

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
February 8, 2016
7:00 p.m.

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

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, David W. Per Due, William Buskirk, Philip Cordova, and Jessica Stamper.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Pastor David Lettau – Community Baptist Church.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the January 25, 2016 Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Presentation – 534 Community Improvement Corporation, Larrie Puraty Presenting.

Mr. Puraty is the Chair of the 534 Corridor Community Improvement Corporation. The CIC has had great participation and attendance over the last three, four months. There is a great deal of excitement about what is being done. The CIC is excited and thankful for the participation in Geneva especially Mr. Starkey and Ms. Hagan. Ms. Hagan is the Chair of the Website Committee. Mr. Puraty stated that he could not say enough about the work Amanda White has done. Ms. White is the Chair of the Transportation Committee.

In November Commissioner Claypool attended the CIC meeting and discussion was had on how to move forward. There are three JEDDs and the CIC that are working on economic development. Commissioner Claypool suggested that a land use and zoning plan was needed for the area. In response, CT Consultants has been contracted to prepare a plan. The plan is anticipated to be completed in June. Once complete the CIC can move forward with economic development in the area.

The plan will affect the City of Geneva greatly as the Transportation Committee is talking about doing pathways connecting assets throughout the area; the Spire, the High School, the Middle School, the City of Geneva.

The 534 CIC is made up of all of the entities; Geneva-on-the-Lake, Geneva Township, City of Geneva, and Harpersfield. The 534 CIC was formed based upon the Corridor Study that was done by ODOT. The Corridor Study recommendation was to create a consortium.

The Corridor Study talked about doing pathways. The CIC has been working quite a bit on transportation, multipurpose pathways. The January 19th meeting which was cancelled due to weather has been rescheduled for March 10th from 1 to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. This is the community involvement portion which will assist in going after grants. The CIC needs community buy-in, participation, in order to be able to obtain grants. The idea is to have pathways from Harpersfield Bridge to Geneva-on-the-Lake, an eight mile stretch.

Mr. Puraty is encouraging each entity to look at the Corridor Study and come back with what each will do in their area to implement the objectives outlined in the study

Susan Hagan stated that Mr. Puraty has done a great job. There has been a sense of “we are all in this together”. Ms. Hagan encouraged citizens to attend the meeting on March 10th.

The communities have come together to work together. Mr. Buskirk stated that the area is not defined by the political subdivisions but rather more by the school district with the corridor being the backbone.

Municipal governments all along the Route 30 trail have been invited to the March 10th meeting; Conneaut along Route 531 to Geneva-on-the-Lake and down to Harpersfield.

Citizens -

Mr. David Lettau
903 West Main Street, Geneva

Mr. Lettau expressed his support for the pathway project. Eventually they will connect the greenway trail from East Liverpool to Lake Erie and then the stretch of the northern Ashtabula County as well as from the State Park to the Harpersfield Metro Park. This will be a great link. If and when the area adds hotels at the highway area, it will be a big plus.

Bill Baker
440 Blain Street, Geneva

It is important that the trails connect to the greenway trail.

Mr. Baker stated that the phone bill for the period of January 1st to the 22nd was \$1,606.95, which if paid monthly, is substantial.

Chief Dudik stated that the City is in the process of upgrading the phone system. The current system is at the end of its life.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3184. An Ordinance to Create Fund “684 – North Broadway Waterline Improvements Fund,” and declaring an emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Ordinance No. 3184 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3184 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3184 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3185. An Ordinance to Amend the 2016 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, Attached Hereto and Marked Exhibit “A”, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Jessica Stamper to declare Ordinance No. 3185 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by David W. Per Due that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3185 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3185 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3349. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Invoice Cloud (Partnered with Software Solutions) for the Processing of Customer Credit Card and ACH/EFT Payments. First Reading.

This is a project that has been talked about for some time. The City has received requests to pay with credit cards on line and at the window. Tracy and Shelly have done a lot on this project.

The Transaction fee for the City is \$50.00 per month. The fee to the customer will be \$2.95 up to a \$200 payment and a percentage over \$200.

City Manager's Report -

Bids are out on the City's trash hauler. Mr. Starkey would like to request a Service Committee Meeting prior to the council meeting on the 22nd to discuss the bids received.

Mr. Starkey would also like to have Mr. Ken Johnson of Great Wave meet with the Service Committee on a Public Access channel which should not be a charge to the City except for equipment. The City could also obtain equipment to film football games.

Council requested that Mr. Johnson come and speak to council as a whole.

Ms. Stamper set the Service Committee Meeting for February 22, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Starkey stated that the City received a lot of positive comments on Winterfest.

Unfinished Business –

Music at Winterfest was discussed.

New Business – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizens –

David Lettau
903 West Main Street, Geneva, Ohio

A committee on the Sesquicentennial meets every Wednesday. The next meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. There will be a parade on the 21st of May.

UHHS 150 years is May 16th.

David W. Per Due made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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