

MINUTES  
City of Geneva  
Council Meeting  
January 23, 2017  
6:02 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, David W. Per Due, William Buskirk, Philip Cordova, and Wm. Lucas McDaniel.

Absent: Mario Butera

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by David Yarbrough – Associate – New Life Assembly of God.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion duly passed.

**Department Presentation** – Finance Department, Traci Welch Presenting.

The books for 2016 are officially closed. The year closed positively. Financially there are no red flags. The City has a carryover. The Departments are being encouraged to stay within their budgets and watch their spending. The Finance Department is working on setting up 2017 as well as preparing for this year's audit. The first wave of auditors is scheduled to arrive the week of March 6<sup>th</sup> to begin working on the GAP. This is a month sooner than last year. About a month to a month and a half later, the auditors will begin the audit.

Ms. Welch received an e-mail from the Auditor of State last Thursday which included his first financial health indicator report based on 2015 indicators. There are 17 different data point indicators. When the Auditor first came in office a lot of cities and local governments were on the verge of fiscal emergency. He wanted to be able to prepare something to allow local governments to stay ahead of that by providing tools needed to stay ahead of the game utilizing the financial statements being submitted each year.

The City of Geneva came in all green, a positive outlook except for one category. Capital assets was the one cautionary item. If the City continues to do nothing about the aging fleet, everything could fail and throw the City into a fiscal emergency. The City has begun to replace some of the equipment but there are some big questions such as fire vehicles. Mr. Starkey is working on an official capital budget.

The Auditor does make some recommendations. The City has to look at a plan for replacing them. The report is not saying that the City needs to do this now. It is saying you may want to take a look at this.

Mr. Cordova asked that the Clerk forward the report out to Council.

One catastrophic failure with one of the fire trucks could cause a major problem. There was some discussion regarding what one mil would provide. Mr. Starkey is working on putting together something for Council.

The carryover is a net of different things less expenses. Some projects still need to be re-appropriated. The City is currently showing \$299,800 over the estimated carryover.

Mr. Buskirk stated that there are items that are approved in 2016 that are not spent by December 31<sup>st</sup> that will need to be re-appropriated in the 2017 budget.

The Ohio Treasurer was in Geneva to kick-off Ohiocheckbook.com. The link is not on the City's website yet. Ms. Welch wanted to be sure the yearend figures were up to date. That information was uploaded today. Until the link is on the website citizens can go to Ohiocheckbook.com and click on local governments and schools and then search for Geneva and it will show you all the expenses the City had for 2016. There is no cost to the City. The process does not take a lot of Ms. Welch's time to input. Currently the site does not show the revenue side but hopefully it will in the future. Ms. Welch can create reports from this as well.

#### **Citizens –**

Tom Cowle  
745 Eastlawn, Geneva

Mr. Cowle thanked the City Dispatch for their assistance. Mr. Cowle called in regarding the two cars that sat on Centennial Street twenty-four / seven. Mr. Cowle called in and the next day the two cars were gone. Mr. Cowle would like to request no parking on Centennial. It is a busy street.

Currently there is no parking on the west side. Mr. Starkey will discuss it at staff. Mr. Per Due stated that he agreed, cars have to weave in and out. Mr. Cowle stated that the school busses going to Spencer School come down Centennial.

Gabriel McVeigh  
85 Nantucket, Geneva

The Ohiocheckbook website took Ohio in a recent evaluation in the media from 45 to 1<sup>st</sup> in government transparency. Geneva is the first city level municipal government to sign on.

There is car that is embedded on Ruth Street. Chief Dudik stated that it is coming and going.

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

**Resolution No. 3372.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Of Geneva to File an Application to the State Of Ohio, to Participate in the Clean Ohio Trails Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Buskirk asked the amount the City would be applying for. Ms. White stated that CT Consultants will be providing an estimate tomorrow. The projection is between \$250,000 and \$300,000. The larger amount would be asked for through the TAP. Harpersfield received

\$500,000 from TAP. The Lake is doing the same route that the City is by applying for the COTF and the TAP. The City's project will be over a million dollars. There are different ways the City can come up with the match. If something comes up that is unforeseen, the City has the option to not move forward.

Motion by Susan Hagan to pass Resolution 3372, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare Resolution 3372 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3372 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3372 duly passed.

### **City Manager Report –**

Mr. Starkey thanked Chief Dudik, Chief Arkenburg, Chuck Dowd and Traci Welch and her staff for their work in response to the lightning strike. The insurance adjuster has been out. The Community Center and Senior Center are still without phones. The City is still determining the full extent of the damage.

The new phone system will be in by mid February. The equipment will be in last week of January and they will begin training the first week of February.

Winterfest is February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

The City will soon have artwork on display in the lobby and in Council Chambers from the Lakeshore Artists.

Mr. Starkey wanted to send thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Pruden. Mr. Pruden, a long time trustee passed away.

The City is moving forward on the full application for a 100% federal grant for the North Cedar Street project. The City is back in the access road application process. The City should learn if they are funded at the end of March. The project includes the total replacement of North Cedar in conjunction with the A-Luis Steel expansion.

Mr. Per Due suggested that the City send flowers to Mrs. Pruden.

Mr. Buskirk asked if the City had a breakdown on how the changes to the JEDD Law would affect Geneva. Mr. Starkey stated that there should be no negative impact to the City. It does allow a resident that wants to do residential development. The new rules allow them to be part of JEDD and allow the homeowners access to the sewer system. Structures with commercial on the lower level and residential units on the top will also have an opportunity to join the JEDD and get access to the sewer.

**Unfinished Business – None.**

**New Business – None.**

**Payment of Bills – None.**

**Committee Reports** – None.

**Citizens** – None.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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