

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
April 28, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Jeff Piotrowski opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Jeff Piotrowski, Howard Anderson, Mike Shupska, Susan Hagan, William Buskirk, David W. Per Due

Absent – Tim Miller

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

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to approve the April 14, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Mike Shupska. Roll call, 5 yeas. 1 abstention.

Department Presentation – Fire Department – Chief Doug Starkey, Presenting

Chief Starkey stated that the challenge of the 2014 budget has not changed.

Chief Starkey introduced Dale Arkenburg. Firefighter Arkenburg has been promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Arkenburg is the Coordinator of the Fire Prevention Program.

Lieutenant Arkenburg gave a Fire Prevention Update. The City's Fire Department attends numerous events to educate the public on Fire Prevention. The use of the safety trailer, hazard house and fire extinguisher trainer are utilized to educate the public.

The Prevention Division of the Fire Department annually visits all nursing homes as well as various businesses. The scheduling of these trainings at the various facilities happens at all hours of the day and night to accommodate work hours. There are some facilities where fire prevention classes occur at 11:00 p.m. to include the third shift.

All of the City's businesses receive fire extinguisher training. The City provides training when employees are available, making it more cost effective for businesses. Classes were previously done in the summer. The schedule has been changed to do a few a month.

The City's Fire Department makes an effort to attend and participate in as many events as possible including Ghoulfest, Winterfest, etc...

The City's Fire Department is teaching fire safety in the Geneva Schools.

The Fire Department trains between fifteen hundred and twenty five hundred people per year.

Lieutenant Arkenburg is also involved in the Juvenile Fire Setters Program. The Department now has three members that work with children. The program can take up to six months and includes parents, guardians and various other mental health partners. The program has two to three juveniles referred each year.

Chief Starkey stated the Fire Department is hoping to save money in order to facilitate the purchase of turn-out gear. Helmet - \$300. Coat and Pants - \$2,200. Gloves - \$90.00. Leather Boots - \$300. Leather boots cost more up front but last much longer.

The M.A.R.C.s Radio System is being updated. The mobiles will not be upgraded.

The engine is due to have a \$2,000 repair.

The Fire Department has cut back on the Conferences attended.

Awards for the F.E.M.A. Grant to replace the SCBAs should be announced soon. All of the SCBAs are out of compliance.

The 1985 Engine that was declared surplus and has been held in reserve will be sold. This will save on maintenance, testing, etc.

Tri-C has requested to use the Training Center. ATEC uses the center twice a year.

The Fire Department continues to train with the water rescue team as the support group for the swimmers.

Karen McCroden donates thirty hours a week to the Fire Department and has for years.

The Fire Department is in the process of updating the Emergency Operations Plan. Any Council Members who do not have a copy of the plan should let the Fire Department know. Susan Hagan and David Per Due do not have a copy.

Chief Starkey distributed the Fire Department Annual Report for Council's review.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Resolution No. 3278. A Resolution Proposing and Submitting the Harpersfield Township-City of Geneva Joint Economic Development District Contract for Public Review and Comment; and Setting a Public Hearing, and declaring an emergency.

The public hearing will be held June 2nd in Harpersfield and June 9th in the City of Geneva.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3278 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by David

Per Due that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3278 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3278 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3279. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Lease Agreement with Luisa's Mexican Grill, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Per Due stopped by the Hardware store that would be affected by this legislation on the way to Council. It was indicated to Mr. Per Due that there is concern that this will hurt their business. Therefore, Mr. Per Due will have to oppose this legislation.

Three spaces will be gained back by parking in front of the driveway apron. There are five or six parking spaces in that lot; however, a large vehicle would have real problems parking there. A number of those spaces are being taken up by residents, business and building owners. The Police Department is doing a complete canvas, talking with business owners, property owners and tenants regarding parking. The Chief has found that some of the cars are there most of the day.

Everyone has the same right to park for two hours. The issue is going over the two hours.

The Police Department will begin with a friendly discussion, it will then move to chalking and then to ticketing.

Mr. Miller stated that the City is currently responsible to plow and salt that lot. If the City leases it, it will not be the City's responsibility.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3279 an emergency measure. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Bill Buskirk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3279 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Resolution No. 3279 duly passed.

City Manager's Report –

Mr. Pearson and both Chiefs attended a meeting regarding the Kimble Study. Options were discussed. The City will be asking to have a face to face meeting with the Commissioners and the three cities.

Chief Dudik needs to update the software. This is the first step in that process. The costs are not yet known.

The Study is in draft. The comment period ends on the 30th of the month.

The Geneva Business Association is engaging the community to raise money to light the trees downtown. The cost is \$300 per tree. There are seventeen trees. Enough money has been raised to light twelve of them. Once the money is raised, the City will have an appropriation for Council.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business

Pairings has requested to borrow the City's sidewalk stamp to allow them to keep the look of the sidewalk cohesive as they install new sidewalk.

Susan Hagan made a motion to allow Pairings to borrow the stamp. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. 6 yeas. The motion passed.

Committee Reports - None

Citizens – None.

Motion was made by David Per Due to go into Executive Session to discuss pending legal action. The motion was seconded by Howard Anderson. 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to reconvene at 8:08 p.m. Susan Hagan seconded. 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Ms. Dunlap distributed information on the Sunshine Training. Council may designate someone to attend on behalf of Council. The nearest training is scheduled for May 12, 2014 at Lakeland Community College. Ms. Dunlap attended as the designee in 2012. Ms. Dunlap is unable to attend on May 12th. Mr. Per Due stated that he would willing to attend on Council's behalf but needed to check his schedule.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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