

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
May 12, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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

Absent – Jeffrey Piotrowski

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

Motion was made by Mike Shupska to approve the minutes of April 28, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by David Per Due. Roll call, 5 yeas. 1 abstention.

Motion was made by Susan Hagan to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 Special Council Meeting, seconded by Howard Anderson. 6 yeas.

Department Presentation – Planning Commission – Harley Deleon, Presenting

Ms. Deleon presented Planning Commission highlights including a Variance application submitted by Verizon Wireless which brought to light the need to create an Ordinance to regulate cell towers and the need to look at other new technologies such as solar panels and wind turbines.

An Application for Rezoning for 119 S. Eagle and 135 S. Eagle was submitted. The number of Home Occupations prompted the City to review the policy on how Home Occupation Permits are issued.

Form Based Zoning Code as it relates to our comprehensive plan is being looked at. The cost for Form Based Zoning can range from \$20,000 to \$100,000. The City is looking at \$30,000. It was suggested that the City begin to carve out funding each year to address this in the future.

Citizens – None.

Each year the State of Ohio asks communities to be active in the seat belt campaign.

A Proclamation for Click it or Tick it was read.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance 3138 – First Reading. An Ordinance to Approve the Editing and Inclusion of Certain Ordinances as Parts of the Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances; to Provide for the Adoption of New Matter in the Updated and Revised Codified Ordinances; to Provide for the Publication of Such New Matter; to Repeal Ordinances and Resolutions in Conflict Therewith; and to declaring an emergency.

The Law Director would like time to review the Ordinance; therefore, this is a first reading.

Resolution No. 3280. A Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Improve the Streets in the City of Geneva by Supplying Electric Lighting, and declaring an emergency.

This is the annual street lighting assessment which began in 1958. This is the first step in the process.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3280 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. 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 3280 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3280 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3281. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for Improvements to the North Ave. Bridge, and declaring an emergency.

This is a \$365,000 Project, \$292,000 will be covered by the grant and \$73,000 by the City.

Motion by Susan Hagan seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3281 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. 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 3281 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3281 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3282. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with Appalachian Regional Commission for Construction of Sanitary Sewer, and declaring an emergency.

This Resolution relates to the sanitary sewer line down Route 534 as part of JEDD III.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by David Per Due to declare Resolution 3282 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 3282 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3282 duly passed.

City Manager's Report –

Mr. Pearson requested the Mr. Per Due schedule a Planning Committee Meeting to discuss the Recycling Center.

The City will begin doing crack sealing. The City will also begin the line striping.

UHHS Memorial Hospital of Geneva would like to purchase banners for the Downtown to show the presence of the hospital. The Hospital will cover the cost. They may also purchase others for the City. The City rotates the banners. There were no objections.

The Great Lakes 100 Mile Triathlon Route will include Route 84 through town.

Unfinished Business -

There was concern about cancelling the Memorial Day meeting. Juanita Stuetzer was able to get the needed legislation on tonight's agenda.

The Council meeting for May 31st will be cancelled if there is no objection. No objections were made.

New Business

The traffic light on Route 534 and Austin Road - some citizens have complained that the light changes rapidly. It was asked if the City could look into this. The Street Superintendent stated that he has contacted the signal company and the Engineer is waiting for the Engineer to get back to him. The light turns rapidly on the North and South side, only one car gets through. In the evening the light is longer.

Civil Service Appointment

Chief Dudik stated that the Civil Service has three members, each has a 6 year term. Gary Holt's term expired June of 2013. The seat is vacant. The other members are Bill Peters and Tony Capo. Joe Carroll has applied for the open seat.

Mike Supska made a motion to appoint Joseph Carroll to the Civil Service Commission for a six year term. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call. 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to acknowledge Susan Hagan as Geneva City Council's designee at the Sunshine Training held May 12, 2014. Mike Shupska seconded the motion. Roll call. 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Committee Reports - None

Susan Hagan stated that is an upcoming training on conflict of interest that she would recommend Council Members attend.

Mr. Anderson stated that Street Superintendent Bittner and he will attend the Tree City USA recognition in Wadsworth for the seventh consecutive year.

The lighting of the trees fundraising for downtown is progressing. They have sold all 17 trees.

Citizens –

Bill Baker
Blaine Street
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Mr. Baker asked that Council explain the 3 readings for the benefit of the students. Council explained that legislation requires 3 readings and a thirty day waiting period to take effect. As Council meets twice a month, it would take over three months to pass legislation. As such, many items that are housekeeping matters are read three times at one meeting and the thirty days are waived.

Motion was made by David Per Due at 7:47 p.m. 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 8:15 p.m. David Per Due seconded. 6 yeas. Motion passed.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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