

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 13, 2017
6:02 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, William Buskirk, David W. Per Due, Wm. Lucas McDaniela 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 Susan Hagan to approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Mario Butera. Roll call, 4 yeas, 2 abstentions. Motion duly passed.

Citizens –

Mr. Per Due read a proclamation. “2017 Geneva Youth Football League Junior Varsity Red Team Super Bowl Champions Day”

Mr. Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Baker stated that the good news is that the income tax increase did not pass. Mr. Baker asked if Council or those that voted for the tax would like to voluntarily pay the income tax. Mr. Baker stated that a .2% tax would have passed.

A Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the budget.

Fiona Harcourt
47 Pine Street, Geneva, Ohio

Ms. Harcourt stated that we cannot stand for the violence. Violence has been around for a long time and we need to stop it.

Department Presentation – Wastewater Department – Superintendent Gary Hyding, Presenting.

Rudzik has completed all of the major sewer work on South Broadway. One sewer main extension is done. Rudzik is recording the boring points on the second today. The contractors have done an outstanding job. Everyone has been happy with the job thus far.

The Wastewater Plant was notified they were awarded the Design Loan for the Secondary Sludge Holding Tank.

The Department is applying for three more loans; a \$465,000 Headworks Design Loan which will be followed by a \$5,400,000 construction loan; a \$350,000 Design Loan for the West Main Sanitary Sewer and a \$660,000 Construction Loan for the Secondary Sludge Holding Tank.

There has been a change in the average worker age at the Plant. The Wastewater Department hired two employees in their mid to late twenties.

Mr. Hydinger thanked Council for their support and their support in adjusting the rate structure.

The Facilities Plan has been updated.

The Department is preparing the WPCLF loan applications. The application contains a new form. As a sample, the City of Barberton's was provided. The form lists the equipment, the year the equipment was installed and useful life of that equipment, when that equipment should be replaced. The City's primary clarifier was installed in 1968. The City has exceeded the useful life by 50 years. It is still operating. The Trickling Filter was installed in 1994 with a 20 year life span. Mr. Hydinger stated that it is amazing the work that people in the Plant have done to keep the equipment operating.

Mr. Per Due commended Superintendent Hydinger for his brilliant handling of Public Works, for always being on top of things. Mr. Per Due commended Mr. Hydinger for his service. It is a testament to the staff that they have kept the Plant in such good condition. Mr. Hydinger has done a great job of walking the line of advocating without going over the line; letting Council know his position but understanding what Council needed to do.

Items for Consideration of Council –

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

The County needs 60% of the jurisdictions to adopt the plan.

Mr. Buskirk stated that he is not comfortable with it as he has not seen where the County is going to make this right by the citizens. They say they will provide additional services. The City already has curbside recycling. Opening up the recycling center will not be an added advantage. Geneva's citizens do not need to bag up cans and take them to the recycling center.

Mr. Starkey stated that it is on the City to make a request for programs that we believe will recoup those costs. The cost to the City for the Saybrook Soil contract could be reimbursed.

If the Recycling Center is re-opened, will the County provide staffing dollars?

The dollar amount to the citizens will be up to \$5.00 annually.

Resolution No. 3396. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of "Then and Now" Certificates by the Director of Finance for Purchases, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3396 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan to declare and pass Resolution No. 3396 as an emergency measure, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3396 duly passed

Resolution No. 3397. A Resolution to Approve and Support the Development of State and US Bicycle Routes, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, 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. 3397 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Resolution No. 3397 as an emergency measure, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Resolution No. 3397 duly passed

City Manager Report –

The City will be picking up leaves until the first week in December.

Mr. Starkey commended Traci Welch, her staff, Department Heads and staff for their work on the budget. The budget books were made available to Council this evening to allow enough time for Council to review the same prior to the Finance Meeting on Thursday.

The sidewalk contractor is in town.

The HVAC equipment in the computer server room went down. The staff has completed the replacement of the HVAC unit in the computer room. Chuck, our IT person, Dave Gilbert, Mike Berry from Wastewater was instrumental in this project.

The North Cedar Street project is a 100% grant in the amount of \$412,000. The earliest that the North Cedar project will begin is July as the money won't be released until July 1st.

The Water Street Bridge Replacement will probably begin next year. There was a water main issue that delayed the project.

Arthur Luis Steel has begun their expansion.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports –

A Finance Committee to discuss the levy should be set after the new Council has been seated.

Citizen – None.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn.

Mario Butera seconded.
Council meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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