MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting

October 28, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Piotrowski opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Jeffrey Piotrowski, Philip Cordova, Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, Mike Shupska and Susan Hagan.

Absent – Rodger Fuller

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Pastor Harry Pishcura – New Life Assembly of God.

Motion was made by Tim Miller to accept the minutes of the October 21, 2013 Special Council Meeting, seconded by Mike Shupska. Roll call, 4 yeas. 2 abstentions.

<u>Department Presentation</u> – Fire Department – Fire Chief Doug Starkey, Presenting.

Chief Starkey commended all those that worked to make Ghoulfest a success.

The Fire Department budget has been challenging this year. Each year the Fire Department sets aside funding to purchase turnout gear. This year that funding went towards truck repairs.

This month is Fire Prevention Month. Fire Fighter Dale Arkenburg is the Fire Department Coordinator for Fire Prevention Month and has interacted with well over one thousand children. The focus this year is prevention of kitchen fires.

Mr. Piotrowski stated that the Fire Department has had a major part in Ghoulfest, the Haunted House, and construction of various structures including the Pavilion.

Myke Anderson presented the following Ghoulfest Awards:

- Decorated House Mr. & Mrs. Bud Martin; Most original -The Cararo family.
- Whiffel Ball Tournament Jeff Carcell and his team.
- Scavenger Hunt Twenty-five people participated. Ten people had everything correct Pat Freese, Lynda Henry, Joe Webb, Kathy Carol, Cararo family, Sophia Elek, Kids Only II, and Becky Distler.
- Pumpkin baked goods Cararo family.
- Ghoulfest participants donated non-perishable items to the food pantry.

• Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$210.00) was raised for the Share the Christmas from the pumpkin run/walk.

Proclamation – Ashtabula County Young Marines:

Jeff Piotrowski presented a Proclamation to the Ashtabula County Young Marines, a youth organization sponsored by the United States Marine Corp. The organization has 38 members ages 8 to the 18 (completion of high school). The Young Marines do a great deal of community service. Each of the members are currently tasked with getting permission to put up a Drug Free Banner in their school. This week is red ribbon week symbolizing the war against illegal drug use.

Citizens

Darlene Ciulla 781 Red Oak Lane Geneva, Ohio

Ms. Ciulla stated that work on foreclosed properties is being subcontracted to people who don't care. A gentleman was out with a bobcat trying to mow grass, grabbed the fence and pulled it. One of the poles is now leaning. Property values are going down. Permanent residents are incurring cost, property is being damaged.

Mr. Piotrowski stated that the City recognizes the problem. The City is doing what they can. The Community Improvement Corporation has also been discussing ways to address these issues.

Ms. Ciulla stated that the gentleman who hit the fence was approached and asked to keep it away from the fence and then he hit the pole. The damage was reported to the Geneva Police Department. The Officer came out and stated that he would report it to the Law Director. Ms. Ciulla was told that you have to show criminal intent.

Janice Cook 129 Raymond Drive Geneva, Ohio

There is a lot of standing water on Raymond Drive and the water stays for a long period of time. Half of the road is covered. Struggles with getting the water into the storm drain.

James Ciulla 781 Red Oak Lane Geneva, Ohio

The type of work that is being done in these repossessed houses has no supervision, no work permits are being taken out. Workers have pants hanging down and listen to loud music.

Parts of the houses are being sold for salvage, an entire deck was removed piece by piece.

Mr. Ciulla stated he began complaining that something needed to be done about the foreclosed property at the beginning of June. The grass was cut last Tuesday. Something needs to be done about this house and the type of work being done there.

Items for Consideration of Council -

Ordinance No. 3123 – Third Reading. An Ordinance Authorizing the Transfer of Two City Owned Properties to the Geneva Community Improvement Corporation Pursuant to R.C. 1724.10 and Executed Agreement; Directing the City Solicitor to Prepare Quit-claim Deeds and the City Manager to Execute and Deliver Deeds, and declaring an emergency. (**Modified**)

Mr. Shupska asked for clarification regarding the modification. Ms. Dunlap stated that an emergency clause was added as well as a statement to cancel the City's lease to the School Board upon transfer of the property to the Community Improvement Corporation.

Motion by Tim Miller seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Ordinance 3123 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3123 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3262 – Third Reading. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract to Provide Fire Protection Services to Geneva Township.

Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3262 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3264. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement with Keybank, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Philip Cordova seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3264 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, 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. 3264 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3264 duly passed.

Motion was made by Mike Shupska seconded by Howard Anderson to Table Resolutions 3265 and 3266 pending further clarification. Roll call 6 yeas. Motion passed.

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City Manager's Report -

Mr. Pearson thanked all those that participated in Ghoulfest; Myke Anderson, Police Department Staff and Fire Department Staff and many others.

Mr. Pearson invited everyone to take a tour.

Chestnut Street – Crew out paving, putting down the final course.

VanEpps – The project is moving along extremely well. They are through the CVS parking lot and on VanEpps.

Leaf Pick-up – The leaves need to turn brown and fall. The City has one truck out.

The Law Director is reviewing the agreement with Waste Management and the extension.

Mr. Cordova inquired about the sale this morning. Mr. Pearson stated that there were no bids, no action. It will go back on for the eighteenth.

<u>Unfinished Business</u> – None.

New Business - None.

Payment of Bills - No objections.

Committee Reports

Pairings is moving along well. Ground has been broken. Footers have been poured.

Citizens

Gary Hydinger thanked Council for supporting the purchase of the truck for the Wastewater Department. The current vehicle is 1987 pick-up.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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