

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
July 13, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, Mike Shupska, David W. Per Due and Philip Cordova

Absent: Howard Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Raymond Baker, Faith Freedom Fellowship.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by Phil Cordova. Roll call, 4 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

**Presentation** – Geneva Girl’s High School Track Team.

Mr. Per due presented Darreion Marrison, Emily Deering, Brittany Aveni and Summer Arndt with a Key to the City and Coach McQuoid a Plaque in recognition of their extreme devotion and accomplishment in a very successful year including the winning of the 4 X 800 National Title.

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

**Citizens** –

Dave Gilbert introduced Tristin and Teagon Gilbert.

“The Littlest Free Library” project proposal was made by Tristin and Teagon Gilbert. The presentation included a request to Council to purchase and place a “Littlest Free Library” in a high traffic area, possibly at the Littlest Coverage Bridge. The “Littlest Free Library” can be purchased for \$36.95 plus \$3.50 shipping. The structure is 16 X 19 X 23 inches and weighs about forty pounds.

Vandalism was noted as a concern. Mr. Gilbert stated that the organization indicated that vandalism was not an issue.

Ms. Huff stated that she believed the Libraries were not put out in the winter but only in the spring and summer months.

Suggested location was at the Littlest Covered Bridge in between the new pad with the picnic table and the chicken house. Mr. Shupska suggested the Community Center by the Pavilion.

Dave, Tristin and Teagon Gilbert will work on the design and location and come back to Council.

Mr. Buskirk suggested that Mr. Gilbert review information from the 534 Corridor Study in selecting a site. Mr. Gilbert stated that they would like to keep the library in the Downtown Corridor if possible.

**Items for Consideration of Council –**

**Ordinance No. 3169.** An Ordinance to Amend the 2015 Budget Through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, Attached Hereto and Marked Exhibit “A,” and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Starkey stated that the appropriation focuses on the capital budget. General appropriations will be on the next council agenda.

With regard to the \$10,000 for lighting at Memorial Field, Mr. Per Due would like to see Midget League Football do some fundraising to assist the City with funding as they constitute seventy to eighty percent of the use of the field. Mr. Starkey met with representatives of Midget League Football. The roof on the press box needs replaced. Raccoons have been living in the press box. The Street Department has cleaned the press box out and gutted the interior. Midget League Football will seal it off and re-roof the building. Electrical issues were discussed.

Midget League Football is expanding. Midget League has added two more teams and another age division.

Midget League wants to clean up and dress up the other side of the locker room and continue to do some more painting. They have also touched base regarding another Sherwin Williams grant to possibly paint the fence. Midget League is willing to do the painting if the City secures the paint.

The actual costs of the upgrades needed in the field are approximately \$14,000. Mr. Starkey stated that the City will do as much as possible with the \$10,000 if approved.

Mr. Cordova stated that in previous years Midget League has been extremely receptive to contributing both time and funding. Midget League is good at raising money and putting together work crews.

The main electrical items the City would like to address with the funding are to get the meters mounted on the what was the old Booster Concession Stand, move the breaker boxes in the building and upgrade them, trenching over to the press box to power it back up, and get a light over to the playground. There are two more banks of the field lights which are still out and need hooked up. The City would also like to get power to the scoreboard. The scoreboard is currently being run on a generator.

The City will be getting three estimates for the electrical. The City has received two and is awaiting one more.

Mr. Buskirk stated that currently the primary users of the field is Midget League Football. The lighting may be an initial step to making it more user friendly and help to balance the usage.

Mr. Starkey stated that the playground is already attracting people to the field, there is a lot of interest in the dog park. There is a lot of interest in the field.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by David W. Per Due to declare Ordinance No. 3169 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3169 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3169 duly passed.

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

There was a fire at the Wastewater Treatment Plant last week, Wednesday night. A passer by noticed it and called it in. The cause is currently undetermined. Due to the quick response of the Police getting the gate open, the Fire Department getting the engine in and having two firefighters on duty, the City was able to limit the damage. There is still quite a bit of damage. Mr. Hydinger has had Western Reserve in to evaluate. The claims adjuster has been in. It is a pole barn style building. There was a 1988 dump truck in the building which an adjuster will be coming out to look at. The City was able to get the chemical feeds back up and running. Mr. Starkey commended Wastewater for getting everything back in line quickly so that the City did not miss a beat with treatment. The side of the building is scorched but otherwise not obvious.

Amanda White was successful in securing a Safe Route to Schools Active Transportation Grant. This will allow the City to set up a workshop (minimum 15 people). They will come in talk to residents about how the program works. This will open the door for the City to apply for a bike path and/or sidewalk work throughout the City.

The Tire Amnesty Program will be held August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 8<sup>th</sup>. The City will collect tires at the Street Department from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. The program includes the City, Geneva Township and Geneva on the Lake. This is a grant that was applied for through the CIC. A Press Release will go out. There are limits. Residents can bring up to ten tires at a time. The first five are free. The next five are \$1.00 each. Residents can only bring ten tires at a time. Tires can be brought on the rim, work crews from the Township and City will help residents take them off the rim.

Ms. Hagan asked for an update on the Grape Jamboree. Mr. Starkey met with Dave Johnson. Mr. Johnson will provide the City will sample ordinances to give the City an idea of what they are looking for. The concern centers around rides and vendors that may not be part of the Grape Jamboree and may not get inspected.

Mr. Buskirk suggested that the City include other organizations in the discussion such as the Eagles, Methodist Church, organizations that also hold festival type events.

Mr. Cordova was approached twice last year regarding a concern about an attendee of Grape Jamboree that was pulling ducks in a wagon. Vendors stopped Mr. Cordova to express concern about children petting the ducks and then purchasing food. The concern centered around the possibility of people getting sick and then blaming it on the food. Mr. Hydinger stated that with the current issue of Avian Flu this may be something that should be discussed. It was stated that this is a Health Department question.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** –

Resignation of Chief Dudik from the Soccer Board. Council commended Chief Dudik for his dedication and stated that Chief Dudik will be sorely missed. It was stated that Chief Dudik from the start-up of the league has been out there doing everything.

**Payment of Bills** –

On page 7 of the payment of bills is listed part-time helper. There are currently two part-timers doing mowing. Both are working for the City through a temporary service.

Psych evaluations are paid for by the City as part of the pre-employment process.

Softball and soccer shirts are paid for through registration and donations.

On page 10, the \$150.00 for summer concert series is paid for out of the donation line and recreation line.

The advertisement cost of \$125 is related to the confidence report for 2014 that is required to go out citizens. The City put in on the website and advertised it for \$125.00 and save \$900.00 in mailing.

**Committee Reports** – None.

**Citizens** –

Bill Baker  
440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio 44041

Will Grape Jamboree meetings be published?

Initially, the City will have internal discussions. After which, the City will want to get everyone involved.

Mr. Baker stated that Mr. Miller was present at the previous council meeting to vote on the City Solicitor's raise. Mr. Baker asked what Mr. Miller's vote would have been.

Mr. Miller stated that he would have voted in favor.

Ms. Hagan requested that Council at some point have a discussion about procedure when conducting council meetings.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss purchase of property. David W. Per Due seconded the motion. 6 years.

Susan Hagan made a motion to reconvene at 8:08 p.m. David W. Per Due seconded the motion. 6 years. Council reconvened.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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