

MINUTES
City of Geneva
March 23, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Phyllis Dunlap, Clerk of Council.

Motion was made by Philip Cordova to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by David W. Per Due. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Department Presentation – Amanda White, Presentation on the Hometown Competitiveness Initiative.

Ms. White gave an introduction and update to the Hometown Competitiveness Initiative. The Hometown Competitiveness Initiative is a comprehensive economic development strategy that builds community assets and resources.

The first phase of the Hometown Competitiveness Initiative is information gathering from the community. The City is collecting surveys through the beginning of April. Information will be gathered through focus groups and interviews as well.

The Initiative began in the Midwest and has a proven track record of creating jobs. Geneva is one of sixteen communities participating. The basic framework has four pillars that build small communities: Leadership; Entrepreneurship; Youth; and Philanthropy. Members of the community have been identified to Chair these committees. The City is working on filling the Philanthropy Chair position. The City is meeting with the CDC and hopes to engage them. The Chairpersons are working to fill the committees.

The Program unifies the four pillars to create projects that fill gaps. Long term the City will benefit by developing an economic development strategy which will assist the City in obtaining grants.

The surveys are due the first week in April. Paper copies are available at the Senior Center and the Recreation Center. The survey can be accessed on the City Website and on Face Book. As of Friday, the City had received 175 completed on-line surveys and approximately 75 completed paper surveys. Youth surveys are being distributed by Mr. Barbo.

Surveys are anonymous so there is a certain amount of error.

Mr. Anderson stated that he had filled out the survey; it did not take long to complete.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Resolution No. 3309. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners for Sanitary Wastewater Collection and Treatment, and declaring an emergency.

The County has passed legislation approving the agreement. An emergency clause has been added to this resolution so as not to delay the permit.

The City only has the right to operate the sewers within the boundaries of the City. This agreement with the County will service JEDD III and is similar to legislation passed for JEDD I and JEDD II.

Motion by Michael Shupska, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3309 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Phil Cordova, seconded by David W. Per Due that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3309 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3309 duly passed.

City Manager's Report -

Mr. Starkey asked Superintendent David Gilbert to update Council. Mr. Gilbert stated that this year has been different than others. There has been a run of frozen services on the City's side of the line. The City borrowed a device from the County to run steam through the line to melt the ice. The lines crossing the roads were freezing. The City addressed eight to fifteen incidents not including broken meters. Some homes were without water for up to seven (7) days. The City is anticipating the main breaks to begin soon.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business –

Re-appointment of Serge Grenier – Planning Commission

Comment was made that Mr. Grenier has been a benefit to the Planning Commission.

Howard Anderson made a motion to re-appoint Serge Grenier to a five year term (5/2015 – 5/2020) on the Planning Commission. Mike Shupska seconded the motion. Roll call. 7 yeas. Motion passed.

David W. Per Due made a motion that Council elect a Vice President of Council at this time. Mike Shupska seconded the motion.

Mike Shupska made a motion to nominate David W. Per Due as Vice President of Council. Bill Buskirk seconded the motion.

Howard Anderson made a motion to nominate Susan Hagan as Vice President of Council. Tim Miller seconded the motion.

Philip Cordova moved to close the nomination. Howard Anderson seconded the motion.

Roll call on closing on the nominations. 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Roll call on motion to appoint David W. Per Due. 4 yeas. 3 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Anderson stated that his no vote was due to his feeling that the President and the Vice President should both have experience on council having served more than just one year so that they have some history behind them and know which direction the City has been heading and make decisions accordingly.

Mr. Cordova requested that a Proclamation be presented at the next Council Meeting for the Geneva High School Girls' Basketball Team who came within one game of winning the State Tournament.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizens –

Richard Phinney
5122 Lake Road, Geneva-on-the-Lake

Mr. Phinney stated that the Girls' Track finished third in the nation was just in New York City. Although not associated with the school, Geneva Indoor Team, the team should also be recognized through a proclamation.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Clerk of Council