

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
March 10, 2014  
7:10 p.m.

Jeffrey Piotrowski opened the Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

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

Motion was made by Susan Hagan to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Howard Anderson. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstention.

**Department Presentation** – Street Department – Superintendent Tim Bittner, Presenting

Mr. Bittner distributed an RFP for the yard waste.

As of the last week in February the Street Department had the following hours in not including the normal work:

Cold Patch – 995 hours  
Plow and Salt Streets – 286 hours  
Remove Snow from Downtown – 204 hours  
Pick-up Christmas Trees – 44.5 hours  
Wash Vehicles – 102 hours  
Set-up and Take Down for Winterfest – 19.5 hours  
Wok on Police Cars – 64 hours  
Put-up and Take Down Christmas Lights – 32 hours  
Work on Street Department Vehicles – 94 hours.

The City has been working on a solution to not being able to dispose of yard waste at the recycling center. The City has come up with the proposed RFP due back the 21<sup>st</sup>. The proposal allows two methods, household pick-up and drop-off at their facility.

The City has a request from a family who has a family member that is legally blind and having a problem with the cross-walks downtown. The cross-walks do not have audible sounding devices on the cross-walk. Mr. Bittner has contacted the signal service to see what the cost would be to add sound. The City is working on this. Mr. Bittner does not know the cost or what it will take to make this modification.

The City is moving forward on the Culvert/Bridge Replacement on Grant Street. A meeting was just held. They will be coming back to the City with dates and times as when it will take place.

That culvert has been bad for quite a while. The State called prior to the second meeting asking if we realized how bad the bridge is. Mr. Bittner told them it is in motion to be addressed.

When the weather breaks the Street Department will get back to Chestnut Street. It has not been line striped yet. There are some spots on Chestnut Street that are areas of concern. The City has talked to the Engineer about this. Asphalt repairs are needed.

The Street Department received the new dump truck bed. The money was allocated for last year. The bed is at the shop. It will be installed soon.

The City orders salt in July through a State Program. The City must buy 80% or up to 120% of what is estimated to be purchased. The City has maxed out the 120%, 160 tons of salt. The City has used about 860 tons of salt. The last few times it snowed the City has only salted the intersections, curbs, hills and bends. The mains will not be salted straight through. The City has contacted Morton and Cargill. They do not have salt, they have sold everything they had stockpiled and they are only producing so much a day. Mr. Bittner has made numerous calls. ODOT told the City that hopefully the City can get through the rest of the winter on what it has. The 100 tons remaining, being conservative, may last 3 snow events.

Mr. Per Due asked that Mr. Bittner supply Council with the numbers he provided at the beginning of the presentation. Mr. Bittner stated that those numbers are not everything the Street Department does.

### **Citizens –**

Laurie Ferguson  
587 East Main Street  
Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Ferguson's father stated that his daughter, Laurie Ferguson, bought a home in the City. She lives alone. The family is concerned about the intersection of Austin Road and Route 20. Laurie likes to go to the beauty parlor and the Chinese Restaurant. The family is very concerned about that intersection. She is legally blind and is unable to determine when it safe to cross. That is her neighborhood. If she goes any further than that neighborhood, she is usually with someone.

Mr. Bittner will look into it.

### **Items for Consideration of Council –**

**Ordinance No. 3137.** An Ordinance Regulating the Siting of Wireless Telecommunications Facilities. First Reading.

**Resolution No. 3274.** 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 Planning, Design and/or Construction of Wastewater Facilities Known as the Wastewater Collection System Study; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mike Shupska seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3274 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 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 3274 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3274 duly passed.

### **City Manager's Report –**

The City met with Harpersfield Township last week. A tentative agreement was reached. Generally the agreement outlines how the revenue is shared. Through lengthy negotiations a good agreement has been reached. Harpersfield will keep their inside millage. In lieu of that they would give the City 5% of the JEDD tax, the general administrative fees, which the City takes care of, and 3% the JEDD tax to the city. Harpersfield and Geneva will share the balance 50/50.

With regard to the bed tax; the communities have agreed that the existing Motel 6 will remain a 25/75 split, 25 City, 75 Harpersfield. The new line will allow for expansion in the sewer area. If that motel is torn down or new growth happens it would go to a 50/50 split. This is where the hang-up was. The JEDD generates revenue for our city residents and for Harpersfield. The attorneys are working on putting together the agreement. Council will see that agreement within the next two meetings.

Mr. Buskirk would like copies of the previous two JEDD Agreements forwarded to each council member.

Mr. Pearson stated that each agreement is different. A JEDD starts with what the infrastructure will cost to support that area; then how the revenue and the debt are shared. Each of the JEDD's are structured differently.

