

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
August 12, 2013
7:02 p.m.

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

Mr. James Pearson gave the Oath of Office to Ms. Susan Hagan.

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 Raymond Baker – Faith Freedom Fellowship.

Motion was made by Rodger Fuller to accept the minutes of the July 22, 2013 Council Meeting, seconded by Howard Anderson. Roll call, 6 yeas. 1 abstention.

Department Presentation – Shade Tree Commission – Howard Anderson, Presenting.

The Shade Tree Commission needs community input and volunteers. The Shade Tree Commission works in coordination with the Street Department doing inventory of all the trees on the City grounds and right-of-way and planning for Arbor Day.

Citizens –

Brian Wright
376 Roosevelt Drive
Geneva, Ohio 44041

Mr. Wright previously came before council on July 22nd regarding the extending problems with the water on his property. Mr. Wright distributed a Google Earth picture to Council. Mr. Wright's son, Jeff Wright, has a Master's Degree in Engineering and lives in Indiana. There is a dark area running down along the cleared property where the water is running. The ditch runs right into Mr. Wright and his neighbor's property. Mr. Wright's son has some suggestions regarding addressing the water problems. Mr. Wright would like to propose that his son come over from Indiana to go over what he would suggest needs to be done to address the water issues.

The property behind Mr. Wright's property was cleared a few years ago to develop but was not then developed. The proposed new drainage would be on the cleared property.

Mr. Pearson stated that the City does not have an easement along the back of those property lines. Mr. Wright stated that the easement would be something that the City would have to do.

Mr. Pearson stated that there would be a Utility Meeting in two weeks. There are storm water issues all over the City.

Mr. Pearson stated that storm drains were installed along Roosevelt which has helped the drainage on Roosevelt. Mr. Wright stated that he feels the work done made his property worse.

It was suggested that this be addressed by the Utility Committee.

Mr. Miller asked if Jeff Wright had done any pipe sizing. Mr. Wright stated that his son has the pipe sizing information at his house. Mr. Miller stated that this can be brought up in the Utility Committee Meeting which will be held prior to the next Council Meeting.

A Storm Water Utility has been discussed to help with some of these issues.

Mr. Wright stated that it has gotten progressively worse, especially since the land behind was cleared.

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.

Third Reading. Roll Call on Passage. 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3115 Passed.

Resolution No. 3252. A Resolution for the Purpose of Adopting the Updated Ashtabula County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, and declaring an emergency.

Chief Starkey stated that this a mitigation plan which was updated in 2012 and sent to the State for approval. It has been approved by the State and now requires the Cities approval. This is a formality. The plan is updated every five years.

Motion by Philip Cordova seconded by Rodger Fuller to declare Resolution 3252 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Rodger Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3252 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3252 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3253. A Resolution Agreeing to Cooperate with the Director of Transportation for Guardrail Upgrades on SR 534 within the City Limits, and declaring an emergency.

This is one of the few items that ODOT does at no cost to the City.

Motion by Rodger Fuller seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3253 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Howard Anderson that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3253 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3253 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3254. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of D.D. Mitchell Construction, LLC for the Chestnut Street Paving Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

The is the second part of the Sherman / Chestnut OPWC Project.

Motion by Tim Miller seconded by Philip Cordova to declare Resolution 3254 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Rodger Fuller, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3254 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3254 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3255. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of D.B. Bentley, Inc. for the Van Epps Avenue Waterline Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

This is an OPWC Project to replace a two inch line through the CVS parking lot. The project will result in increased fire flows and correct long standing problems on VanEpps. The City would recommend just doing the base bid and not doing the alternate.

Motion by Howard Anderson seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3255 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3255 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3255 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3256. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Richard A. Comi dba The Center for Municipal Solutions for Professional Services Related to Wireless Telecommunications Facilities, and declaring an emergency.

The previous Council presentation was made by McKenna Associated. Center for Municipal Solutions is the company that the City will actually use.

Mr. Fuller stated that NAD has a tower. Can other companies attach to it? Mr. Pearson stated that the issue is that currently the City has little control over towers going up on private property. This Resolution will allow Mr. Comi to work with the Planning Commission and Council to put together a process for new applicants.

Motion by Rodger Fuller seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3256 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Rodger Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3256 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3256 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3257. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of Environmental Management Specialists for the Soil Remediation Project at the former True Temper Facility, and declaring an emergency.

The City received quite a few bids. This is the lowest bid. The City recommends that EMS be awarded the contract to do the soil remediation. The work would begin in September and end in October. Four feet of soil will be remediated. There are two locations on site that need to be remediated.

Motion by Rodger Fuller seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3257 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Rodger Fuller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3257 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3257 duly passed.

City Manager's Report –

The City has been busy cutting grass and completing maintenance on our roads.

Unfinished Business –

Howard stated that number seven on the City Manager's report requests a Committee Meeting to discuss Memorial Field; a Service Committee Meeting. The School Board is anxious to get this done.

New Business -

The CIC, Rotary and Chief Starkey have been working on the Pavilion project. That project is now complete and sits on City owned land. Several organizations and individuals were involved making the Pavilion a reality including the Geneva CIC, Rotary, Conneaut Foundation and Doug Starkey. Trees were able to be added to site as a result a deal between the Geneva CIC and the Madison CIC.

Motion for the City of Geneva to accept ownership of the Pavilion was made by Tim Miller, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call. 7 yeas. Motion to accept ownership of the Pavilion passed.

Discussion was had regarding the quality of the Grape Jamboree and the City's Downtown in comparison to other festivals and downtowns throughout the State. Council praised the Grape Jamboree. The City works very well with the Grape Jamboree. Department heads put in a great deal of time. Mr. Pearson will be meeting with Mr. Johnson to go over this year's Grape Jamboree.

A Service Committee meeting will be set to discuss the transfer of Memorial Field from the School Board to the City. Mr. Pearson will get some dates.

Payment of Bills -

Mr. Anderson asked what Burn Pads were under the Police expenses. They are pads that go on the scrubbers.

Committee Reports -

Mr. Miller would like to schedule a Utility Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m. prior to the next Council Meeting. The Agenda item will be Storm Water Issues. Mr. Miller asked if Mr. Wright would allow him to keep the pictures for the meeting. Mr. Wright agreed.

Mr. Fuller reported on the Cemetery Board Meeting. The Cemetery Board will be replacing the bridge. The County and the Township will help out. It will be prefabricated concrete. A crane will come in and pull the old one off and put the new on. There needs to be work on the north side to make sure it is supported.

Citizens - None

Rodger Fuller made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the sale of land. Tim Miller seconded the motion. Roll call. 7 yeas. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

Philip Cordova made a motion to reconvene at 8:04 p.m. Tim Miller seconded the motion. Roll call. 7 yeas. Council reconvened.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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