

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

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

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, Philip Cordova, William Buskirk, and Mario Butera

Absent: David W. Per Due and 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 October 9, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 4 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – Community Improvement Corporation of Geneva, Tony Long Presenting.

The message board at Route 84 and Route 534 is being replaced. The current message board is thirteen years old and the software cannot be updated. The new message board will have color graphics. It was shipped out on the 18th. Once received, the message board will take a couple of days to install.

The next phase of the interchange, the northwest corner, is scheduled to start on Thursday. The State permit has been received. A covered bridge with the ends blocked off and painted black will be constructed. The CIC received a grant from the CDC in the amount of \$18,500 towards the project. The CIC has spent between \$3,000 and \$4,000 already. Construction will cost \$20,000 and estimated to take fifteen days. Bill Conrad will be doing the signs and the lettering.

The structure will be located at the bottom of the hill and will have riprap under the bridge. The building will be metal and will look like a regular covered bridge. Lighting would be extremely expensive and may be looked at in the future.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3216. An Ordinance to Authorize the City Manager to Join a Coalition of Municipalities Retaining Special Counsel for the Purpose of Initiating Litigation to Challenge the Constitutionality of Amendments to Chapter 718 of the Ohio Revised Code Relating to Municipal Income Tax, and declaring an emergency.

HB 49 goes against Home Rule. The legislation adds fifteen new sections. The City will not be able to enforce or challenge those rules. The State will keep 1%. The City will be required to report twice a year. If the report is not filed timely, the State can hold 50% of the revenue. The cost to the City to participate in the Litigation will be \$2,000. The cost is based on population. Cities that don't join the coalition risk not being included in a successful outcome.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3216 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3216 as an emergency measure, seconded by Mario Butera. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance No. 3216 duly passed

Resolution No. 3394. 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 and to Execute Contracts as Required, and declaring an emergency.

The OPWC Application is due November 9. The project being submitted is the sidewalk project on Main from Route 534 to Forest Street. In conjunction with the sidewalk, the City will also address conduit and drainage.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3394 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan to declare and pass Resolution No. 3394 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution No. 3394 duly passed

Resolution No. 3395. A Resolution to Adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Ashtabula County Solid Waste Management District. First Reading.

All municipalities in the County will be asked to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan. The Plan needs to be completed by the first of the year.

Mr. Buskirk stated that he was not completely comfortable with the plan. Geneva citizens are paying for recycling as well as paying for the brush to go to Saybrook Soils.

There is an informal commitment to reimburse Geneva in one way or another.

If the City ends up paying this, Mr. Buskirk would like them to supersize or expand the progress for our citizens.

The County will be reinstating the hazardous materials and other programs.

Part of the plan currently is doing roadside recycling.

The City will need to ask for additional programs.

City Manager Report –

Mr. Starkey asked if having the Finance Committee Meeting November 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. would work for Council. Mr. Cordova will not be able to attend. Tim Miller will check.

Goulfest is this weekend.

The City has been contacted about a dispensary. Council has not taken any action. They need to meet the requirements of the ORC and zoning.

The Fire Department has been working on signs at the training center.

Flagpoles are up.

Randy Goff and one of the Captains have been replacing the stairwell in the Municipal Building. The City received a quote of \$7,000 to complete the project. Doing the project in house cost the City about \$100 in materials.

The CHIP Grant Application filed by Ashtabula County in the amount of \$1,550,000 was approved.

The City received approval of the N. Cedar Street ARC Grant.

Mr. Starkey will be off later in the week. Chief Dudik will be Acting City Manager in his absence.

A Luis Steel is starting their expansion.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports –

A Finance Committee meeting was held prior Council. The discussion centered on the challenge to be able to respond if a piece of fire equipment becomes available. Nothing was decided.

The first out engine was out of service. When you have equipment that continually fails, someone is going to get hurt.

Council hopes that people will go to the website and look at the needs of the City.

Citizen – None.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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