presentation - Geneva Soccer Board – Mr. Paul Mikkilin Presenting

Mr. Mikkilin stated that the League will wrap up its fifth year at the end of this fall season.

This fall season had 400 children sign up. The program has been successful with volunteers. There are 50 volunteer coaches, 7 volunteer board members and numerous volunteer parent assistant coaches. The organization has been self supporting. The league does receive some clerical and maintenance help from the City.

The league plays their games in the park behind Woodridge on Saturday. It is a beautiful park. The goal was to put in infrastructure.

The Spire Institute has approached the league to become of the Spire. Spire would like to do a better job of providing things for the local community and families.

Five years ago, there was nothing for soccer. Spire has built a complex in the community.

Spire has a program now that will be at the High School next to where the league will be. Spire will have brand new turf fields. The question is, does the community need two programs?

The Soccer Board recommends the creation of an association between Geneva Soccer League and Spire.

Spire will do the day-to-day operations. Spire would maintain the fields, obtain the shirts, and complete the registration. The Soccer Board would continue as an advisory board.

Travel Soccer is a different league. The travel league will stay status quo until next spring when their season ends, then transfer into Spire. The recreation league will transition with the spring season.

The price for each league is comparable. The Geneva Soccer League charges \$35.00 per child, Spire has agreed to charge \$40.00 per child.

Bill Buskirk stated that the City appreciates how much work has been put into the Geneva Soccer League including the development of the coaching staff and the development of the fields. It was suggested that the process of transferring to Spire should be reviewed by Lauren Gardner. Dan Dudik stated that a letter of understanding was suggested.

Philip Cordova made a motion to continue the process of transitioning the Geneva Soccer League and moving towards a letter of understanding with Spire. Rodger Fuller seconded the motion. 6 years. The motion passed.

City Manager's Report – City Manager, James Pearson

Mr. Pearson stated that the Grape Jamboree was successful. The rain held off. There were no major incidents just a couple of arrests and some trouble with a vendor. Otherwise, it was a very successful Grape Jamboree.

Mr. Pearson met with CT Consultants on site to review the plans for the traffic signals at Park & Broadway and Eagle Street & Main Street. A few minor changes were made. The final set of drawings should be complete in a week to a week and a half and the project will go out to bid. The City should be able to award this in the beginning of November. There is a 120 day lead time to order the materials. Construction should begin in March of 2012.

Monument Park is moving along.

The Bridge should be done shortly.

The pre-construction meeting for the Chestnut Street Culvert is scheduled for October 7, 2011 at which time a construction schedule will be set.

The downtown streetscape in front of Reese' is complete.

Conrad will be devoting his time to the signage this week to meet the September 30th deadline.

An executive session was requested to discuss personnel.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - None

Payment of Bills - No objections

Committee Reports

Ms. Latimer stated that the Shade Tree Committee met. It was decided not to have a fall planting due to the Street Department schedule and Tim Bittner being out on medical leave. There are plans to have a spring and fall planting in 2012. Elm Street and East Main Street have been selected for the spring. Elm Trees have been selected for Elm Street. Bald Cypress trees have been selected for East Main Street. Vine Street has been selected for the fall planting, possibly some type of Oak tree.

Citizens - None

Motion was made by Rodger Fuller for an executive session to discuss personnel. Tim Miller seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion passed at 7:44 p.m.

Motion to reconvene was made by Crystal Latimer at 8:21 p.m. Jeff Piotrowski seconded the motion. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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