

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 24, 2014
7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call – Jeff Piotrowski, Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, Susan Hagan, William Buskirk, and David W. Per Due

Absent - Mike Shupska

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

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2014 Council Meeting and the November 17, 2014 Special Council Meeting, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 6 yeas.

Department Presentation – Income Tax Department – Shelly Huff, Presenting

With regard to House Bill 5, the last of the testimony was given last week. The Bill will be voted on next week. It is unknown how much House Bill 5 will affect the City financially. The Bill may tie the City's hands.

The new software will be coming in just in time for tax season.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3145. An Ordinance Consolidating and Amending the Geneva Civil Service Ordinance. Third Reading. Roll call on passage. 5 yeas. 1 nay.

Resolution No. 3302. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Ashtabula County Juvenile Court to Provide an After School Program, and declaring an emergency.

Ms. Hagan met with Myke Anderson. Ms. Hagan would like to assist and will be working to put together some type of music program.

There will be no cost to the City for this program. The City hopes to see administration from this program.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3302 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3302 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3302 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3147. And Ordinance to Create Fund “236 – After School Program Fund,” and declaring an emergency.

The City is required to get Council authorization to create a fund. The fund will be a vehicle for the revenue and expenses for this program.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Ordinance 3147 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3147 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3147 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3303. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Buckeye Pumps, Inc. for the Purchase of Flygt Pumps and Accessories, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Buskirk inquired if this was part of the OPWC project; the two lift stations in Millwood which have been clogging up from the rags.

Mr. Hydinger stated that the City has decided not to use chopper pumps. Chopper pumps take two to three times the power. The City of Mentor uses the Flygt pumps and has had success with them not clogging. CT Consultants recommends them.

Various organizations are trying to come together to define disposable/flushable. Flushable does not mean it is good for the system.

The City may need a two million dollar change to the plant to eliminate these disposable items from the system. Every week the Wastewater Department has to take down the fifteen horsepower pumps to take out the rags, razors, etc. This is an issue that cannot be handled at the local level.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3303 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3303 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3303 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3304. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant, and declaring an emergency.

This grant opportunity is through the same source as the SCBA's that were awarded last year. The application proposed is for an Exhaust Removal System for the Fire Bay. The Building was built in 1960. The gear hangs in the Fire Bay. Firefighters work on trucks in the Fire Bay. The Exhaust Removal System has been a capital budget request for years.

The total project cost is just under \$50,000. The City's match for this project would be \$2,500 or 5% of the total.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3304 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3304 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3304 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3305. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Innovative Software Services for the Purchase of Local Income Tax Software, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3305 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 3305 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3305 duly passed.

City Manager's Report –

The last month has been consumed with the preparation of the 2015 Annual Operating Budget. The Finance Committee Meeting to present the Annual Operating Budget is December 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

With the last snow, the Street Department switched from leaves to snow mode. Today the Street Department is back on leaves. December 1, 2014 is the cut-off date. Barring any major snow storms, the Street Department will stay on leaves until that date.

The Grape Jamboree Report was included in Council's packet. The report identified the revenue and expenses over time. If Council would like to get the revenue and expense numbers closer together, permits can be increased. Over the years the City has gotten more detailed in their reporting. Mr. Pearson stated that during his time at the City, the fees have only been raised once.

Mr. Miller requested that the City do some research on what other festivals and events charge around the state.

Mr. Buskirk suggested that if the fees were increased the City may be able to some additional improvements.

Jeff Piotrowski agreed.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills – No objections.

Committee Reports - None.

Citizens – None.

David Per Due made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss Personnel – Appointment. At 7:22 p.m. Tim Miller seconded the motion. 7 years.

David W. Per Due made a motion to reconvene at 8:12 p.m. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. 7 years.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
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