

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
October 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent – Philip Cordova

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

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2016 Council Meeting, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Department Presentation – Police Department – Chief Dan Dudik, Presenting

The Police Department completed the 2016 jail inspection. The jail was tested on 68 of the 120 standards outlined in the Ohio Revised Code. These were updated in February of this year. The jail was found to be in compliance. Chief Dudik thanked Captain Wiley and Laurie Donatone.

In 2017 the jail inspection will include 120 standards and a physical inspection of the facility. The inspection is anticipated to take two days. In order to pass, a majority of the policy and procedure manual has to be rewritten. Once updated, all personnel have to be retrained on the new updates and procedures. This will be a lengthy and costly process for the department.

The LEADS (Law Enforcement Automatic Data System) Audit was conducted in August. This was run by Dispatcher Distler, Terminal Agent Coordinator. Dispatch was found to be one-hundred percent (100%) in compliance.

In 2015 Council approved equipment for the police cars that shuts the cars down when they idle. Over the last eleven months the cars have used 8,337 gallons of gas. During the same period last year the cars used 10,396 gallons of gas, a difference of 2,059. This savings was in spite of the cars increased use this year.

The City obtained a grant from the Department of Justice, a 50/50 match, of \$1,800 in order to purchase four (4) bullet proof vests at a cost of \$3,600. These will be placed on a staggered three year cycle. Every three years, the department replaces one or two vests.

In November the City will be adding body cameras. The City is working with Data 911. Data 911 provides the car cameras. The City is drafting policies on their use.

The public records station at the entrance to the Police Department has not been in use since implementing the new CAD System. The City is working with ID Networks to bring back the public records station.

The Police Department will change from gray shirts to blue shirts. The change will take place the first week in December. Full time police officers receive a uniform allowance every year, the Police Department pays for the part-time officers uniforms as well as a bullet proof vest.

In May the Police Department, Geneva Fire Department Northwest Ambulance, Street Department, Geneva Area School System as well as other police departments did a special table top. The Table Top Drill involved an active shooter being at the High School. The drill was conducted by Ashtabula County Emergency Management Operations. It was very enlightening to those participating, their responsibilities. High School, Middle School and Elementary Schools participated.

FEMA ran the Perry Drill. The Police Department's role was the administration of traffic control points and the symmetry equipment. During a nuclear catastrophe, Geneva Police is responsible to direct traffic for the evacuation of the area.

Police Department is working on the Ohio Collaborative. In late 2015, Governor Kasich began the Ohio Collaborative on use of force and deadly force. They are setting statewide recommendations for all police officers to maintain. It will require a policy change to all police departments, officer training, peer review and assessors. The International Association of Chief's of Police and the Paternal Order of Police are disagreeing on what Ohio wants to do. Something was put in the wording that goes against the Supreme Court ruling in Tennessee vs Gardner. It has been recommended that police department not move forward until they work on the wording specifically objective reasonableness vs. reasonably necessary.

Chief Dudik met with a representative of University Hospitals. University Hospitals would like to add armed security, by the end of 2017. University Hospital would like to start their own police department. Ohio Revised Code allows for this; however in order to do so, University Hospital needs to obtain an agreement with the local Chief of Police. There are things that would need to be worked out such as where will they put the people they arrest. Chief Dudik provided Council with a copy of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chief Dudik is overseeing and working on the new City phone system. The Municipal Building, Community Center and Wastewater and Street Department buildings are being rewired.

This month twelve officers will be recertified on Tazers and four new officers will be certified. The training will be conducted by Officer Rick Alderman, auxiliary officer. Due to personnel changes, the Police Department will be adding two new Tazers at a cost of \$3,000.

Officers Emmett and Wilt will attend Ohio Police Officer Training in December to become Jail Administrators.

The Police Department has received Narcam training from the County Health Department. The Police Department was originally provided with four kits. Since that time, ten kits have been

added. The Policy is that NAD is first, if NAD is delayed, a trained police officer can administer Narcam. Policy officers have administered seven doses to date. One known gentleman in town has had ten known overdoses and saves.

