

MINUTES
City of Geneva
June 22, 2015

7:00 p.m.

David W. Per Due opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Tim Miller

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Mr. Per Due.

Mr. Anderson asked if the statement “out of band” on page 3 was correct, it is.

Mr. Hydingler requested that his statement made at the Utility Committee Meeting regarding meter read costs under the AMI Section be corrected to reflect that the City pays \$2,020 per year for meter reads supplied by the County.

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by Mike Shupska. Roll call, 5 yeas. Motion passed.

Department Presentation – Recreation – Myke Anderson Presenting.

Ms. Anderson stated that the Fire and Street Departments have put the playground puzzle back together, thanks to Mr. Starkey’s game plan. The City has spent \$3,623 out of the \$10,000 anticipated for the project. Concrete and gravel remain to be done. Best Sands has indicated that they would donate pea gravel, they may donate all of it depending on the amount needed. The City has obtained a grant from Sherwin Williams to paint the playground. All of the volunteers have done a fantastic job.

Movies in the park began two weeks ago. Thirty people attended last week in spite of the CAVS game.

The summer lunch program at Eagle Street Park has begun for children ages 1 through 18. This program is run through Children Services.

The summer lunch concerts are scheduled on Wednesdays at the Pavilion.

Mr. Cordova arrived at 7:06 p.m.

In July, the Downtown Merchants will hold their sidewalk sale, Junk in the Trunk will be happening at Memorial Field. The May Junk in the Truck event had a great response. Quite a few vendors attended even though it rained.

The annual Captains Game event will be held in August. The Cub Scouts group will be the color guard. Fifty people attended the event last year on a Wednesday. This year’s event is scheduled for a Friday.

The Recreation Department is offering Yoga on Monday, Wednesday from 8:00 to 8:45 for a donation. Fourteen people are attending.

Zumba is being offered on Tuesdays.

The back to school distribution is scheduled for August 13, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Safety Town is scheduled for the first week in August for those going into Kindergarten.

The City is looking for volunteers to help paint the playground equipment. There has been some discussions about spray painting and then going back over it with a brush.

Contributors to the Playground include Mr. Raymond, Mr. Cumpston and City employees. Mr. Starkey came up with a game plan on how to put it back together.

The playground began as Myke Anderson's vision in 2002.

Mr. Starkey stated that he had looked at a new version and it was not as nice as the one the City was able to obtain.

The location has worked out well. Drainage had been a concern for Ms. Anderson; however, it has proved to be quite dry. The playground is in the shade and away from the road.

Citizens –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street

Mr. Baker thanked Mr. Anderson for the handout. The analysis identified that Ms. Gardner makes more than five and less than three of those positions listed. Mr. Baker does not have an objection to the amount of money. The Ordinance is not listed as an emergency and would take effect thirty days after the vote. The Ordinance states June 1. Would the pay raise take effect June 1st?

Council stated that the pay raise will take effect June 1st.

Mr. Baker asked if this was a one-time thing or would Ms. Gardner be able to ask again in December.

An additional raise would have to be considered and looked at in the next budget. There will be new council people in December.

Council stated that there is no written evaluation; the raise is based on hard numbers and a lot of consideration by all members of council.

Mr. Baker commented that Mr. Per Due had done a nice job with what he had outlined at the previous council meeting. Mr. Baker does not object to the amount. Mr. Baker stated that he would propose Ms. Dunlap also receive a raise. Council stated that Ms. Dunlap did receive a raise in December by unanimous vote.

Mr. Baker stated that as Council was being so generous he would also like to request a tax abatement.

Mr. Buskirk stated that the City had recently renewed an Ordinance which would allow Mr. Baker to request a tax abatement.

Spire did not receive a tax abatement but rather a tap-in fee reduction. Nordic Air did receive a tax abatement.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3167. An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3151 to Increase the Salary of the City Solicitor. Third Reading.

Mr. Per Due read the Ordinance and stated that the Ordinance had a first reading on May 11, 2015 and a second reading on June 8, 2015.

Roll call on passage, 4 yeas. 2 nays. Ordinance No. 3167 duly passed.

City Manager's Report -

Mr. Starkey reported that the City was awarded the Workers Compensation Grant for the valve turning trailer, \$60,000. The equipment will exercise the valves throughout the city.

Unfinished Business –

The Geneva Girl's Track Team is out of town. The Girl's Track Team continues to make the city proud. Proclamation will be presented at the next council meeting.

New Business –

Appointment of Jim Gerger to the Architectural Review Board.

Mr. Gerger is an Architect. The City has struggled to fill this position.

Mike Shupska made a motion to appoint Mr. Jim Gerger to the Architectural Review Board for the period June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2018. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. 6 yeas. The motion passed.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizens – None.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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