

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

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

Roll Call – Jeffrey Piotrowski, Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, Mike Shupska, Susan Hagan

Absent: William Buskirk, David W. Per due

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Raymond Baker – Faith Freedom Fellowship

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Tim Miller. Roll call, 5 years.

Department Presentation – Retirement Recognition – Steve Vincent.

Mr. Piotrowski presented Steve Vincent with a Proclamation. The Proclamation was read aloud. Mr. Vincent began with the Fire Department in 1976 and ended his service with the Street Department in 2014; thirty years of dedicated service to the City of Geneva. Mr. Vincent was presented a plaque in recognition of his service by Mr. Pearson, City Manager. Mr. Pearson thanked Steve Vincent for his long and dedicated service. February 25, 2014 was declared Steve Vincent Day in the City of Geneva. Chief Starkey stated that Mr. Vincent was a great leader in the Fire Department.

Citizens –

Tammy Myers
True Value Hardware
55 North Broadway
Geneva, Ohio

Ms. Myers has heard that the City may release the parking between the True Value Building and Luisa's to Luisa's. Ms. Myers asked if a final decision had been made. There are six parking spaces between the buildings that are utilized by True Value customers as well as other business's. Some of True Value's customers have stated that if they can't find close parking they will shop elsewhere. People do not want to cart hardware and items bought in True Value over to the Depot Lot.

Ms. Myers stated that there is already an issue with the parking in the back lot.

Luisa's is open only five days a week and two of those days Luisa's does not open until 4:00 p.m.

There are other items in that lot, trash containers, etc... Where will these items go?

Mr. Piotrowski stated that the City would take this into consideration in future discussions.

Bob Rosebrugh
1421 Sherman Street
Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Rosebrugh stated that when the State paid for the paving down 534 the City agreed the State would design how we would park our cars. The entire Downtown was diagonal parking. The Downtown lost 30 parking spaces when the City went to parallel parking. Council looked at off street parking. That lot is making up some of that loss.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3136. An Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, attached hereto and marked Exhibit “A”, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Bill Baker asked what the appropriations were for.

Mr. Piotrowski listed off the appropriations on Exhibit “A”.

Mr. Andersons stated that the public should not be permitted to interject except during the citizen portions of the meeting.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by Tim Miller to declare Ordinance 3136 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3136 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance No. 3136 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3271) A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Use Agreement with Geneva Midget League Football Association.

Motion by Tim Miller seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3271 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 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 3271 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 4 yeas, 1 abstention. Resolution No. 3271 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3272. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of D.B. Bentley, Inc. for the Grant Street Bridge Replacement, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3272 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Howard Anderson that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended

and Resolution 3272 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution No. 3272 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3273. A Resolution Authorizing Consent to Participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Bridge Inspection Program, Authorizing the City Manager to enter into Contracts with the Director of Transportation, and declaring an emergency.

The State of Ohio has asked all communities to participate in a Bridge Inspection Program that will allow the State to do a one-time bridge inspection at no cost to the City.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3273 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Howard Anderson that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3273 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution No. 3273 duly passed.

City Manager's Report –

Waste Management is ahead of schedule and will be delivering the new recycling carts this week. Full service will begin the week of March 5th.

The City continues to see a large number of water leaks due to the weather. The roads are severely damaged. Several cars were damaged on West Main Street.

Mr. Pearson requests that Utility Committee Meeting be scheduled to discuss financing, return on investment, design build, etc... for the AMI System. Mr. Miller will schedule a meeting.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business -

Liquor Permit – Pairings. No objections.

Payment of Bills - No objections

Committee Reports - None.

Citizens –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street
Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Baker has attended four meetings. The first meeting had two emergencies. The second meeting had two emergencies. The third meeting had no emergencies. This meeting had three emergencies. All of these emergencies were for funds transfers.

Ordinances that are not controversial are passed on an emergency basis. All three readings are done at one meeting. Lowest and best bid on a bridge improvement is not a controversial issue.

Ms. Stuetzer stated that the Operating Budget is passed. On January 27th the City pulls in the grants. Analysis and adjustments have to be made. The City can't budget them until we see how the numbers end up. Throughout the year the city amends the budget as it becomes necessary. The City cannot move any money until Council approves it.

The Operating Budget identifies how much the City has and how it is intended to be spent. The City's budget cannot be compared to the budget of a private board. All bills being paid are public and are identified in the Council Packet.

Bob Rosebrugh
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Mr. Rosebrugh asked if the \$20,000 waterline being installed from Park Street to Tuttle Court will supply Pairings. Mr. Piotrowski stated that yes it would and would also create a loop and eliminate a dead end on Tuttle Court.

Mr. Rosebrugh stated that he has concern with the number of ways Pairings is being funded that the people do not see.

Mr. Piotrowski stated that the City is funding economic development. Mr. Rosebrugh stated that economic development is something that is said, he is not seeing economic development other than Pairings.

Mr. Rosebrugh asked about the asphalt grindings going to Pairings. Mr. Pearson stated that the grindings went over to the Pairings lot when the City still owned the lot.

Mr. Rosebrugh asked if anyone could get grindings. Mr. Pearson stated that the City does not sell the grindings. Further discussion was had regarding the grindings.

Mr. Piotrowski stated that the City has worked hard to be proactive in economic development and over the last ten years has formed JEDD 1, JEDD 2 and JEDD 3. The City lost half a million dollars in revenue when the State of Ohio restructured and changed the laws to balance their budget. The City has been able to maintain over the last five years since the financial crisis and the State's financial restructuring. The City Manager and his administration have worked diligently to make sure that the City is economically viable. The City has funded economic development such as Pairings, the Arthur Louis Steel expansion and others.

Mr. Rosebrugh stated that he has the right to ask the question.

Mr. Piotrowski stated that over the last ten years Council has worked towards creating jobs and a clean and well maintained city.

Mr. Rosebrugh stated that other Councils have a hand in that as well.

Mr. Piotrowski stated there are a lot of tourists moving through downtown but few stop. The Pairings Feasibility Study shows a potential of 70,000 visitors per year.

Motion was made by Howard Anderson at 7:42 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss imminent court action. The motion was seconded by Susan Hagan. 5 yeas. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Howard Anderson at 8:15 p.m. to reconvene the Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Tim Miller. 5 yeas. Motion passed.

Council Reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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