A high percentage of arrests are heroin related. The police department receives calls to come pick up needles. A large portion of what the Police Department does is heroin related. In order to help combat the problem, the Police Department is using the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to pull a police officer off the road for three of his five days a week to work with TAG, the drug task force. This assignment will continue until the department runs out of money in that fund.

This strategy is paying off. The Police Department raided a house on E. Tibbitts. Residents on that street were calling the Police Department stating the City Police Department needed to do something or they would. Residents were clapping when the arrest was made.

In addition Chief Dudik has assigned Officer Vadascio to the County-wide OPAC Task Force. When Officer Vadasio is not working the road, he will be paid overtime through DEA to work on overdose cases and heroin. There is one police officer from every police department in the County as well as the Sherriff's Department and DEA working together to go after the OPAC problem.

The Department has increased the Law Enforcement Education Fund, a special fund that combats alcohol. Through this fund, more police officers have had overtime on the road. These officers are doing OVI patrol as well as taking part in a check point that was done in September, the weekend of Thunder on the Strip. The check point was run by State Highway Patrol, City assigned four officers to the check point.

In June Officer Salinas, a part-time officer, was hired as a full-time officer. In September Robert VanAkin was hired as a part-time officer.

The City is trying to gage the interest in the sergeant's exam. There are things the officers would give up to be a sergeant. The assessment center cost is \$6,000.

A ballistic shield has been purchased. It is four foot high. The Department would like to outfit every car with one eventually.

Mr. Buskirk requested that when budgets are discussed this year, he would request that the City talk through the different options the City has in addressing the OPIOD issue, including the costs such as how much to assign an officer to TAG. Chief Dudik stated that he is utilizing the part-time officers as much as possible, including permanent part-time which reduces the hours in order to stretch dollars. The Law Enforcement Trust Fund is a fund that has been built up. The Chief hopes to be able to stretch those funds out at least six months. That fund also pays for equipment and training and other items.

Ms. Hagan asked if a Town Hall Meeting to educate the public would be useful.

Judge Schroeder has put together a program to educate the youth. The school, Mr. Markajohn especially, is very pro-active in educating students.

Lauren Gardner stated that the town hall meeting was a good idea. Students are getting educated through the school system. Parents, adults in general, could benefit from a town hall meeting.

Mr. Per Due commented we need the grass roots people that see this issue every day to help with education.

Chief Dudik stated that they are looking at heroin differently. A person overdosing is no longer arrested unless they have not sought treatment within 30 days. Law enforcement is focusing on the traffickers. There are no immediate arrests.

Ms. Hagan stated that addictions are hard to break. Prevention is the key to stopping this. Mr. Per Due agreed with Ms. Hagan that prevention is key. He stated that his grandson had told him that drugs were discussed in his third grade class. The children need to know the consequences.

The officers received training on Narcam in early spring. One vile contains two doses. The Police Department has used seven viles. One kit is kept in the jail.

With introduction of fentanyl, the Police Department no longer does field testing of drugs. All suspected drugs are sent to the lab for testing.

In February of this year the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation, Corrections, rewrote the jail manuals and the codes for twelve day hold facility. The Geneva City Jail was a five day holding facility. The Jail has been changed to a twelve day facility. The standards have to be revamped as a result. There are one hundred twenty new standards. As the standards are being re-written the department is training personnel.

There are only three types of facilities now, eight hour holding, twelve day or full service jail. The County is a full service jail. The City Jail was a five day facility but it was learned that the City was holding people longer than five days. Now when the person gets close to the twelfth day, the City works with the Court or tries to get the County Jail to take them. If the inmate goes beyond the twelfth day, their nutrition has to change, the City has to provide a special exercise time, etc...

Because the person is in jail, Medicare stops. Geneva is responsible for their medical care. The City has a special medical release so that they can seek medical care. Geneva is responsible for food and well-being including allowing them time to walk. The police officers are the correction officers and are required to check on prisoners within every sixty minute period.

Two officers will be attending jail administration school in December.

Citizens –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Baker asked if there was an added cost in sending drug samples to the lab.

