

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
March 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Susan Hagan opened the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Susan Hagan, Philip Cordova, Cynthia Miller and Dana Schenk

Mr. Buskirk arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Absent – Wm. Lucas McDaniel and Mario Butera.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Bishop D.J. Letau – Community Baptist Church.

Motion was made by Cynthia Miller to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2018 Council Meeting, seconded by Phillip Cordova. Roll call, 4 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – Police Department – Captain Greg Wiley, Presenting.

The 911 System is now located at the Call Center. All calls come into Jefferson and are then routed to the correct place. The theory is that the City’s dispatchers will get one call not multiple calls for the same incident. Dispatching will be run through the CAD System. The system has been in place for two or three weeks with no major hick-ups. This gives the City’s Dispatch Center more time to get our EMS and officers to where they need to be. The old 911 System will be removed on April 4th.

The Police Department has purchased four new MARCS radio hybrids for the officers working the road and a charging station. The radios have VHS frequencies as well as MARCS at a cost of \$3,500 each.

A new camera has been added in the jail to cover a previous blind spot in the system.

A Civil Service Exam is scheduled for April 4, 2018. The current test expires on May 1st.

Mr. Bill Peters will not request re-appointment to the Civil Service Board when his term expires.

The Law Enforcement Trust Fund (“LETf”) allows the Police Department to do a great deal of drug related work from education to enforcement. Seizures of money associated with drugs, all or a portion, go into the fund. The fund is slowly dwindling down due to the current need. The fund covers Officer Cahill’s drug work through TAG.

Officer Cahill spoke.

Officer Cahill has been assigned part-time with TAG for the past three years. The majority of the cost for additional training which has allowed Officer Cahill to work under cover and on federal level cases has been paid through LETf.

Mr. Buskirk arrived.

Officer Cahill has been involved in 150 TAG cases throughout the County. There were 63 drug cases in the County in 2017; 13 of those cases were in Geneva or Geneva Township. In 2018 there have been 11 trafficking cases, 14 cases involving firearms, 40 plus grams of heroin seized, 87 total indictments.

Overdoses are going down. This may be due to the crystal meth, amphetamine coming back into favor.

Getting the LETF funds built back up is key to continuing the City's continued involvement in TAG. The TAG Agreement states 10% of the seizure money can go back to the City of the lead officer in the case.

Ms. Gardner stated that in 2012 the City passed the Pre-trial Diversion Program. Pre-trial Diversion carries a civil fine which gets paid to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund. Ms. Gardner further stated that it is a terrific program.

Citizens –

Susan Hagan read a letter received from Captain Wiley commending the tremendous job the City's Dispatchers do and recognizing Margaret Distler, Deb Robertson, Rhonda Varckette, Ann Smith, Lynn Gersper and Lisa Taladino for all that they do on a daily basis.

Susan Hagan read a proclamation for "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week".

Bill Tobias
57 Roosevelt Drive, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Tobias has three grandchildren in the recreation league. Parking is an issue especially since Benson's gas station has been fenced off. Mr. Tobias stated that it could have been beneficial for the City to tear down the gas station for parking. Mr. Tobias asked if there was a plan for the site.

Ms. Hagan stated that they are not mutually exclusive. The site could be used for parking. Nothing is carved in stone. The City will take his comments under advisement.

The grant for the remediation of the property was submitted today. The Land Bank has the fence up for safety reasons. The City should know the outcome of the grant application in thirty days. By next winter the remediation should be complete.

Ron Bowser
74 Roosevelt Drive, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Bowser stated his concerns about all night parking on the street and the ability for emergency vehicles to get through. One house on the street has 5 or 6 cars in the driveway and one car that parks on the street all night long. Mr. Bowser feels it is an accident waiting to happen.

Mr. Starkey will touch base with the City Department Heads regarding this.

Mr. Cordova stated that South Eagle and Liberty is always a problem.

David Lettau
903 W. Main Street, Geneva, Ohio

Bishop Lettau stated the Ministerial Society is praying for Captain Wiley, the City Manager, Council and all of the safety forces during this time of Lent and Easter. The church will be walking the cross through

town and praying for our legislators, hospitals, and churches. Bishop Lettau thanked Council for their service.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 2336. An Ordinance to Update the Composition of the Architectural Review Board. Third Reading. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Ordinance No. 2337 – First Reading. An Ordinance to Create Chapter 1293 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Geneva Establishing Sign Regulations within the City of Geneva.

Lauren Gardner has reviewed the Ordinance. The Architectural Review Board and the Planning Commission have recommended the Ordinance. There are sign applications pending.

Amanda White worked very hard of on this.

Mr. Buskirk stated that the Ordinance should get the full three readings and the thirty days. Citizens should have an opportunity to comment.

Mr. Starkey noted that the Ordinance was discussed at the last council meeting. The Ordinance has been in the works for years.

Resolution No. 3407 – First Reading. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement between the City of Geneva and Geneva Township for the Purpose of Establishing Equity on the 2014 Sutphen Fire Engine.

Resolution No. 3408 – First Reading. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement between the City of Geneva and the Township of Geneva for the Purpose of Receipt of Fire Protection Services.

The current contract ends at the end of this year. Some of the language has been cleaned up as well as the rates.

Mr. Buskirk commended Mr. Starkey on his great work in putting both of these agreements together; in coordinating the equipment, training and personnel. It has been beneficial for the City and the Township.

City Manager Report –

The City received Mr. Bill Peter's notification that he would not be requesting to be reappointed to the Civil Service Commission. The City will work on advertising this open position.

The sidewalks have been repaved at the house demolition on Route 20 and Cummings.

They are removing asbestos at the Eastwood demolition site.

Dick Stiffler, retired firefighter, passed away.

Kelsey Dougherty called. She has volunteered to clean out the blessing box. She will check on it weekly.

The initial testing of the No. 6 Water Booster station shows it should qualify to be eliminated. The City wants to confirm that. Mr. Starkey will coordinate a meeting with the insurance providers for the factories that are required to have that in place.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizen – None.

Cynthia Miller made a motion to adjourn.

Dana Schenk seconded.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

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