

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
April 27, 2015

7:01 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:01 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 Susan Hagan to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by Phil Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

**Department Presentation** – Fire Department, Tim Parks presenting.

The Fire Department was able to purchase thirty-one (31) SCBAs and thirty-one (31) spare bottles with the FEMA Grant. The equipment was received in January and the department has been training on them for the last four (4) months. The equipment has a number of safety features including a tracking system. If someone goes down, the equipment identifies that.

Mr. Parks thanked Council.

The last class for the transition from firefighter one to firefighter two is Friday. The City has seven firefighters in this training class.

Currently the classroom work is here at the City Hall and then the training is completed at the Training Tower. The inside of the Training Center is almost complete. Once the walls are put together, the City will be able to do all the training at the Training Tower. A state test is required once training is complete.

The grass unit arrived on Friday. The Department is putting in the portable pump system. It should be installed by the end of the week. The pick-up is a joint purchase. The light bar is scheduled to be installed two weeks out. Once the pump is installed the truck will be responding to non-emergency calls.

The Fire Department does many inspections including alarm systems for new Group Homes. They inspect to be sure that fire extinguishers are in adequate locations.

The FEMA Grant was for \$244,000 with a five percent (5%) match.

The SCBAs glow in the dark. They can be hooked together.

## Citizens –

Vince Crawford  
Public Representative  
Waste Management  
12340 Auburn Road  
Chardon, Ohio

Mr. Crawford provided a handout on recycling.

Contamination is a big issue. Waste Management uses single stream recycling. Products go into the bin and are processed to sell. The oil industry is in the tank, gas and oil wells are shutting down. Plastics don't have the value they had. When values were high, contamination was okay. Waste Management is at the breakeven point for value and contamination. Waste Management lost one hundred million dollars last year.

Previously sixty to seventy percent of recyclables were being shipped to China. It is now six percent. China does not need our recycling now.

Waste Management is committed. We need to make it better. The company has continued to get better over the last twenty years. Technology is improving, better product.

Sixty-five percent of the people that recycle put garbage in the recycling bin. Plastic grocery bags and Styrofoam do not go in the bins. Plastic utensils are not recyclables, they jamb up the machines. Shredded paper is not recyclable. People can go to [RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com) for more information. No needles. There are people on the line that physically pull out material.

The City is one year into the start of the carts and recycling is up thirty-two percent. From April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 two hundred sixty-nine tons (269) was collected. Recycling is down the first quarter; believe that is due to weather.

This weekend is the city-wide clean-up. Fifteen to twenty trucks with two people per truck will be out. All material must be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. Customer's accounts need to be current. Items need to be bundled or boxed.

Discussion was had on ways to get information out to the public on what can and cannot be recycled. Flyers handed out at school, placing information on the website; smaller flyers to be distributed were bills were all discussed.

Waste Management does not pick-up old paint. The County holds a hazardous waste pick-up once a year. Mr. Starkey stated that there is a link to that on the City's website; however, he is not sure that the County is doing it this year.

Mr. Per Due inquired about the recycling of needles. Citizens can go on line to purchase a sharps container, a UPS Box which is prepaid and bar-coded. When the box is full, mail it. That way it is safe. A similar process can be done to recycle batteries.

### **Items for Consideration of Council –**

**Resolution No. 3319.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Northwest Ambulance District to Provide for Mutual Assistance for Dispatching Services. First Reading.

The current contract expires in May. Some of the wording is being looked at. If there is a substantial change, Mr. Starkey will bring that back to Council.

**Resolution No. 3320.** A Resolution Declaring Certain Property to be Surplus Property, Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Surplus Property, and declaring an emergency.

This is City property that has been sitting in storage.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3320 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Howard Anderson that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3320 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3320 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3321.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Conneaut Telephone Company to Provide Services Associated with the City's Computer Network, and declaring an emergency.

The monthly fee has been increased by \$375. The company has historically provided more than their contract. The contract expires in April. This is a two year agreement based on hours of service.

The City did not check with other services. The City previously used BPI out of Bedford. There was a significant improvement when the City went with Conneaut Telephone.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3321 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. 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 3321 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3321 duly passed.

### **City Manager's Report -**

Mr. Starkey thanked Tim Bittner for his due diligence on researching the salt quality. The City received \$2,300 credit.

Mr. Per Due stated that four or five citizens had asked him if the City was selling the Water Company and if the City was combining the sewer, water and street departments under one department.

Mr. Starkey stated that he, David Gilbert and Aqua had had a meeting. Leasing of the system instead of buying the system back was discussed. The City is nowhere near selling our water company.

Mr. Starkey has been exploring combining of the departments. He has met with the department heads and is evaluating.

The previous streetscape does not have trees installed. The City was waiting for spring. There was a recommendation to change the style of trees so that if some type of blight would kill a specific species, the City would not lose all of the trees. The City is looking at Zelcova, a straight growing tree, grows high and will clear the vehicles.

Mr. Per Due would like to see the flag on the poles. Mr. Starkey stated that they would be up by Memorial Day. The City does not put them out once the planters are out as the flags beat up the flowers. Mr. Per Due would like to see the flags out.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** – None.

**Payment of Bills** – None.

**Committee Reports** –

Service Committee was discussed during Work Session.

Finance Committee Meeting has been scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Citizens** –

Bill Baker  
440 Blane Street, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Baker had a question on the executive session to discuss the compensation of the City Solicitor. Mr. Miller stated that the vote will be public. Mr. Per Due stated that should Council decide on an increase or a decrease, it will be by resolution.

Susan Hagan made a Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to Consider the Compensation of the City Solicitor. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. 6 yeas. 1 nay. Motion passed at 7:39 p.m.

Mike Shupska made a Motion to Reconvene at 8:01 p.m. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Mr. Miller stated that there would be no action this evening.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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