MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 28, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Phyllis Dunlap, Clerk of Council.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2016 Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Department Presentation – None.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3201. An Ordinance Making Appropriations for Current Expenses of the City of Geneva, State of Ohio, from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

This is a second reading. Mr. Starkey stated that Council did not have to pass it today but whether it was passed today or at the next meeting, it would need to pass as emergency. Mr. Per Due made a motion to pass the Ordinance as an emergency. Mr. Buskirk stated that if Council were to pass the Ordinance today, there would be thirty days before the Ordinance was needed to be in effect and therefore Council would not need to pass it as an emergency, Council would just need to waive the rule. Mr. Per Due withdrew his motion to pass the Ordinance as an emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No.3301 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3202. An Ordinance Amending the Compensation of Officers and Employees of the City of Geneva Effective January 1, 2017 Amending Chapter 250 of the Codified Ordinances, Repealing Ordinance No. 3181.

This is a second reading.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No.3302 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3203. An Ordinance Establishing Compensation for Clerk of Council.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No.3303 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3204. An Ordinance to Amend the 2016 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, Attached Hereto and Marked Exhibit "A", and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mario Butera to pass Ordinance No. 3204, seconded by David W. Per Due to declare Resolution No. 3204 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Mario Butera, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No.3304 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Resolution No. 3371. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of C.I.R., Inc. of Geneva for the Elm Street and North Broadway Waterline Replacement, and declaring an emergency.

The City received a good bid for this project. The City is requesting an emergency as the paperwork for the loan application is due December 14, 2016. This is the project the City and Council have been working on to obtain loans for over a year and a half. This is Elm Street and North Broadway. At North Broadway the City will tie the waterline in from Elm and North Ave. There will be a new sidewalk as well. There will be a tee off of Water Street for future placement.

The alternate was for cast iron pipe with a plastic sleeve over it. It was less money but the City has had good success with the PVC style pipe. The project came in $150,000 under the estimate. Sixteen bid packets went out and ten bids were received.

Dominion has asked the City to slow down. Dominion would like to replace the gas line on the street. The City will do the waterline projects as soon as possible but hold off paving until approximately May. The City will hold off finalizing the project until Dominion is done.

Motion by Philip Cordova to pass Resolution 3371, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution No. 3371 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. 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. 3371 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Motion duly passed.

City Manager Report –

The price of salt building kept escalating. The City has taken a step back before the pricing was out of control. The engineering of the concrete work seems to be causing a problem. The City is exploring options and talking with the company. The project continues to move forward but slowly. The City had appropriated approximately $90,000. The engineering was forcing the cost into the $140,000 range. Gary Hydinger decided to stop and regroup.

There were extensive repairs done on the ladder truck by a local company, Sherman Welding on Walter Main. The truck was out of service for a little over a week. It is back on the road.

Chief Dudik has been spearheading the phone project. Cable has been pulled at most of the facilities. The cable has been laid underground at the Wastewater Plant and the Street Department. A lot of the preliminary work is getting close to being complete.

The roof on the secondary digester has a canvas roof. The steel frame has rotted out due to the moisture in there. The city is working on some different ideas on how to seal it back up. Gary Hydinger will be touching base with some engineers on this. The concrete pit dates back to the 1920's.

The crews have been out picking up leaves. The City expects to be done the end of this week but will likely keep one truck available to take care of piles of leaves as needed.

The homeowner at 481 Blaine Street did contact Mr. Starkey about the sidewalk discussed at the last council meeting. Mr. Bittner believes the City can get at least the two raised sections out of the ground and some gravel in there for a short term solution. The homeowner does want to pour concrete.

The deeds on the West Main property are good to go. Mr. Starkey commended Lauren Gardner and Amanda White and a lot of people at USDA and US that helped the City in this process. Mr. Starkey thanked Lauren Gardner for staying on top of it. This should be the last hold up on this project. The developer is scheduled to come to the Planning Commission in January. They will be coming to Planning Commission for the site approval only; it appears that they will not have any variances.

