

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
March 11, 2013
7:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Jeffrey Piotrowski, Philip Cordova, Rodger Fuller, Howard Anderson, Mike Shupska and Michael Keenan

Absent: Tim Miller

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Pastor Jon Schroeder – St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Motion was made by Michael Keenan to approve the minutes, seconded by Howard Anderson to accept the minutes of the February 25, 2013 Council Meeting. Roll call, 6 yeas.

Department Presentation – Street Department – Superintendent Tim Bittner, Presenting

The City has used 296 tons of salt from last year, 433 tons out of this year’s purchased salt and incurred 126 hours of overtime.

The Street Department has begun assessing the roads for potholes.

There have been very few incidents at 534 and 84 since the road surface was addressed.

The Street Department is looking forward to the streetscape project.

Tree trimming has begun.

Update on the Plow – there have been issues with the plow valves malfunctioning. The truck is back at Newell Equipment. If they cannot correct it, the City has asked for another plow. The truck cannot be run with down pressure, the plow has to float.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council – None.

City Manager’s Report –

The Waste Management trash contract is expiring. It was a five year contract with three one year options to extend.

Mr. Pearson distributed quotes received from Waste Management for extending the contract. The first page contains the rates quoted. The second page is the existing rates. The 1 to 2 can pick-up increases by two and one-half percent (2 ½%). The unlimited is a reduction to us.

Waste Management would provide cart service for recycling instead of bins. The cart service would be bi-weekly instead of weekly.

The trash cart is 96 gallons. The recycling carts are 64 gallons. If the City would elect to go with this, the red bins would disappear and be replaced by the 64 gallon carts. The recycling service would become bi-weekly instead of weekly.

The City should have firm pricing by the next regular meeting.

Last year the City paved Sherman Street with OPWC funding. The City will be paving Chestnut with the remaining OPWC funds. The City has directed our engineering firm to evaluate what the City can do with the \$300,000 available.

Finance Committee would be the best committee to start negotiating on the Lease Agreement for PAIRINGS. The Finance Committee will get back to Mr. Pearson with a date. Mr. Pearson will talk to the PAIRINGS Board about available dates.

House Bill 5 will severely impact our income tax collection. The City will draft a Resolution in Opposition to House Bill 5.

Jennifer Brown, while research another subject, found Ordinance 688 passed in 1935 by Village of Geneva that transferred Memorial Field from the Village of Geneva to the School.

The City took out a twenty year bond eighteen years ago for the Woodridge and Chestnut Subdivisions. One owner in the Woodridge Subdivision owns eleven lots that are delinquent. The City may be able take them, do we want to take them? If the property goes to tax sale and nobody bids for two sales, the City can take them. The City would then be able to sell them. If there is a mortgage to a bank, the bank could take them.

Mr. Pearson met with a citizen who has proposed a railway viewing park platform to look at the trains. The citizen provided a detailed drawing. The Depot Lot west end would be best. It would not be expensive to put together. The City has funding in the donation line from the sale of bricks, VFW donation and CIC funds. Chief Starkey will cost out what it would cost. It was also suggested that a scanner be put in the ceiling to listen to the engineers. Mr. Pearson will come back to Council with a cost for this project.

Unfinished Business –

The parking lot project discussed last council meeting – the fence would be installed on top of the pavement.

Mr. Howard Anderson inquired about the mailing from the Finance Director about the State Audit. Was it correct that the City would pay the State Auditors \$29,000 to audit us? Ms. Stuetzer confirmed that, yes; we would pay \$29,000 for the audit and another \$16,000 for the GAP.

The Jail inspection took place. The City has not yet received the report; it will take a while to get the report. Chief Dudik will report to Council when we do receive the report.

New Business -

The City Manager, Street Superintendent and Howard Anderson attended an Urban Forestry Event at Lakeland. A lot of good information and ideas came out of it.

Payment of Bills - None.

Committee Reports -

Mr. Anderson stated that minutes from the from the Income Tax Committee organizational meeting were distributed to council members. Jeff Piotrowski and Denny Brown are Co-chairs, Bobbie Warner and Howard Anderson are Treasurer and Howard Anderson is the recorder. There is a meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Rodger Fuller reported that the NAD Board’s half mill levy has been kicked back to November.

Citizens - None.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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