

MINUTES  
City of Geneva  
Council Meeting  
April 24, 2017  
6:04 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 6:04 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 Mr. David W. Per Due.

The minutes were tabled from the April 10, 2017 meeting.

**Department Presentation** – Fire Department – Fire Chief, Dale Arkenburg, Presenting.

Dale Arkenburg commented that the Fire Department has pledge money toward the second simulator that Chief Dudik presented in the work session.

The Fire Department has started their annual hydrant maintenance. Chief Arkenburg explained that this is an important process and has been a great benefit to the City to make sure they are in working order. Dale Arkenburg explained he was first on scene at a call in Madison and he was unable to get the hydrant open.

Mr. Arkenburg introduced a new hire to the Geneva Fire Department, Christopher Lyons who was in attendance. Dale Arkenburg also reported that he has two explores that are finishing the program and he hopes to get them onto the department as soon as they graduate. The explorers program has worked out well for the City and he hopes it is a good recruiting tool for the department.

Mr. Arkenburg said he is continuing to send his staff to training. He has one going to the FDIC in Indianapolis, one continuing with Fire Investigation and there are a number others doing various classes throughout the year.

Mr. Arkenburg said his current struggles are with funding to keep up the maintenance on the fire trucks. The internal parts that are going on the fire truck are a lot of money, one value on the truck is over \$1200. Our Firefighters have been trying to fix the truck internally to save money but the truck is rotting out and it's getting harder and harder and more expensive to get the trucks repaired and to pass the testing.

Mr. Arkenburg reported that they have had significant call volume this year. The other night that had a family of 5 tip over in a kayak and a severe crash at Austin & Maple. These type of calls take a lot of many power and affect the budget heavily. Meth labs are also very time consuming for the department.

Mr. Arkenburg reported that the new software upgrade has been working out well for them. He is also looking another piece for the fire inspectors that they will be able to use with tablets at the scene.

Mr. Arkenburg reported that he has been trying to keep up on all the new cancer legislation and making sure his guys take steps to stay safe. Geneva is 1 of 5 departments in the County that have a gear washer and they are now making sure they're washing the head gear and wearing clean hear gear every time.

Mr. Arkenburg reported that they are still having some radio communication issues. They will be looking at MARCAS radios. They County just got a grant to look into radios.

**Citizens** – None.

Mr. Miller read a proclamation declaring Friday, April 28, 2017 Arbor Day in the City of Geneva.

Mr. Arkenburg commented that he is working with NOPEC on a potential grant to replace the back steps and concrete pad at the back entrance to the Recreation Center, fix the bathroom wall in the Fire Department and fire dispatch center. This project is estimates at \$20,000.

#### **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. Second Reading.

**Resolution No. 3381.** A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Winter Contract (018-18) For Road Salt, and Declaring an Emergency.

Doug Starkey stated that the City is predicting to use 1000 tons of salt and we will be required to take at least 80% of that and cannot take more than 10% over that. The City has had to pay storage fees in the past in order to meet those requirements. Mr. Per Due asked the status of the salt building. Mr. Starkey said we are still moving forward but we are now considering looking at doing the foundation in house.

Motion by Philip Cordova to pass Resolution 3381, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3381 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Mario Butera, seconded by W. Lucas McDaniel that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3381 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3381 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3382.** A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Partnership Agreement With Ashtabula County For The PY 2017 Community Housing Impact And Preservation (CHIP) Grant With The Ohio Development Services Agency, Office Of Community Development, And Declaring An Emergency.

Tammy Shuttleworth and Phyllis Dunlap have been working hard on finalizing the terms of the new CHIP grant application with the County. Conneaut had decided to partner with the County this year and in order to maximize funds you are able to receive we needed to partner as well so we decide to partner with the County as well.

Motion by Susan Hagan to pass Resolution 3382, seconded by Mario Butera to declare Resolution 3382 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3382 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3382 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3383.** A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With Ohio Development Services Agency For Removal Of Tanks And Pump Islands At Benson Property, And Declaring An Emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due to pass Resolution 3383, seconded by Mario Butera to declare Resolution 3383 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by W. Lucas McDaniel, 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. 3383 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3383 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3384.** 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 Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan Update, And Declaring An Emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan to pass Resolution 3384, seconded by Philip Cordova to declare Resolution 3384 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3384 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3384 duly passed.

#### **City Manager Report –**

- Doug Starkey thanked Amanda White for her work with the Land Bank on the grant for Bensons. We were awarded a grant to remove the tanks and then we will apply for another grant for remediation. The City will not have to front the money on this projects.
- The lighting strike had caused an estimated \$45,000 of damage. The claim has been submitted to the insurance company and now we are awaiting their answer.
- 69 Lockwood is scheduled to come down. Hopefully then next one will be the corner of Cummings and Route 20. The blue tarp one is getting closer to being done. The Fire Chief is trying to work with the Land bank on using some of these houses for training.
- Amanda White had been doing a lot of hard work on all these projects.
- We had one bidder on the property at corner of Austin and North Ave. We are waiting for his financing to be finalized and then we will have legislation to Council
- Mr. Starkey thanked Mario Butera and the rest of his students that helped with the cleanup at Memorial Field.

- There is a group of students that want to reinstate the Geneva Clean and Green. They are getting some volunteers together and will bring the names back to me.

There was a question asked what the process would be of selling the land after the houses are tore down. Doug Starkey answered that anyone interested would have to work with the Land bank because they own it.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** –

The Liquor License Renewal for Jose A. Ortiz DBA Joe Falco Place has been reviewed by Chief Dudik, no concerns. A hearing was not requested by Council.

**Resolution No. 3385.** Strongly Opposing The State Of Ohio Governor’s Proposed 2017-2018 Budget, Which Proposes Centralized Collection Of Net Profit Tax Returns And Other Provisions Related To The Municipal Income Tax Which Will Cause A Substantial Loss Of Revenue Needed To Support The Health, Safety, Welfare And Economic Development Efforts Of Ohio Municipalities, And Declaring An Emergency.

The Finance Committee reported that there was discussion on this in the Finance Committee meeting and there very views on both sides but it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to pass the resolution in opposition of centralized collection. Shelley Huff commented that the City will lose at least \$6,000 in fees to start plus not having local oversight on the collection will cause significant revenue loss to the City and the JEDD’s/

Motion by Susan Hagan to pass Resolution 3385, seconded by Mario Butera to declare Resolution 3384 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas, 2 nays. 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. 3385 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas, 2 nays. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas, 2 nays. Resolution No. 3385 duly passed.

**Payment of Bills** – No comments

**Committee Reports** –

The Finance Committee ported that they discussed the potential sources to raise capital funds. They are recommending that legislation be prepared to put on the ballot a .7% income tax increase and have it ready to submit to the Board of elections by the August 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The Safety. Committee reported that there was a good turnout at the event. Chief Dudik, Officer Cahill, Judge Schroder, Marie from the Drug Court. The Geneva Library has about 60-80 kids from 2:00 pm – 5:00 PM. They will be moving forward on the program but it is in the early stages.

**Citizens** –

Bill Baker  
440 Blaine Street, Geneva

Mr. Baker asked if the legislation passed opposing the centralized collection has any binding affect. Tim Miller responded that it is just a resolution to express our voice and have it be heard in Columbus.

Susan Hagan commented that she has been getting a lot of calls from mothers that have lost their children. She commented that there is going to be great things done in the area and everyone will be proud of them.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mario Butera.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Recorded by: Tammy Shuttleworth  
Temporary Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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