

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
April 10, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, David W. Per Due, William Buskirk, and Wm. Lucas McDaniel.

Absent – Philip Cordova, Mario Butera

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Reverend Raymond Baker – Faith Freedom Fellowship.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – Wastewater Department – Superintendent Gary Hydinger, Presenting.

Mr. Hydinger thanked Council for their support on the various projects and more importantly on the rate structure needed to fund those projects. December 31st the City saw what will be a trend for the Wastewater Department in the near future, an employee retired. Greg Copeland had more than thirty years in PERS including fifteen plus years at the City of Geneva. There will be a couple more retirements coming in the next few years. Phil Kline of Public Works will replace Greg Copeland.

A significant amount of time was spent over the last year preparing the City's application for the new NPDES Permit which is supposed to last five years. EPA is moving to an electronic application. The City was one of the first in the state to try the electronic application. The City is expecting a visit this spring from representatives at Twinsburg to look over the plant.

There has not been any major construction at the plant in the last few years.

Council is voting this evening on the second reading for one of Wastewater's projects. Wastewater expects to have the money from the WPCLF fund for the Route 534 Sewer Project in the next two and half weeks. The City is moving forward in the hopes that there will be development coming soon.

The City was encouraged last Friday to see that Mr. Smith who owns the property where the potential hotel and restaurant sent out a letter to the adjacent property owners that they would be doing surveying, brush cutting and tree clearing very soon. This is the first positive step towards real action.

Council will have a second reading this evening on a loan for the design of the Headworks estimated at \$469,000. The construction should begin in 2018 with an estimated cost in excess of \$5.3 million. The loan is expected to be awarded in June.

In June the City is expecting an award for the design of the West Main Street Sanitary Sewer from Route 534 to West Street. The design will cost about \$350,000. The cost of the sewer depends on how much of the roadway the City will pay for as well as other factors including storm sewer work, etc... The sanitary sewer replacement alone is \$3.5 million. This project will be constructed in either 2020 or 2021.

The salmonella elimination project at the plant is estimated at \$100,000.

Mr. Hydinger again thanked Council for their support.

Mr. Miller asked how these projects were setting up with the debt falling off.

Mr. Hydinger stated that the City will be doing very well for the next four years. The amount of debt falling off is approximately \$3.5 million. The City has somewhere between \$8 million and \$11 million in projects with the debt coming on in approximately 2021.

The City has been using tap-in fee time payment plans which will fall off decreasing revenue \$50,000 a year by 2018. The City is hoping to see some development in the JEDDs bringing in new tap-in fees.

In JEDD III the debt payment on the sewers are going to be about \$91,000 a year. The income tax from the JEDD is currently generating approximately \$42,000 a year. In order to make sure the project can move forward, Wastewater has pledged the money allocated for the combination truck which would have had a payment of \$46,000 a year on a ten year payment plan to make up the difference until development happens in the JEDD.

Mr. Hydinger stated the Wastewater Department is solid for the next four to five years. Development in the JEDD will generate tap-in fees and user fees. Hotels and restaurants can generate a significant amount of user fees. In order to promote the JEDDs, the City has given up \$8,000 through a reduction in rates in JEDD I and almost twice that much in JEDD II to allow those users who are paying income taxes into the City and getting no other City services to share the benefits that residents of the city have.

Mr. Starkey stated that the West Main reconstruction totals over \$8 million for the entire project.

Mr. Hydinger and Mr. Starkey met with a developer last week on the Route 534 project. The sewer project has already sparked some interest.

Mr. Starkey thanked Mr. Hydinger for all the help; he has been coordinating projects here at the City and making sure the paperwork is signed and packaged. Mr. Hydinger's efforts are appreciated.

Citizens –

Mr. Miller read a proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

The dispatchers do a great job and are often not seen.

The proclamation is well deserved.

Susan Hagan stated that she had recently done a ride along with Officer Code Vadascio. Officer Vadascio was smart, professional and kind. Ms. Hagan thanked the Police Department for that experience and recommended every council person consider doing a ride along.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3208. An Ordinance Amending Zoning Classification for Permanent Parcel #20-011-00-090-00 from I Industrial to R-4 Single Family Residential District. First Reading.

The zoning change recommended by the Planning Commission affects the Water Street property that touches the property behind the Water Street Bar. The property goes through to North Ave. One of the properties was zoned residential and one industrial; the properties but up against each other. It is the property over the creek. The owner is looking to combine the lot. They are combining everything on the stream and to west.

Resolution No. 3379. 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 the Design of the U.S. Route 20 Sewer Replacement, and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan, and declaring an emergency. Second Reading.

Motion by David W. Per Due to pass Resolution No. 3379, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution No. 3379 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by David W. Per Due to waive the third reading, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage 5 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Resolution No. 3380. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to File an Application with the Ohio Department Of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Grant for Phase II of the 534 Corridor Trail, and declaring an emergency. Second Reading.

This grant is for the TAP funds for the bike trail. This grant will fund 95% of the project. The Clean Ohio Grant is anticipated to pay the balance. If the City is not awarded the Clean Ohio Grant, the City will be obligated to approximately \$37,000. This resolution authorizes the filing of the grant. The earliest construction would begin is next year. The funds for the project coming from Route 534 to Sherman and Clay Street will be released this July. This grant would be in the next cycle. This project will eventually hook up with Geneva-on-the-Lake.

The Harpersfield project from Route 534 to Sherman and Clay has been approved. This project is the next phase.

Motion by David W. Per Due to pass Resolution No. 3380, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution No. 3380 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to waive the third reading, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 5 yeas. Roll call on passage 5 yeas. Motion duly passed.

City Manager Report –

CT Consultants has administered and implemented the CHIP grant for years. The City of Conneaut has decided to go with the County and that left the City in a position to lose points. The City went jointly with Conneaut the last funding round. The City going with the County allows the City to gain those points. It is in the City's best interest to partner. CT Consultants has done a great job for many years. The City will be meeting with the County tomorrow. Legislation will come before Council at the next meeting. The City would request that Council pass the legislation by emergency at the next meeting in order to meet the timeline for filing.

Mr. Starkey thanked Chief Arkenburg for coordinating the dumpsters. The ones behind the building are the free ones from last year's contract. As they do fire inspections it is an opportunity for some of the businesses to clean out their basements.

North Broadway will be closed Tuesday. The hope is that the City can pull the barriers back on the weekends so that cars can pass through. The road will not really be open. C.I.R. will start at North Ave. come down, cut across and tie in the main at Elm Street. Then will they do the sidewalks and aprons.

Mr. Starkey believes the hotel study can be funded through the Community Development Fund. There are several entities coming on board. It is a part of the corridor study project.

Bids have been received for the property on Austin Road and a loan is being pursued. The City should have legislation to Council for approval at the next meeting.

The sign for "Sgt. William 'Bill' Endress" has been ordered. Mr. Starkey has been in touch with the family, his sister. Mr. Starkey will coordinate with the family.

The City has not yet talked about the effect of the Water Street Bridge delay on the remainder of the Water Street project. The delay is being caused by two concerns, the environmental and utilities which could take up to fourteen months. Mr. Buskirk stated his frustration with the environmental review on some projects but when ODOT does a project, it is not an issue.

The archways have not recently been discussed.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports –

Mr. Buskirk stated that Phil Cordova requested a Finance Committee for Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. prior to Council.

Safety Committee meeting is scheduled this evening after the council meeting.

Citizens – None

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to adjourn.

Susan Hagan seconded.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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