

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
July 22, 2013  
7:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Jeffrey Piotrowski, Philip Cordova, Rodger Fuller, Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, and Mike Shupska

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Pastor Brian Wright – Faith Community Church.

Motion was made by Howard Anderson to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2013 Council Meeting, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 6 yeas.

**Department Presentation** – Finance Department – Juanita Stuetzer, Finance Director, Presenting.

Day to day the Finance Department collects water and sewer payments. The Finance Department prepares payroll, handles the annual audit and gap financing for the State. From January to May the Finance Department keeps a good accounting of fixed assets. In May the department starts moving into the annual street lighting assessment. Assessments are transferred to the County in September. In September the City is required by ORC to levy the real estate taxes and accept the rates.

In August the department moves into the Operating Budget. Although the process is started in August the City is constantly evaluating how we are going to operate the remainder of the year with the continual challenge of the State cuts. In the 2013 budget none of the funds went to infrastructure.

There was no operating budget in the 2013 construction projects. OPWC funded 100% loan at 0%. A 0% loan as opposed to a bond is one-half the price.

The VanEpps water line project is \$250,000. Wastewater and Water are putting in a nominal amount in addition to the OPWC funds. The Grant Street Bridge is \$230,000 funded as follows: \$99,000 grant, \$131,000 at 0% OPWC loan. The 534 Sanitary Line is being funded with OPWC and other grants including and loans including a 1% WPCLF Loan. The City is working with Harpersfield and the County regarding the repayment. It is a \$670,000 project. The City is paying \$370,000 (\$250,000 grant and \$50,000 loan). Water and Sewer will be paying. Juanita is not sure what the general fund will be required to pay.

The ODOT project is 2017 will be 80% ODOT and 20% the City; North Ave. bridge project.

The budget also includes \$25,000 for Chip, fog and seal.

The City is half way through the year and is reviewing income and expenses. There are some places where there are shortages. The City has received \$50,000 of additional estate taxes. The Bureau of Worker's Compensation did a major discount which resulted in the City receiving a \$56,000 discount.

There have been a lot of cut backs in internal spending; wage freezes.

Debt reductions are coming that will be able to generate funding. The JEDD's have created a lot of revenue that have protected the City.

The City has a lot of key people in key positions. Financing is tight but we have good stewards.

Mr. Piotrowski thanked Ms. Stuetzer for all her hard work.

**Citizens** –

Jamie Elliott – 305 Vine Street, Geneva, Ohio  
Corry Miller – 104 Eastwood Street, Geneva, Ohio

It has been 10 years since Mr. Elliot and Mr. Miller began working on building the Skate Park and 6 years since it became a reality. Mr. Elliot and Mr. Miller would like to raise awareness that physically the park could be a lot better. There are still people who care about it. It is time to rejuvenate it, to get it back up on its feet. Mr. Elliott distributed pictures of the conditions. It has deteriorated due to the rain, weather and vandalism. The structure of the ramps is not quite as sturdy as they once were.

Mr. Elliott and Mr. Miller are willing to raise the money. They would like to take one or two pieces of equipment and concentrate on them first. There are a lot of kids that would use it. They would like the Geneva Police Department patrol the area more.

There are three ramps missing. The coping is missing on some of the ramps. Mr. Elliott stated that if we can get people re-energized, there is no reason we could not replace some of the equipment and fix it up.

**Items for Consideration of Council** –

**Ordinance No. 3115.** An Ordinance Amending Zoning Classification for Permanent Parcel #20-031-00-044-00 from R-2 Single Family Residential District to B-2 Limited Service District. Second Reading.

**Ordinance No. 3116.** An Ordinance Determining to Proceed with Improving the following Streets by Supplying Street Lighting, and to Levy Assessments for such Lighting, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by Rodger Fuller to declare Ordinance No. 3116 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Philip Cordovar that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3116 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3116 duly passed.

**Ordinance No. 3117.** An Ordinance Adopting an Interim Application Process for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Philip Cordova seconded by Rodger Fuller to declare Ordinance No. 3117 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3117 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3117 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3251.** A Resolution in Support of the 534 Corridor Community Improvement Corporation, and declaring an emergency.

This will be a separate CIC which is comprised of the members that were a part of the 534 Corridor Study.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3251 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Philip Cordova that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3251 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3251 duly passed.

### **City Manager's Report –**

The City would like to convene a Storm and Utility Committee meeting once the new council person has been appointed.

The City would like to put the surplus generator on the auction site. Geneva-on-the-Lake was interested but the cost to rewire it was more than they wanted to spend.

