

MINUTES  
City of Geneva  
Council Meeting  
February 27, 2017  
6:03 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 6:03 p.m.

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

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

Superintendent Gary Hydinger brought to Council's attention that there were some dollar figures that were incorrect in the minutes. It was indicated that it was a \$50,000 grant for the 534 Sewer Project. In actuality there is a \$100,000 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant and a \$349,900 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission. There is also a \$150,000 Ohio Works Commission twenty year loan at 0% interest.

Motion was made by Philip Cordova to approve the Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion duly passed.

Motion was made by Mario Butera to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2017 Special Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion duly passed.

**Department Presentation** – Recreation Department – Myke Anderson, Presenting.

Bitty Basketball, kindergarten to second grade, is in session. There are twelve teams. Two of those teams are coached by high school seniors doing community service hours. The summer soccer sign-ups have begun and will run until the end of March.

The Recreation Department is currently looking for sponsors for the summer movies. There are nine summer movies. They are held every Tuesday night at 9:00 p.m. at Memorial Field and are well attended, eighty to one hundred people. Six movies have been sponsored. Sponsorship is \$300. The fee covers the license to show the movie. The movies are 2016 and 2017 movies.

The City will also have the Wednesday summer lunch concert series. The concerts will be held at noon at the Pavilion. The Thursday night concerts will begin in June and run through the end of August.

The Community Social is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Geneva Community Night at the Lake County Captains is scheduled for Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be fireworks that evening.

The free summer lunch program will begin in June and run all summer Monday through Friday at Eagle Street Park. The program is for children ages one through eighteen.

The annual Garage Sale will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The City is co-hosting with Harpersfield Covered Bridge which will have a garage sale the same day. Saybrook Township and Geneva-on-the-Lake may also do a garage sales the same day.

Bricks are still being sold for the playground.

In the fall the City will have the Basketball League, Back to School Distribution, Goulfest and Christmas.

Mr. Butera thanked Ms. Anderson for her work and keeping the school in the loop.

Ms. Anderson sends a letter to Mr. Yost each year regarding the Recreation Center events. The teens that are coaching basketball approached Ms. Anderson about coaching as part of their community service. Seniors are required to do twenty-five hours of community service. The teens coaching basketball have exceeded the twenty-five hours and are now doing it because they enjoy it.

**Citizens** – None.

**Items for Consideration of Council –**

**Ordinance No. 3207.** An Ordinance to Make Provisions for the Sale or Lease of City Owned Real Estate, and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

This Ordinance will address the Midget League and Grape Jamboree contracts. The City requests council pass the Ordinance by emergency at the third reading to allow timely renewal of the Grape Jamboree and Midget League leases with an opportunity to come before Council for review.

Mr. Miller explained to the students in attendance the three readings and emergency procedure.

**Resolution No. 3375.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Saybrook Soil & Compost for the Purpose of Residential Yard Waste Disposal, and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

The agreement with Saybrook Soil expires the end of March. The price did not change from the original contract.

This contract has been a benefit to the City.

The cost to the City is \$2,000 per year.

**Resolution No. 3376.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of Rudzik Excavating, Inc. for the South Broadway Sanitary Sewer Improvements, and declaring an Emergency. First Reading.

The City requests that Council consider passing this resolution at the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. This resolution is time sensitive to retain the grants and loan currently in place for the Route 534 Sewer Project.

Lauren Gardner also notes that a Resolution will need to come before Council to amend the JEDD III agreement due to the City entering into the commitment without the full project. The City has had discussions with Harpersfield Township. Harpersfield Township will consider the amendment at their March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussions have been had with Traci Welch and Sharon of Harpersfield to go over the financing side.

Mr. Starkey requests that Council have a Finance Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. on March 13<sup>th</sup> to go over the details of the financing of this project prior to voting on the Resolution as well as consequences of not moving forward.

There were six bidders on the project. The apparent low bidder, Rudzik Excavating, came it at \$1.6 million dollars with the high bid of \$2.3 million.

**Resolution No. 3377** 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.

Mr. Starkey requested that Council pass this resolution as an emergency. The resolution is time sensitive. This is funding towards the reconstruction of West Main. If approved, this would be a 2021 project. The year 2021 is when the State is coming in to pave West Main Street. The City is attempting to reconstruct the sewers, the storm system along with new sidewalk on the south side of the street and utilize the money that the State would pay towards the paving to go towards the reconstruction of the road.

The City applied for this grant last year and was turned down. The road condition did not score as well as other communities.

The City has approved the design of the project.

The total for the West Main sewer line is \$1.75 million dollars if the City stops at that. The complete project is approximately \$8 million. The City adjusted the sewer rates last year in anticipation of this project. The waterlines and the sidewalks on the north side were previously done.

The City met with RCAP to help find some additional funding sources.

Part of the cost is the conditions, soils are bad and the trolley tracks are still under the pavement. The City is dealing with another void space. The last void found and dealt

with was five foot by five foot by ten feet deep. South Eagle is the deepest part at about thirteen feet deep. The water table is three to five feet above that.

Motion by Mario Butera to pass Resolution 3377, seconded by Philip Cordova to declare Resolution 3377 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3377 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3377 duly passed.

### **City Manager Report –**

The phone project is nearly complete. Some of the departments are up and running as is the Community Center. Mr. Starkey thanked Chief Dudik for his work on this project.

Anyone interested in attending the Chamber Dinner should let Mr. Starkey know this evening.

The Benson fuel station is now owned by the Ashtabula Land Bank. The City has applied for the tank removal grant on behalf of the Land Bank.

The Elm Street project is scheduled to be completed in May including the paving. They are installing the new line down Elm first, the laterals to homes will done next and then the gas company will come in as they get started on the North Broadway.

**Unfinished Business – None.**

### **New Business –**

There will be a Service Committee Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

**Payment of Bills – None.**

**Committee Reports – None.**

### **Citizens –**

Harry Pischura  
199 Vine Street, Geneva, Ohio

Is there any consideration for moving the sewer line towards the center of the road when the sewer line is replaced on West Main in 2021 so that the manholes would be down the center?

Mr. Hydinger stated that the problem is that the sewer line is live. The hope is to have the road reconstructed solidly enough that you will not have the thump thump when driving over the manholes. The City will be holding a number of public meetings. The City will be sending out letters to everyone who owns, lives or rents along West Main Street soliciting ideas and recommendation before a final design is decided upon. The City welcomes all comments.

Mr. Butera made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss sale of property at 6:27 p.m. Wm. Lucas McDaniel seconded. Roll call on passage. 7 yeas. The motion duly passed.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to reconvene at 6:37 p.m. Susan Hagan seconded the motion. Roll call on passage. 7 yeas. The motion duly passed.

Mario Butera made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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