

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 27, 2017
6:01 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, David W. Per Due, Philip Cordova, Wm. Lucas McDaniel and Mario Butera

Absent: William Buskirk

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 November 13, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – None.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3217. Making Appropriations for Current Expenses of the City of Geneva, State of Ohio, from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. First Reading.

The budget presentation was held on November 16, 2017. A second reading of the legislation is scheduled for December 4th and the third reading on December 11th. In order for the legislation to take effect on January 1, 2018, Council will need to pass the Ordinance by emergency.

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

Mr. Per Due stated that he is voting no as the citizens of Geneva already recycle.

Roll call on passage, 4 yeas, 2 nays. Resolution No. 3395 duly passed.

City Manager Report –

Mr. Starkey congratulated Chief Dudik and his staff on receiving the Triple A Award. Chief Dudik stated that these awards are given annually. There is a bronze, silver, gold and platinum award. This is the first time the City has received the platinum award. There are very few platinum awards given.

The construction of the covered bridge at the west bound off ramp of I 90 is underway. The signage will include Geneva, Harpersfield and Ashtabula County. The project is being funded by a grant from Ashtabula County CDC.

The City will be continuing leaf pick-up through the first week of December.

Mr. Starkey presented the outgoing Councilman, Mr. Miller and Mr. Per Due with a Plaque commemorating their time as Councilman. Mr. Starkey thanked Mr. Miller for mentoring Mr. Starkey

upon his appointment as City Manager. Mr. Miller stated that it was a pleasure to be on Council the last eight years and that the position was made easier by the dedicated employees on the front lines. Mr. Per Due thanked the Fire Department, Police Department, Traci Welch, Dan Gilbert, Lauren Gardner and Phyllis Dunlap for all their hard work. Mr. Per Due stated that he may have butted heads with staff but staff was always fair. Mr. Per Due stated that he has not always agreed with Mr. Miller, they have had their disagreements, but Mr. Miller has always run the meetings well. Mr. Per Due thanked his fellow councilpersons and stated that he thanked Mr. Starkey for his assistance and good job.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

There was no objection to the Liquor License Transfer – SRNP, Inc. dba Clark Store #1201, 125 E. Main to JS Oil Inc., 125 E. Main.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports –

An Architectural Review Board meeting was held. The Salon next to Domino's Pizza is putting up a new sign.

Mr. Lucas stated that at the Finance Committee Meeting the question had come up regarding the codification of ordinances. Mr. Lucas asked if there was a document that would show him where the City varies from the State. Ms. Gardner stated that there was no cheat sheet. Ms. Gardner further stated that City of Geneva is following State Code. There are a number of items that are the same for example the speeding code. Ms. Gardner stated some state code is complicated and hard to follow using driving under suspension as an example. Additionally, drug paraphernalia used to be a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, the State has changed. Ms. Gardner would like to keep it as a misdemeanor in the fourth degree. Ms. Gardner is going through the codification and making sure that American Legal doesn't update the City in a way that is unwanted. The City has its own OVI Law. For the most part the City does follow State Code. Ms. Gardner stated that she is also doing some things to make the code more streamlined.

Mr. Lucas asked if there are any changes that did not come before Council.

Ms. Gardner stated that the changes that are redlined in the code did not come before Council. Ms. Gardner is asking that Council pass those changes as part of the comprehensive update.

Citizen – None.

Mario Butera made a motion to adjourn.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel seconded.
Council meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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