

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
February 12, 2018
6:01 p.m.

Susan Hagan opened the Council Meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call – Susan Hagan, Philip Cordova, William Buskirk, Wm. Lucas McDaniel, Cynthia Miller and Dana Schenk

Absent: Mario Butera

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel Finnerty, Assumption Church.

Motion was made by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2018 Council Meeting, seconded by William Buskirk. Roll call, 5 yeas, abstention. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – Growth Partnership, Greg Myers Presenting

The Growth Partnership is the leading economic development agency. The goal is have local businesses remain here and to bring new businesses, non-retail, into the County. The County faces infrastructure challenges including natural gas, water and sewer service as well as workforce challenges.

An interstate pipeline is coming into the County. The lack of a supply of natural gas has been a hurdle. Local companies cannot expand as there is not enough gas to support them until the new pipeline is in. These are challenges that have been here for many years prohibiting expansion and growth.

The City has taken steps to help overcome these hurdles with the expansion of the Sewer to the South of the City.

Workforce challenges can be overcome by building strong partnerships with the local schools, Kent State and ATEC as well as outside agencies. Having strong school systems is vital.

A local job board can assist matching up local companies with local workforce. Forty to fifty percent of our labor force leaves the County for work.

The Business Outreach Program is focused on business retention and expansion. Mr. Myers is meeting with businesses such as Third Dimension, Tegam, etc. as well as the City. Growth Partnership is sitting down with these entities and talking about challenges and opportunities.

Growth Partnership is working with Team NEO as well as Jobs Ohio to put our local companies in touch with companies like Amazon that are locating in two regions (1 in Garfield and 1 in Euclid). Putting Third Dimension who make boxes in touch with Amazon; trying to add value contract opportunities.

Growth Partnership is working to match interested companies with properties that will fit their needs. Growth Partnership received eleven or twelve requests for interest in Ashtabula County. Public utility service such as gas is an obstacle. Land owners need to become development ready.

JEDD's are an example of partnering with other organizations to develop opportunities.

The Land Bank is relatively new. As the Land Bank continues to grow and evolve Growth Partnership can assist with the commercial side.

Mr. Starkey thanked Mr. Myers and stated that Mr. Myers is doing great things.

Jobs Ohio does have a minimum floor to participate in the Job Creation Tax Credit. The minimum is \$660,000 in new payroll. This keeps smaller companies out. The training grant money is not tied to payroll.

Growth Partnership knows how to structure deals and will talk to businesses of any size.

Developers' do not look at a lot properties with a lot of different property owners to make up the parcel that they are interested in purchasing. Ideally you want to have the lots consolidated into the maximum acreage. It is challenging to negotiate with multiple property owners. The developer should make sure the lots are sized best for the target market.

Citizens –

Vince Crawford
Waste Management

In 2017 200,076 tons were recycled compared to 200,094 the previous year. People are recycling more; however more and more recycled items are plastic and less and less glass. EPA compliance is weight based. Although we are recycling more, it weighs less; packaging is changing. The City is doing good job of recycling.

China is not taking as much of the material. They have clamped down on the allowable amount of contamination from 5% to 1%. Twenty to 25% of recyclables cannot be recycled. The education piece is very important. We need to strive for a good quality product.

Waste Management is taking the material from the old Daugherty landfill and moving it to a secure liner in the landfill. It will take a couple of years to complete this.

Waste Management is converting all of their trucks to compressed natural gas.

Waste Management has been involved in the Hurricane Relief in Houston. Employees have donated \$4 million to Hurricane victims through an employer care fund. Three hundred sixty families who were displaced by the hurricane were helped. Waste Management has also lent out a corporate jet to deliver medical supplies into Puerto Rico.

Ten percent (10%) of new employees were veterans.

Council requested that Mr. Crawford provide an education flyer that the City could distribute on social media.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3222. An Ordinance to Amend the 2018 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A", and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, 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. 3222 be

placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3222 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3222 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3223. An Ordinance to Create Chapter 882 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Geneva Regarding the City Income Tax Code, Income Subject to Net Profit Tax, to Adopt Sections 718.80 Through 71.95 of the Ohio Revised Code, and declaring an emergency.