Representative Patterson e-mailed that the State would be voting on a modification to the JEDD but it was to the JEDD Zone not the JEDD District. Mr. Pearson has not talked to him.

Mr. Piotrowski thanked Mr. Pearson, Ms. Brown, Ms. Stuetzer, the Harpersfield Trustees and all those involved in this.

Mr. Pearson stated that there were two more water main breaks today. There was one on Sunday.

The Health District Meeting is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Jefferson if any council member would like to attend and represent the City. Geneva is the only city in the Health District. Historically staff has attended this meeting.

Mr. Pearson asked Council for guidance with regard to the retirement gifts. Mr. Pearson distributed an overview of the retirement gifts. In the past Council has set a number. It has ranged between \$150.00 to \$606.00. These are typically long term employees. Susan Hagan recommended that Steve Vincent was with us for 30 years, she would recommend \$600.00. Mr. Per Due agreed.

The Grant Street Bridge Report recommended that until the bridge is replaced there will be a 3 ton limit.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** -

Mr. Per Due was unable to attend the previous council meeting. A vote was taken on the Pairings waterline. Mr. Per Due would like the record to reflect that he would have voted no and he opposes it as the City does not have money for roads, sidewalks and numerous other things. Mr. Per Due stated that he does not feel the City should be spending money on Pairings. It is a private endeavor. Mr. Per Due believes it is to the benefit of only a few citizens and not the general public. Mr. Per Due requests the record reflect that he would have voted no on that Ordinance.

There was a disagreement among parties during the last council meeting. Mr. Per Due spoke with Bob Rosebrugh, who was involved in the disagreement. Mr. Per Due was told that Mr. Pearson met with Mr. Rosebrugh at this home last Tuesday and admitted that Bob Rosebrugh was correct. That Mr. Pearson did take grindings that were the property of the City and that Mr. Pearson had denied it at the meeting and more or less called Mr. Rosebrugh a liar among other people on this Council and attacked Mr. Rosebrugh. Mr. Per Due feels that Mr. Pearson owes the citizen, Bob Rosebrugh, an apology in open session of the council meeting. Mr. Per Due would like to see a special prosecutor be appointed to look into what was taken. It does not matter if it amounts to \$.05 or \$50,000. Mr. Per Due stated that it is a taking that no-one else in the City could have done. Mr. Per Due stated that it was not appropriate to be done.

Mr. Per Due would like to address the parking in the Fire Department lot. The Recreation Director consistently parks in the lot and completely blocks the sidewalk. The parking lot is just for the Fire Department. It is a tow away zone. The general public cannot park in that lot. The sidewalk should not be blocked.

**Payment of Bills** - No objections

**Committee Reports** -

Mr. Miller stated that the Utility Committee met prior to the Council Meeting. The AMI, waterline on North Broadway as well as the Booster Station were discussed. The administration put together a spreadsheet on how to fund these projects.

The City has nominated three projects for a loan through the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account. This loan program is for drinking water.

The Committee discussed the AMI, the North Broadway waterline from Roosevelt to North Ave. and the Harpersfield Booster Station. The chart shows the current interest rate for those projects and the term of the loan. The annual payment would be \$71,000. The next section shows what will drop off. When the water system was purchased, part of the agreement was that the City would pay the School System for ten years for lost property tax which amounted to \$45,000. The

ten years is over at the end of this year. The next line shows half of what the City spent in meter readings and what would be saved in lost revenue and leak credits. The remainder of \$17,339.92 would be in addition to what the City currently pays out.

One of the things the City would like to consider is the \$255,000 budgeted for the Booster Station in this year's budget. By going through the loan process the City's cash flow will be improved and by using the \$255,000 to the remainder, it will carry the City 14 years. The City won't know on the nominations for the loans until May.

The Elm Street project - the city is looking to apply for some 0% money through OPWC.

Mr. Miller stated that spreadsheet clearly shows how the projects can be funded.

Susan Hagan stated that the Safety Committee met to discuss the new emergency dispatch software. It is being reviewed at the County. The County is postponing the Kimble Study for one week. The Committee will meet again after the study is released.

Howard Anderson stated that the Shade Tree Commission attended an Urban Forestry Conference at Lakeland last Friday. Superintendent Bittner and Mr. Anderson attended. There were a number of good presentations. It was a very beneficial conference.

**Citizens** – None.

Motion was made by Susan Hagan at 7:44 p.m. to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by David Per Due. 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Tim Miller at 8:17 p.m. to reconvene the Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Susan Hagan. 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Council Reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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