

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
**Council Meeting**  
**October 22, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

Roll Call – Susan Hagan, Wm. Lucas McDaniel, William Buskirk, Mario Butera, and Cynthia Miller

Absent: Philip Cordova, Dana Schenk

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Jonathan Schroeder – St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Motion was made by Mario Butera to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2018 Council Meeting, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion duly passed.

**Department Presentation** – Community Improvement Corporation – Tony Long, Presenting

The CIC completed the Covered Bridge at the I-90 534 Eastern Exit. The covered bridge has been featured on the front page of the Star Beacon and will be featured in tourist brochures by the State of Ohio.

In order to maintain projects such as the Covered Bridge, the CIC has begun a 50/50 raffle. The first raffle held raised \$1,690.00. The winner won \$840.00. The raffles are awarded at Chamber events.

The Township Road Department and City Street Department collected and recycled 1,964 tires funded by a grant from the County Solid Waste District.

Dana Schenk weeded the flower beds around the wall of the I-90 southwest quadrant exit ramp prior to Grape Jamboree.

Mr. Long stated that House Bill 312 changes the rules for the use of credit cards. Political entities may not use debit cards. House Bill 312 limits how credit cards can be used. The Bill sets rules for rewards earned by use of the credit card. The CIC is reviewing its credit card policies. The CIC is acting as the Fiscal Agent for eleven (11) entities.

**Citizens** –

Lindsey Bell  
674 Chestnut Street, Geneva, Ohio.

People drive too fast on Chestnut Street. Ms. Bell asked if there is anything the City can do to get people to slow down. People use Chestnut Street as a cut through. The speed limit signs are

visible. The Police Department has had an officer stationed on Chestnut Street during busy times. Mr. Bell stated that the Officer was shocked by the number of cars that fly by him.

The speed sign is currently out of service but the City is working on getting it running.

Mr. Starkey will talk with Chief Wiley.

Ms. Hagan stated that at S. Eagle and W. Liberty heading south the telephone pole hinders the driver from seeing the stop sign. The City will take a look at this.

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

**Resolution No. 3428 – Second Reading.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement Between the City of Geneva and the Township of Harpersfield for the Purpose of Receipt of Fire and Other Emergency Calls and to Dispatch Said Fire and Other Emergency Calls.

**Resolution No. 3429 – Second Reading.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of Deborah J. Sistik for the Purchase of Parcel #200070006200 aka 47 North Broadway, Geneva, Ohio.

**Resolution No. 3430 – Second Reading.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Amend the Contract of Waste Management.

### **City Manager Report –**

The following schedule was proposed and accepted:

November 1, 2018 - Finance Meeting to present the budget  
November 5, 2018 – First Reading of the budget ordinance  
November 12, 2018 – Council Meeting cancelled – Veterans Day  
November 26, 2018 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the budget ordinance  
December 10, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the budget ordinance.  
December 24, 2018 – Council Meeting cancelled.

The City is dealing with building issues that include a leak in the Recreation Center men's room which has caused a lot of damage, damage in the courtroom and tuck pointing issues at Western County Court and a ceiling collapse at the Community Center

Mr. Starkey met with Roger Brooks, an expert in revitalizing downtowns. Mr. Brooks identified some simple ideas to help the downtown. The Geneva sign at the freeway may give the impression that when getting off the freeway you are in Geneva. As sign stating you have x-amount of distance to Geneva was suggested. Mr. Brooks also identified that removing the large dilapidated sign at the perceived entrance to the City would improve perception.

The Nature Works Grant for Memorial Field was not funded.

Mr. Starkey congratulated Chief Wiley and Finance Director Jennifer Cecil on their new appointments.

**Unfinished Business – None.**

**New Business** – None.

**Payment of Bills** – None.

**Committee Reports:**

The Finance Committee met prior to the Council Meeting. The Finance Committee is recommending a replacement of the current police levies to offset costs and free up funds for the General Fund.

The Finance Committee further recommended a Recreation / Community Center levy to lock in funding.

The recommendation is put these items on the Spring Ballot.

The City has lost a substantial amount of funding from Columbus.

**Citizen –**

Mr. Tobias  
57 Roosevelt, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Tobias suggested that the City advertise the Council Meetings, one week ahead of the meeting, on the digital sign at Route 534 and S. Broadway.

Ron Bowser  
74 Roosevelt, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Bowser asked if there was a way to post in advance when the City would be picking up leaves on a particular street.

Mr. Starkey will check into it.

Mr. Bowser also stated the grass is high in the back of the house at 120 Roosevelt Drive and there is a metal building that is laying down.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to adjourn.

Mario Butera seconded the motion.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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