The City was invited to a meeting regarding the Solid Waste District. The Solid Waste District has been mandated to redo the Solid Waste Plan. The District must meet the EPA recycling mandate, which is that 90% of the County should have access to recycling. To accomplish that the County wants to purchase new recycling dumpsters and in order to pay them they want to suspend recyclable pick-ups at the existing recycling centers. The City does not want to close our recycling center. The County needed an immediate answer. The County will work with Waste Management over the next 60 days to come up with a solution. In 60 days they will come back with some alternatives. The new units are more efficient.

Item number 7 will still be under consideration in the Executive Session.

Pre-bid meeting on the Clean Ohio Project. Seven (7) contractors attended.

Friday is the bid opening for the Chestnut and the VanEpps projects.

Applications for The Best of the County through Growth Partnership are due on Wednesday.

Inside Business Magazine on page 37 featured Jennifer Brown, Assistant City Manager receiving the Plus Award by Team Neo for the Arthur Luis Steel expansion.

### **Unfinished Business –**

Mr. Miller asked if Superintendent Tim Bittner could have a few of his guys go look at the Skate Park.

Myke Anderson stated that Superintendent Bittner looked at in June. The coping has been screwed in many times. A few years ago the city replaced the plywood and sealed it inside and out. The new skate parks are open ended. Mentor and Madison have steel frames. Wood will have to be replaced yearly. When the kids skate, the screws come up.

Ramp Armor was purchased for our skate park because it was supposed to be durable. One-hundred and twenty sheets was \$6,000 then.

In 2007 \$27,000 was raised to build the skate park. The cost to install it was \$26,800. The wood was pre-treated. The question is do we try to fix this one up or try to find something more weather resistant? Concrete was suggested. Concrete is labor intensive, forming it up. Mr. Shupska explained the labor intensiveness of doing concrete. Maintenance would be nonexistent if it were concrete.

Madison is a smaller park. It has been there longer and is in better shape.

Funds could be raised for a few concrete benches that could be used for skating. As a short term fix, a few things could be addressed.

There is no lack of enthusiasm. There are a lot of kids that are open to raising money.

Jennifer Brown will meet with Jamie and Corry to brainstorm some ideas.

**New Business** - None.

**Payment of Bills** - No Objection.

**Committee Reports** -

Service Committee Report. Midget League Soccer and Football attended the Service Committee Meeting. The fields that they are using are not adequate. They would like to use Memorial Field. They would like to try to figure out how that could be done. Even if the School did give it to the City, the City would still have to maintain it. Some suggestions were made that the Service Committee is considering.

The youth organizations offered to help replace the roof. The challenge is the fence and distribution of the use of the field.

The Midget League Football will approach the Schools. Possibly get an Interim Agreement.

**Citizens** -

Pastor Brian Wright  
376 Roosevelt Drive  
Geneva, Ohio

Pastor Wright stated that he had concerns about the water table. Pastor Wright moved onto Roosevelt Drive in 1965. The water situation is a new experience which began within the last two years. Pastor Wright presented photographs to Council. Pastor Wright had previously been able to mow beginning the first of May. The property behind him was 90% cleared; they were going to put condos on that land. Water from North Ave. and the North section of town runs into that section. Pastor Wright's neighbors had water come into the foundation. The Pastor is concerned that the problem is not getting any better.

Storm drains were put in a few years along the property. The Pastor installed four inch drain tile all the way to the woods and back to the new storm drains. The storm drain runs full everyday.

The Developer's clear cut the property behind Pastor Wright came to the City for permission to develop. The Developer was going to take care of the water issues. They planned on doing something as part of the development. The request did not pass.

Jennifer Brown stated that this was the first she had heard that there are issues since the City added the storm drains. The City thought that the problem was taken care of.

Pastor Wright stated that the water flow in the pictures happens during a moderate rain. The catch basins run constantly. A lot of homeowners have installed French drains.

The City will be scheduling a Utility Meeting in August.

Pastor Wright stated that he appreciates the City Manager and this Council. Geneva looks better than it has in years. Pastor Wright appreciates all that Council has done and the way the City looks.

Philip Cordova made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition and Personnel – Appointment of the Vacant Council Seat. 6 yeas. Motion passed at 7:55 p.m.

Motion to reconvene was made by Philip Cordova and seconded by Rodger Fuller. 6 yeas. Motion passed at 8:59 p.m.

Howard Anderson made a Motion to Appoint Susan Hagan to the Vacant Council Seat. Tim Miller seconded the motion. 6 yeas. Motion to Appoint Susan Hagan passed.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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