

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
January 8, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Susan Hagan opened the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Susan Hagan, Philip Cordova, William Buskirk, Mario Butera, Cynthia Miller and Dana Schenk

Absent: Wm. Lucas McDaniel

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

Motion was made by Mario Butera to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – None.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3220. An Ordinance Consenting to Necessary Repairs and Construction by the Ohio Department of Transportation, and declaring an emergency.

ODOT will be doing some work to the sidewalls on the Route 20 Bridge over the creek. There is no cost to the City.

Motion by Mario Butera, 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. 3220 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Mario Butera to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3220 as an emergency measure, seconded by William Buskirk. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3220 duly passed.

City Manager Report –

Gary Hydinger has retired. Brandon Averil has been promoted to Wastewater Superintendent.

Brandon Hanna is the new Recreation Coordinator.

City Staff and CT Consultants met with ODOT representatives to discuss the City's concerns regarding the West Main Sewer Project. It was time well spent. ODOT understands our concern regarding the urgency.

E. Main and South Ridge are scheduled for paving in 2019. The budget is a concern. During the meeting, ODOT provided some possible funding sources for the \$200,000 that would be the City's share for both projects.

The City is in the process in of putting together a \$500,000 grant application for the second phase of the Benson Gas Station clean-up. The City is working with the Ashtabula County Land Bank who is the current owner of the property. There is no cost to the City; no environmental concerns to the City. The ultimate goal is to obtain a no further action letter. To date, \$80,000 has been spent on the tank removal on the property. Amanda White is working on this application.

The new logo for Winterfest was unveiled. There is a new website – genevawinterfest.com.

The State has stated that they would pave West Main in 2021. The City asked if East Main could be moved up because of its condition. The City is looking at 2021 for the full reconstruction of West Main. The City is applying for the Small Cities Grant. The City can apply for up to \$2 million. The project cost is estimated at \$8.5 million. The City has started down the path of doing the engineering. Having a shovel ready project will help in the grant process. A big chunk of the project is the sewer work. The Wastewater Department is looking at a loan for the sewer part of the project. The cost above the sewer part of the project is the cost to the general fund which the City is trying to offset through grants. The project would go from Downtown to the west end of the City.

Mr. Cordova stated it was a pleasure working with Gary Hyding. It was comforting to know that he was doing the research and getting everything in line. Gary's information was accurate and well researched. Mr. Buskirk stated that Gary was always able to supply a great explanation whether the questions were technical or financial. Ms. Hagan stated that Gary Hyding is a fantastic public servant, a good man.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Cordova would like to schedule a Finance Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m. prior to the next Council Meeting.

New Business –

Mr. Buskirk stated that Street Department did a good job of clearing the streets during the extended break. When temperatures are down below twenty degrees for an extended period of time, the salt does not work. There are limitations on what the City can do without spending a lot more money on calcium chloride treatment options. For the number of days that this happens, it doesn't make sense for the City to invest in those measures. Mr. Buskirk extended his appreciation for the overtime hours the Street Department put in.

The City did receive a couple of complaints. The City cannot possibly please everyone because the plows cannot be everywhere at one time.

There were a few water main breaks. There may be more as things thaw and the rain clears things out. With the ownership of the Water Department, the City has been able to pinpoint areas that needed to be addressed.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizen – None.

Superintendent Tim Bittner will give a brief explanation of the process for snow plowing at the next Council Meeting.

Mario Butera made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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