

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
October 9, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Tim Miller, Philip Cordova, David W. Per Due

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Bishop D.J. Lettau – Community Baptist Church.

Motion was made by Mario Butera to approve the Minutes of the September 25, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 4 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – None.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Resolution No. 3393 – Third Reading. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for, Accept, and Enter Into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement on Behalf of the City of Geneva for Construction of the Secondary Sludge Holding Tank – WWTP Salmonella Elimination Project, and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan. Third Reading.

The City has been able to achieve exceptional quality sludge by bypassing the secondary digester. The plant processes on average 400,000 gallons a day but can take in as much as 1,300,000 gallons with a rain event.

The City is looking into bagging the exceptional quality sludge for sale if the City can maintain that level.

The City is looking at possibly using the current secondary sludge holding tank as an equalization basin for raw sewage in the future. This could result in savings for the City.

Roll call on passage, 4 yeas. Resolution No. 3393 duly passed.

City Manager Report –

The video camera is up and working in the Council Chambers. The audio is being worked on.

At the next meeting the City will have a firm budget schedule. The City is looking at requesting a Finance Meeting on November 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. for the budget presentation by the staff.

The goal is to have the first reading on the second meeting in November, the second reading at the re-organization meeting and the third reading on the second Monday of December.

The patch on the drywall and plaster at the Community Center is flaking again. The City is obtaining estimates for a drop ceiling.

Mr. Starkey stated that the City will present a balanced budget. There is a process to get to that balanced budget. Mr. Starkey encouraged council to whether by committee or individually to talk with Department Heads on where they began the budget process, their needs, to where they ended.

Ms. Hagan asked if the initial ask from each of the Department Heads could be distributed to Council.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports –

Citizen –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio

Asked if the budget meeting is open to the public. It is. The first budget meeting will be with the current Council. The second and third budget meetings will be with the newly seated Council. The budget will need to be passed by emergency at the third reading in order to take effect on January 1, 2018.

David Lettau
903 W. Main Street, Geneva, Ohio

Bishop Lettau asked about the City's water source. The water source is Aqua's Water Treatment Plant in Ashtabula. It is Ashtabula County's system. The City pays Ashtabula County for the water. The Wastewater Treatment Plant for City of Geneva is on North Ave. The City discharges into Cowles Creek and ultimately out to the Lake.

Bishop Lettau stated that near the Ferris wheel at Geneva-on-the-Lake he noticed raw sewage.

The Geneva-on-the-Lake sewage plant is South of the Lodge. Their discharge goes a couple hundred feet out into the lake. The City is a co-owner of the plant and can tie into it.

It may have been a storm water pipe near the Ferris wheel.

Council suggested Bishop Lettau contact Mark Mizak, Geneva-on-the-Lake Administrator.

Ms. Hagan stated that is not enough to say our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ms. Hagan stated that is time for good people in America to stand up against gun violence.

Mr. Starkey requested the Finance Meeting be rescheduled.

Bishop Lettau
903 W. Main Street, Geneva, Ohio

Bishop Lettau stated that we must try to cooperate with law enforcement. Bishop Lettau further stated that he is 100% against automatic and semi-automatic weapons, assault weapons.

Mario Butera made a motion to adjourn.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel seconded.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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