

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
April 11, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Mr. Mario Butera and Mr. William Lucas McDaniel were administered the Oath of Office by Douglas Starkey, City Manager during the Work Session.

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

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

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

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2016 Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 5 yeas, 2 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2016 Special Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 5 yeas, 2 abstained. Motion passed.

Presentation – Water Department – Superintendent David Gilbert Presenting

The Automatic Meter Reading Infrastructure is moving along well; 265 meters are left for Aqua to swap out, 86 of those are vacant properties. The City will likely complete the last 100 in house as they will be the hardest. As of last Friday 1,545 accounts are entirely complete. There are about 1,000 end units (meter reading devices) to be installed.

Mr. Gilbert thanked the Fire Department, a great asset to the Water Department. The Fire Department maintains the hydrants and has devoted one person to the AMR project. The new public works person was also devoted to the AMR project.

North Broadway water main project - the main line is in, the connection is made at Roosevelt. There are 7 more services to connect. The connections on the water mains on the south end are not yet complete.

The City was able to add 800 feet to the Elm Street project which will encompass updating the water main on 534 between North Ave and Elm. The City will review this and make sure that it will work for us. The City will have a twelve inch main from the Lake to Reservoir.

The new public works position is working well but not without growing pains; vehicles, places to sit, places to store his lunch. There is a noticeable difference having the extra person available for water and wastewater needs.

There have been a total of fifteen main breaks since September of 2015. The Water Department has fixed six of them in house. The contractor handled nine. With the current personnel and

equipment the City can only handle breaks in the five foot range. Our equipment cannot handle the deep main breaks.

Revenues are on target for the first quarter.

Fifteen main breaks are on the lower end of normal. Typically there would be twenty-five or more. The winter of 2015 gave the system a good shake down.

Three customers have benefited by the red flagging of the twenty-four hour usage.

Dave Gilbert, Janice and Pam each receive an e-mail listing errors and leak detection, 24 hour continuous use. This allows the City to call the resident and inform them that the system is showing a continuous use of water; typically a leaking toilet. The City typically has \$12,000 a year in leak credits.

The leak credit option is still in place.

Once the system is fully functional, customers will receive a monthly actual read.

Aqua has inquired about the timing of the City winding down the meter reading.

Citizens –

Joe Shuttleworth
204 Elm Street, Geneva, Ohio 44041

Mr. Shuttleworth asked how the City was funding a day care.

Mr. Miller stated the City does not have a day care.

Mr. Shuttleworth stated that on Monday and Tuesday's there is a ten year old girl here in Council.

Mr. Miller stated that he is not aware that the City is running a day care.

Mr. Shuttleworth said that he is aware of it.

Mr. Miller asked that the City Manager look into it.

Mr. Starkey asked Mr. Shuttleworth to clarify the days. Mr. Shuttleworth stated that Tuesday was guaranteed. Usually Monday and Tuesdays, anytime there is a snow day. The rest of the citizens that pay taxes should be aware of it.

Mr. Per Due asked Mr. Shuttleworth to clarify, is he saying that an employee doesn't have a babysitter and is bringing their child to work.

Mr. Shuttleworth stated, yes, weekly.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3188. An Ordinance Consenting to Necessary Repairs and Construction by the Ohio Department of Transportation, and declaring an emergency.

ODOT will be microsealing on the east side of Route 20 just short of Ansel Road. It is 400' into the City limits. It is a project the State is doing. The gas line will be in before they get to this. No cost to the city.

Motion by David W. PerDue, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Ordinance 3188 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by David W. Per Due, 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. 3188 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3188 duly passed.

City Manager's Report -

Mr. Starkey welcomed the New Council Members.

Mr. Starkey attended the Library Grand Re-opening. Mr. Starkey was impressed with the crowd that attended. The Library is a great asset to the community.

The City received the Keep Ohio Beautiful Sherman Williams Grant through the efforts of Shelly Huff and Myke Anderson. The grant will be used to paint the Memorial Field fence around the field. The City is working with Midget League to provide the labor.

The Dog Park is fenced in.

Mr. Starkey would like Council to consider passing a resolution opposing the proposed limited operation of the United States Coast Guard Station Ashtabula. There have been several meetings on this, the latest being this morning in Ashtabula. Coast Guard Representatives were in attendance. They are proposing to be a twenty-four hour facility during the boating season; from Memorial Day to Labor Day. In the winter they would operate out of Fair Port. The concern from the safety forces is the loss of the ice rescue capabilities that they have. Also, the shoulder seasons are a concern. The facility will not be fully staffed; there will be only four people.

This resolution is the mirror image to the County's Resolution.

The goal is get all of the townships and Cities to pass the Resolution as well. The three City Managers are also drafting a letter in opposition.

Representatives from David Joyce and Sherrod Brown's office, and Mr. Patterson were in attendance.

Mr. Buskirk requested that the Resolution be held until the next council meeting to give him a chance to review it.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Buskirk reminded the public that the City has a three year contract with Saybrook Soils on Depot Road to take Geneva residents yard waste. Saybrook Soils is across from Saybrook Feed and Garden. The Recycling Center is closed. The City pays \$2,000 per year.

New Business –

David W. Per Due stated that he received two phone calls from senior citizens regarding people telling them they were the IRS and asking them to return the call or send money. The IRS does not work that way. The IRS would send a letter if they had a problem.

Chief Dudik stated that a report was made last week of someone being requested to pay a bond for his grandson. They had information on the grandson and the family. Most people’s information is on the internet.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizens –

Joe Shuttleworth
204 Elm Street, Geneva, Ohio

Who does the books for CIC? How would Mr. Shuttleworth find that out?

A request can be made to the City Manager.

David W. Per Due made a motion to adjourn. Susan Hagan seconded the motion.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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