The Ordinance is required to comply with State Law.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, 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. 3223 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3223 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3223 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3224. An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$461,965 for the Purpose of Acquiring a Fire Truck and Related Expenses Thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Due to the federal shut-down, USDA doesn't have their budget appropriated. Andover Bank offered the City 2.75% interest rate. The USDA funding would have been \$50,000 grant and 3.5% interest. The Andover funding will result in the cost being below the amount budgeted.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Cynthia Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3224 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3224 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3224 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3399. A Resolution In Support of the Geneva Area Schools Operating Levy.

Roll call on passage, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Resolution No. 3399 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3400. A Resolution Authorizing the City of Geneva to File an Application to the State of Ohio, to Participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Local Planning, Small Cities Program, and declaring an emergency.

The grant application will be for \$2 million for the reconstruction of West Main. The total project is estimated at \$8 million for the sewer reconstruction and the total road reconstruction. After meeting with ODOT, the City is doing a study to show the voids. The value to having the study done is to help with the grant application. March 1 is the deadline for the grant application.

The West Main sewer is over 100 years old. The sewer is fifteen feet deep in horrible soils.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3400 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Resolution No. 3400 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3400 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3401. 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 State Route 534 Sanitary Sewer, and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan, and declaring an emergency.

The overall budget cost has not changed.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Cynthia Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3401 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Resolution No. 3401 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3401 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3402. A Resolution Authorizing all Actions Necessary to Accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council. (NOPEC) Energized Community Grant, and declaring an emergency.

This is a grant for \$20,104 from NOPEC. The Community should receive this grant each year for the next three years. There is no match required.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3402 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3402 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3402 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3403. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for the Design of the U.S. 20 Sanitary Sewer Replacement, and declaring an emergency.

The goal is to have a shovel ready project.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Cynthia Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3403 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3403 as an emergency measure, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3403 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3404. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for the Design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Screening and Grit Removal Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Dana Schenk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3404 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Cynthia Miller to declare and pass Resolution No. 3404 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3404 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3405. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of “Then and Now” Certificates by the Director of Finance for Purchases, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Cynthia Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolution be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3405 be

placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3405 as an emergency measure, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3405 duly passed.

City Manager Report –

The community sign is up and running.

Mr. Starkey thanked Margie Netzel. Winterfest was a success.

Mr. Starkey congratulated Chief Dudik and Captain Wiley. The jail received a score of 100% on the jail inspection.

The Chief applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$14,400 for radios. There is no match requirement.

Salt is an ongoing struggle. The City is talking with the State. The salt is being purchased under as State contract commitment. The City projected a need for 1,000 tons. The City can purchase 20% more or 20% less.

The Business Expo is scheduled for February 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

Susan Hagan made a motion to Re-appoint Robert Russell and Doug Braun to the Tax Board of Review. Phil Cordova seconded. 6 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports –

The Planning Commission met. The updated sign ordinance will come to Council next week. The Planning Commission is recommending Council pass it. Mr. Cordova requested the ordinance be forwarded to Council ahead of time so that Council has time to review it. The Architectural Review Board is recommending the ordinance go to Council as well.

Citizen –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Baker asked Council to explain the waiving of the rule, emergency motions. Council pointed out the motions are defined on the public copy of the Agenda.

Mr. Baker asked if it was correct that the on-line codified ordinances only go through December of 2016. Council stated that that is correct. The 2017 Ordinances have not yet been codified.

Eric Kujula
695 N. Nearing Circle, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Kujula thanked Council for their support of the Geneva Schools.

Chief Arkenburg stated that there will be road work beginning on Route 20 from the underpass to County Line Road. The traffic pattern will be changed to one lane east, one lane west and a turn lane in the middle.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to adjourn to executive session for Attorney-client conference regarding legal dispute/imminent litigation at 7:00 p.m. Dana Schenk seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to reconvene at 7:22 p.m. Dana Schenk seconded the motion. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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