The Training Center build out of the building in the back – the firefighters have been working hard down there. Final approval was received by the County last week. There is now a flush toilet at the Training Center.

Mr. Starkey thanked the GBA Committee that has begun doing the Downtown decorations. The Street Crew is out helping them. It is a Gingerbread Village Theme.

The Christmas Parade is this Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Buskirk inquired about the cost of the repair to the ladder truck. Chief Arkenburg stated that once the back part of the ladder was removed, there was significant damage to the back part of the frame that connects the two pieces of the frame and supports the piece that the City was fixing. The cost of the repair was somewhere between $5,500 and $6,500. Chief Arkenburg described the repairs that were completed.

New Business –

Mr. Per Due spoke with a couple of citizens regarding the form Recycling Center on Austin Road who suggested the property could be used for a park with a nice fountain. Mr. Per Due would like to see the City get some use of the property. If not a park, possibly the Fire Department could use it for training. It is a nice fenced in area.

Mr. Starkey stated that storage is always a need. The City has talked about framing in those buildings, putting garage doors on and using the buildings for cold storage for equipment. As the

City has taken on more and more of the Water Company, the City has obtained more equipment, etc... The City is reviewing whether that facility would be an option. The Grape Jamboree float is stored there. The safety trailer is stored there.

Chief Arkenburg stated that he would like to see a new Fire Station there. The location would be a good fit. The buildings could be framed in and used for search and rescue training. The base is already there. As the administration building expands, that property would be a great location for a Fire Station. The overpass is there. The Training Center is there. With the housing development and school being there it would be nice setting for a fire station.

Mr. Miller suggested that after the first of the year the Service Committee could get together to discuss uses for the facility.

Mr. Buskirk requested that the administration put together an overhead map of the area which includes the Street Department, the Wastewater Department and the Recycling Center. There have been many discussions about the expansion of the Wastewater Department. Mr. Buskirk has been there and walked the property but feels an overhead view of what the City owns would be helpful. Mr. Buskirk would also like the ownership of the properties to be identified on the map.

Mr. Per Due would like to see the City get some use of the property. Mr. Per Due felt the Chief was correct that with school there having the Fire Department there would be helpful.

Chief Arkenburg stated that the Fire Department has good response time with the overpass there.

The current station was built in 1960. The Department has storage problems, etc… The buildings at the Recycling Center could have sides put on them and the safety forces could utilize them for training. The buildings don't need a lot of work, just the sides put on them. The Police and Fire Departments could put the sides on relatively cheaply and could be utilized by both Police and Fire for training.

Mr. Miller stated that the longer those buildings sit there with no use; the upkeep gets out of sight out of mind. It would be beneficial to have some everyday use.

Chief Dudik stated having use of the buildings for training would be beneficial to the Police Department for certain areas of training. The Police Department has talked about an indoor range, an outdoor range, and coordinating with the school events.

Ashtabula County has no stake in the buildings or the property.

Mr. Miller stated the presentation given by Mr. Hydinger telling the story of the steel head that had made its way into the plant had been published in the Buckeye Bulletin, which is a statewide publication about wastewater treatment plants for industry professionals.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – The Architectural Review Board met last week. The Board reviewed some items related to the Downtown Business District. The Board is looking at possibly expanding different types of zoning language. Amanda White has done a great job of pulling this together. At some point the Architectural Review Board will present something to the Planning Commission for their review.

Citizens – None.

Susan Hagan commended the Ohio State University Administration for making sure that their students were safe and especially the first responders and Officer Alan Horujko for saving those students and preventing any future harm to additional students.

David W. Per Due made a motion to adjourn to Executive Section to discuss to discuss property acquisition. Mario Butera seconded the motion. Roll call 7 yeas. Council adjourned to executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Mario Butera made a motion to reconvene at 7:40 p.m. Philip Cordova seconded the motion. Roll call, 7 yeas. The motion duly passed.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

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