

MINUTES  
City of Geneva  
Council Meeting  
January 11, 2016  
7:04 p.m.

Susan Hagan opened the Council Meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Roll Call – Susan Hagan, David W. Per Due, William Buskirk, Philip Cordova and Jessica Stamper.

Absent: Tim Miller, John Wilt

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion passed.

**Presentation** – Police Department – Chief Dan Dudik Presenting.

Chief Dudik updated Council on the new regulations for 2016 set by the Ohio Police Officer Training Council for police officers to maintain their commissions. Eleven hours of professional training are now required. The Council dictates what hours the officer has to take. Additionally, if the training is not taken at their facility, you have to attest to the training you are going to and the trainers have to be certified through the State.

In order to meet these requirements, the City is looking to host the Continuing Professional Training in April of this year. In order to do this the City must work with the trainers and the State of Ohio to confirm that the classes and the curriculum meet the State criteria. The City will have approximately twenty-six (26) openings which will allow all of Geneva's officers to attend as well as other outlying departments. The City has contacted Madison, Geneva-on-the-Lake, Sheriff's Office and Ashtabula City. The training is planned for three days and will allow the City to meet the eleven hour requirement.

There are additional required training that will not be met by this training including fire arms training and others. Fire arms training is approximately three hours. The City has reduced this training from three sessions a year to one session a year. The handgun, shotgun and long rifle training are all done during the same session.

All officers have to do a recertification for Tasers. This is a one hour process; however, the City no long has a Taser instructor. The City is looking to find another trainer to certify the officers.

The police officers are required to do a minimum of two hours of suicide training in the jail. The City is planning to do this training in-house. There is a federal program that is outlined through video training. The City is required to maintain that officers are trained in suicide prevention. The City will also be doing jail updates this year.

Also new to 2016 are two Advocacy Centers. The Juvenile Advocacy Center is new to Ashtabula County. The Youngstown Center was previously used. The City would investigate juvenile abuse and neglect and work with children services. This year there is now an Ashtabula

County Advocacy Center being run through Signature Health. The Cities and the County will be working on an MOU to work with the Advocacy Center.

Also new is an Adult Protective Services MOU which allow for the investigation of adult abuse and neglect for adults sixty years and older.

The City will be updating the amber alert. The Amber Alert Program is a statewide program with the exception of Northeast Ohio (Lake, Ashtabula, Geauga, Summit, Erie and two others). These counties will be implementing their own activation once training is complete.

Ohio has set new standards for all police departments in training. The deadline for all police officers to meet the new policy for employment, recruiting and hiring is March 2017.

There is a continual learning curve on the Records Management System.

The City received the fourth police car this week.

The Police Department will be looking at body cameras.

The City is required to send documents to the State showing that the training requirements have been met. The penalty for the police officers not meeting the training requirements by December 31st is the loss of the ability to carry a firearm. It is assumed that if someone were to lose their ability to carry, they would be able to complete training and regain the ability.

The Chief does not know the penalty for not meeting the Ohio Collaborative Standards.

The City will be working on a new eligibility list through a civil service test this year.

All officers are required to take the continuing professional training, firearms training, Taser and jail training. This does not include other types of trainings.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

**Ordinance No. 3183.** An Ordinance Consenting to Necessary Repairs and Construction by the Ohio Department of Transportation, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Jessica Stamper to declare Ordinance No. 3183 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by David W. Per Due, 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. 3183 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance No. 3183 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3348)** A Resolution for the Purpose of Adopting the Housing Revolving Loan Fund Administration Agreement Between the State Of Ohio, Development Services Agency, and the City Of Geneva, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Phil Cordova, seconded by David W. Per Due to declare Resolution No. 3348 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Jessica Stamper that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3348 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution No. 3348 duly passed.

#### City Manager's Report -

Mr. Starkey thanked Gary Hydinger for filling in while Mr. Starkey was on vacation.

There is a sesquicentennial meeting on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.

The City has found a possible grant source for the Warner building.

A 534 Corridor Trail Planning meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2016.

The \$7,000.00 appropriated for the Benson Property will not be needed. The Port Authority will be conducting the test with their funds.

#### New Business –

Mr. Wilt submitted his resignation to Council.

Jessica Stamper made a Motion to accept the resignation of John Wilt. Philip Cordova seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Motion duly passed.

#### Payment of Bills –

The \$35.00 to BMI is a music license. The City is required to have a license to conduct concerts in a public place.

#### Committee Reports –

Mr. Buskirk stated that the Utility Committee Meeting met prior to Council. Mr. Hydinger has updated the Committee on several large projects including the headworks at the Wastewater Plant estimated at \$5 to \$7 million dollars and the West Main sewer estimated at \$5.4 million and the Equalization Basin estimated at \$1.75 million. The Committee will be discussing rate increases. Fifteen years ago the City's sewer rates were in the eighty percentile compared to the rest of the state, the City is currently at the fifty percentile.

Mr. Cordova stated that he was very impressed with the information Gary Hydinger brings to the table.

The Wastewater rates have remained the same since 2010. The Committee discussed a four percent (4%) per year rate increase for the foreseeable future. Council encouraged citizens to attend public meetings to discuss the increases.

The headworks project is being required by the Ohio EPA.

Citizens – None.

Philip Cordova made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss sale of property at 7:34p.m. Jessica Stamper seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. The motion duly passed.

David W. Per Due made a motion to reconvene at 7:59 p.m. Jessica Stamper seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. The motion duly passed.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
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