

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
March 14, 2016
7:03 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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

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 Philip Cordova to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2016 Council Meeting, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 4 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Presentation – Street Department – Superintendent Tim Bittner - Presenting

During the months of January the Street Department had 123 hours plowing and salting roads, in February 118 hours. That is over and above their regular duties.

In January there were 39 hours of cold patch; in February 139 hours. Cold patch is done by two people constantly.

In January 75 hours were spent on snow removal in the downtown; 39 hours in February.

The weather was good to the City this year.

The Street Department is gearing up to inspect the bridge on North Ave. that is scheduled to be done.

The City received their Tree City USA awards.

Once it rains a few times, the City will get the Street Sweeper out to clean up the Downtown. Try not to run salt into the machine.

Plow trucks are holding up well.

The Street Department is finishing up the set up of the one ton putting all the lights, etc. on it.

Mr. Per Due commended Tim and the Street Department on their good work. Tim Miller agreed.

Last year the City paid \$5.00 a ton to have them store the unused salt. The City has used 435 tons out of the 990 tons we ordered. We can store 200 tons in the bin. The trucks stay loaded constantly so it is hard to tell what the City has used until the trucks are unload.

Citizens -

Bill Baker – 440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio

With regard to the vote on the property. Was the majority based on five or seven?

Mr. Miller stated that Council did confirm that it is a majority of Council and as Council has five members currently, it is the majority of five.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3187. 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 Susan Hagan to declare Ordinance No. 3186 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3187 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Ordinance No. 3187 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.

Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution No. 3349 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3350. A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of “Then and Now” Certificates by the Director of Finance for Purchases, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Philip Cordova to declare Resolution No. 3350 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3350 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution No. 3350 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3351. Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of Waste Management to Provide Refuse Collection for the City Residents, and declaring an emergency.

Citizens can continue to use the bag service; they will be charged \$3.00 additional for recycling. All residents pay for recycling in their bills. All of the previous options continue to be available.

Discussion was had regarding requiring that all citizens sign up for trash pick-up. This is not currently required. Conneaut has recently looked at requiring all citizens to have some type of pick-up.

The emergency reading is required in order to have the current billing go out with the new rates.

Mr. Buskirk explained the emergency reading procedure for the students in the audience.

Motion by William Buskirk, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution No. 3351 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by William Buskirk, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3351 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Resolution No. 3351 duly passed.

City Manager's Report -

The City continues to work with the Land Bank. There are four houses in the process.

Chief Arkenburg is working on the replacement of twenty plus light poles in the City.

The AMI project has already resulted in three house red flagged as 24 hour usage. Mr. Gilbert was able to do a simple fix for one of our citizens. We are seeing a positive outcome.

The City has received the Tree City USA award. Tim Bittner and Tammy Shuttleworth put a great deal of work into the process. The crews are continually maintaining our trees.

The North Broadway waterline will be tied in tomorrow. The contractor on it has been a good job working with the City crews. The North Avenue Bridge will close soon.

The Active Transportation Committee was held last week. The City is hoping to meet on Wednesday at noon to firm up routes. Some people would like the route to come through the City others do not want anywhere near the City.

Ms. Hagan stated this will be a walking and bike trail from Harperfield to Geneva-on-the-Lake. She would like any input the youth would have.

One of the young people in attendance asked how the Route 534 Bridge at Clay Street would be addressed. Mr. Buskirk stated that other alternative routes have been discussed. Where Clay Street comes into Route 534, the JEDD III project could potentially be running sewer line along Route 534.

Mr. Cordova stated that three of the first four bullet points on the Manager's memo are attributable to Amanda White. She does an excellent job; she is always prepared, thorough and knowledgeable. Ms. Hagan agreed.

The City was approached by the group that puts on the Canton Hall of Fame Race about doing something in Geneva. A 15K is scheduled for the September 17th. It will be in city and incorporating the nine wineries.

There have been discussions of highlighting the town and do a fundraiser for a local group to have Dinner on Broadway, white tablecloth dinner on Broadway. The City believes we can do that. It would be for 100 people.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Per Due stated that Ms. Gardner waited until the last minute to inform him that he would be ineligible to support his daughter in being appointed to the open council seat. Mr. Per Due further stated that Mr. Wilt had been allowed to vote on a contract that involved the Police Department when his brother was employee of the Police Department.

New Business –

The Soccer Board held their annual meeting and has made recommendations for appointment to the Board.

Mr. Buskirk stated the Soccer Advisory Board does a lot of work to make this happen. It is an unpaid position and they do a wonderful job. Mr. Per Due stated he believes they do a great job, as does Myke.

Mr. Per Due asked if background checks are done for our youth programs. Mr. Buskirk stated that when he was involved, the Soccer Program partnered with OSAN which did background checks for the coaches and provided insurance.

Mr. James Santiago – 48 E. Union Street, Geneva. Mr. Santiago stated that he knows Sean Dunlap and Scott Carley and they associated through the schools and background checks have been done. The soccer program is approved through Ohio Youth Soccer to be coaches and they do have to go through background checks. Mr. Santiago does not know about basketball.

David W. Per Due made a motion to appoint Scott Carley, Sean Dunlap, Calin Lechintan, and Annette Pfeifer to the Soccer Advisory Board. William Buskirk seconded the motion. Roll call on passage. 5 years. The motion duly passed.

Payment of Bills – none.

Committee Reports –

Mr. Buskirk stated that the Utility Committee met to review the trash hauler contract.

Citizens –

Susan Hagan stated that the Request as to whether Mr. Per Due should participate was at the request by Councilman Buskirk to our Law Director. The timeliness of that would be based on the time of the request made by Mr. Buskirk.

Mr. Per Due stated that it should have been done prior to the request.

Ms. Gardner stated that each and every employee and each and every public official is required to know the ethics laws. When it comes to Lauren, it is because someone feels there may be a conflict. Mr. Buskirk made a request that she investigate a possible conflict which she responded immediately.

Mr. Per Due stated that he disagrees. Mr. Wilt voted on the Police Contract and nothing was said.

Ms. Gardner stated every person is required to know the ethics laws and respond accordingly.

Mr. Buskirk stated that Ms. Gardner did respond in a timely manner.

Mr. Cordova stated that he believed that if anyone had asked about Mr. Wilt voting on the contract it would have been responded to accordingly.

Ms. Gardner stated that it was.

Mr. James Santiago – 48 E. Union Street, Geneva, Ohio

In reference to question to requiring everyone in the City to sign up for garbage disposal, there are some senior citizens that do not participate in the garage service. They have a minimal amount of garbage and their kids will come over and get it. If we require everyone to pay for garbage; that may be a hindrance to the senior citizens to require them to pay for something they don't pay now.

Mr. Per Due stated Council will take that into account.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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