

MINUTES
City of Geneva
February 9, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, Susan Hagan, Mike Shupska, William Buskirk, and David W. Per Due

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

Motion was made by Susan Hagan to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by Howard Anderson. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Department Presentation – None.

Mr. Miller stated that at 4:00 p.m. the candidate for City Manger, Mark Elliott, called and withdrew his name from the candidacy for personal reasons.

Ms. Jennifer Brown, Acting City Manager has tendered her resignation effective Thursday. Chief Starkey will fill the role of Acting City Manager.

Council will move forward with selecting a seventh Council Member and bring that councilperson up to speed prior to making a decision on the city manager position.

Citizens –

Crystal Latimer
176 Walnut Street, Apt. B, Geneva, Ohio

MIA's Women's Clinic, a non-profit charitable free clinic, intends to locate in the City of Geneva. The clinic is patterning itself after Bella's Women Center. Ms. Latimer asked that if anyone had a suitable space for rent or could provide space to contact Ms. Latimer. The clinic will service Ashtabula and Lake Counties.

Greg Strnisa
Geneva Pro Cuts, 50 S. Broadway, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Strnisa contacted Councilman Per Due regarding snow removal in the public parking lot between his building and the Community Center. Mr. Strnisa stated that years ago Councilman Rosebrugh plowed the lot. Mr. Rosebrugh came back and redid the lot after 7:00 p.m.

The City of Geneva truck has been plowing the lot this winter; however, the City truck does not return after the businesses close. The sewer drains are covered in snow. People park their cars and the plow goes around them.

Mr. Miller stated that snow removal in Northeast Ohio is difficult. The City has gotten a great deal of snow this year.

Mr. Bitter, Street Superintendent stated that the City Street Department has a staff of six (6). The employee who does the parking lots has limited hours. The City is doing its best to address snow removal.

Mr. Per Due stated that he did go and look at the lot after Mr. Strnisa called at 12:30 p.m. and the lot was pretty well plowed.

Mr. Buskirk stated that the City is always looking to do a better job and that Mr. Busikirk would get together with Mr. Strnisa later in the week.

David Lettau
903 West Main Street, Geneva

Mr. Lettau stated that the snow removal on the main streets was very good for a small town. The City takes very good care of the roads. Ashtabula roads were not in good shape. Mr. Lettau stated his appreciation for what the City is doing.

Mr. Lettau stated that he would like to suggest that Jennifer Brown be considered as city manager.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3161. An Ordinance Appointing a City Manager for the City of Geneva and Authorizing the Entering into of an Employment Agreement, and declaring an emergency.

David W. Per Due made a motion to table and remove Ordinance No. 3161. Howard seconded the motion. 6 yeas. The motion passed.

Ordinance No. 3162. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager and Interim Director of Finance to Sign Checks on Behalf of the City, and declaring an emergency.

Susan Hagan made a motion to table and remove Ordinance No. 3162. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. 6 yeas. The motion passed.

Ordinance No. 3163. An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Guidelines for a Jobs Creation Tax Credit Program. First Reading.

Ordinance No. 3164. An Ordinance Appointing Douglas G. Starkey as Acting City Manager, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Ordinance 3164 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3164 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3164 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3165. An Ordinance Amending Codified Ordinances Section 238.13 Signatures Required for City Checks, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Ordinance 3165 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance 3165 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3165 duly passed.

City Manager's Report -

Ms. Brown stated that the gas payment questioned on the payment of bills at the prior meeting was for the Senior Busses.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

Congratulations to Chief Dudik and Captain Wiley for the program put on by the Attorney General's office. The program was attended by officers from all over the area and included a gun simulator and car simulator. David W. Per Due, Susan Hagan and Howard Anderson had an opportunity to participate.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizens –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio

As Council appointed Chief Starkey, is Chief Starkey his own boss? Chief Starkey stated that there is a chain of command within the Fire Department.

Chief Dudik was asked were the City is with the new system. Chief Dudik stated that the County received their proposal from ID Network and there is a 911 meeting on Thursday. Chief Dudik is tracking down the MOU that was supposed to be signed. The City is reviewing the quote from ID Network to see if the City can do it in conjunction with the County.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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