Chief Dudik stated no; that the Police Department would have sent it to the lab anyway. The department is just not doing field testing.

Mr. Baker stated that there are programs in the area that youth can participate in including Geneva Rod and Gun Club which meets on the first and third Sundays between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. There is program at the Ashtabula YMCA for sailing and other programs.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3199. An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinances Section 220.01 Rules of Order. First Reading.

The Ordinance would change the start of Council to 6:00 p.m. with a work session fifteen minutes prior. The Ordinance would also implement a summer schedule were Council would meet only once a month in the months of June, July and August.

Resolution No. 3368. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due to pass Resolution 3368, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3368 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6. Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3368 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Resolution No. 3369. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Geneva to Apply for, Accept, and Enter into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Agreement on Behalf of the City of Geneva for Elm Street Infrastructure Improvements; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan. First Reading.

The City would request that Resolution No. 3369 be passed as an emergency at the next council meeting.

City Manager Report –

Mr. Starkey thanked Chief Dudik for filling in as Acting City Manager.

On October 24, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. Mikulin Field sign will be dedicated.

The budget process has begun. The City would request the Finance Committee Meeting schedule a Finance Committee Meeting for Thursday, November 10th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the 2017 Operating Budget.

Mr. Starkey thanked Eileen Froelich, Amy Merrill & Susan Hagan for painting the fire hydrants in the downtown for the Grape Jamboree.

Mr. Starkey thanked Chief Dudik for working weekends and coordinating the phone system rewiring.

The Pep Rally on Thursday was successful and fun.

Mr. Miller stated he was pleased to see the new lights outside.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

Mr. Per Due stated that the Grape Jamboree was great as usual. It was reported 200,000 people attended this year. The festival grows every year. The concern was raised regarding restrooms. There were porta-potties available; however, many women don't like using porta potties. There is one women's restroom in the Rec Center. The reported wait time was 25 minutes. Discussion was had regarding possibly adding restrooms in the Recreation Center. There are restrooms in the Municipal Building, signage indicating that may be needed.

A suggestion was made that events rent trailers with walk up steps and running water. This may be a solution. The event trailer could be limited to women only.

Mr. Starkey will be meeting with the Grape Jamboree and can discuss this with them.

Mr. Buskirk stated that there is some unused square footage in the men's restroom, possibly the men's and women's restrooms could be switched and enlarge the now men's restroom to add stalls as a long term solution.

Mr. Per Due asked about the sidewalks. Mr. Starkey stated that the City is waiting for the contractor to come into town. He was supposed to be here today. They had wanted to come in previously; however, it was close to Grape Jamboree and the City asked that them to hold off. There is funding remaining. The City will utilize the funds to address sidewalks. Citizens interested should contact the City.

Mr. Starkey needs to coordinate with Conrad Signs on the entrance signs. With regard to the Endress sign, the State Legislators has not yet voted. It will be voted on in November when they are in session. John Patterson is presenting it. Ms. Hagan is friends with Bill Endress' sister who lives out of state. Hi sister would like to be at the dedication. Ms. Hagan would like to be notified when it is voted on.

Mr. Miller requested that the City look into solar lighting to illuminate the signs at the City's entrances at night.

Mr. Per Due stated that the City had talked with Great Wave regarding a cable channel. What is the status? Mr. Starkey stated that Ken Johnson is no longer with Great Wave. The City would be required to generate a certain amount of original programming. Mr. Johnson was offering some equipment and programming to assist with that. Mr. Starkey will need to contact Great Wave and touch base to see if what was discussed is still relevant.

There was no money being collected for parking at the Route 20 and Eagle Street.

Payment of Bills –

The Yokogawa Recorder records flow readings for the Wastewater Department. The cost of the recorder was \$4,700.

Wastewater rebuilt the motor for the #4 pump at a cost of \$2,915. This pump is affected by the flushable wipes. Mr. Hydinger does not know the cause of the pump failing.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizens –

Chief Arkenburg stated that the 50% of the Fire Department has been cross trained EMT Paramedics and are equipped with Narcam.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn. David W. Per Due seconded the motion.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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