MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
July 14, 2014
7:02 p.m.

Jeff Piotrowski opened the Council Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call – Jeff Piotrowksi, Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, Mike Shupska, Susan Hagan, William Buskirk, and David W. Per Due

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

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Tim Miller. Roll call, 7 yeas.

Department Presentation – JEDD 1 and JEDD 2, Robert Wilhelm Presenting

Mr. Wilhelm stated that he is the Chairman for JEDD II. Mr. Griffiths, the Chairman for JEDD I was unable to attend.

The JEDDs are an arrangement between the City of Geneva and Harpersfield Township for the benefit of both.

In January of 2006 JEDD II was formed and consists of 300 acres south of Interstate 90 to Route 307 and over to LaFevere to Harpersfield Road. This is mainly an industrial and commercial area of Harpersfield.

Since the sewers were installed HDT and Ferrante's Winery have expanded. The JEDD has also seen the expansion of a trailer park and a some new businesses. The taxes gained from the JEDD exceed the $1.8 million initial cost. The taxes are split 20% to Harpersfield, 75% to Geneva and 5% to the JEDD Board. The tax revenue generated for each has been Geneva $1.7 million, Harpersfield $462,000 and JEDD II $115,000.

The JEDD II Board has utilized the money to create a website, for the paving of Bishop Road, and to pay for audits.

Council thanked Mr. Wilhelm for volunteering to be on the Board. This is a great collaborative effort.

Mr. Wilhelm described the website: coveredbridgedevelopmentdistrict.com.

Citizens –

Tom Brown
740 S. Eagle Street
Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Brown thanked Council for their good job.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3139. An Ordinance Providing for Approval of the Harpersfield Township – City of Geneva Joint Economic Development District III Contract, and declaring an emergency. Third Reading.

The agreement is similar in nature to past agreements but differs in the funding. City staff has reviewed the agreement. Once the agreement is passed by Council there is a lot of work to be done.

Mr. Buskirk stated that this is the last legislative piece of the puzzle.

This is a gravity sewer.

Mr. Piotrowski thanked Ms. Brown for her work on this project and the City Staff for the years developing this relationship. Geneva and Harpersfield have worked well together for the last ten years.

Motion to Declare the Ordinance an Emergency was made by Mike Shupska and seconded by David Per Due. 7 yeas. Roll call on passage. 7 yeas. The motion passed.

City Manager's Report –

Mr. Shupska stated that he thought the location for the playground was a good location as well.

Mr. Pearson stated that Chief Starkey would like to do some work on the placement. The estimated cost is not yet available.

Unfinished Business - None.

New Business -

Planning Commission Appointments and Clarifications – Ms. Brown stated that the Planning Commission recommends the reappointment of Mr. Robert Perkins to a new five year term and would like to clarify that all members serve a five year term. Upon review, the Ordinance appoints Planning Commission members to a five year term, not three.

Motion to Reappoint Mr. Perkins and clarify Planning Commission appointments was made by Mike Shupska, seconded by David Per Due. Roll call on passage. 7 yeas. The motion passed.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports

Tim Miller attended the Cemetery Board Meeting. The access road to Mt. Pleasant will be closed July 28th to August 2nd for a bridge deck replacement. There will be no access to the Cemetery. All local funeral home directors have been notified. This has been in the works for eighteen months.

Citizens –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Mr. Baker asked if the City would be removing the tennis courts at Memorial Field.

The City has looked at the tennis courts and Council will need to make a decision. The City needs to do some homework to see if the City should keep them and resurface them.

Mr. Buskirk stated that there had been a brief discussion. There is a lot of opportunity at Memorial Field. The Field House may be able to be redeveloped; there are a number things that could be done at the field.

The tennis courts are in bad shape. There could be tennis, baseball or a pavilion. The City is just starting to have this discussion.

Mr. Baker stated that if the City puts the playground there, the tennis courts will be an eye-sore at the top of the hill.

Mr. Baker asked if there was a reason that the Circus was done at Memorial Field. When the City committed to the Circus, it did not own the field. If the Circus comes back, Memorial Field may be a better location depending on the timing. Midget League Football leases the field July to November.

Mr. Per Due asked for an update on the North Cedar problem brought to Council's attention at the previous council meeting. The Law Director, Zoning Department and Chief Dudik have been working on this issue. Officer Cooper talked to the wife on Friday. There have been officers patrolling there on a regular basis. One of the problems is in the jail for a lengthy time. One set of people are going through a divorce right now.

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Mr. Brown has lived here for twenty years. When the tennis courts were maintained, they had regular and constant use. Tennis would be a good addition.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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