

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
**Council Meeting**  
**August 13, 2018**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Susan Hagan opened the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Susan Hagan, Philip Cordova, William Buskirk, Wm. Lucas McDaniel, Mario Butera, Cynthia Miller and Dana Schenk

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

Motion was made by Mario Butera to approve the Minutes of the July 9, 2018 Council Meeting, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 5 yeas, 2 abstentions. Motion duly passed.

**Department Presentation** – Recreation Department – Douglas Starkey, Presenting.

Safety Town will be held on Friday morning. There are thirty-five (35) children registered as of this morning. The School District is anticipating that to grow. Safety Town includes school buses, safety forces, bike riding and a tug a war at the end. Next year Safety Town will be expanded to multiple days.

The backpack give away is scheduled for August 15, 2018. The event will be held in the gym. The program distributed 200 backpacks last year and has distributed as many as 300.

The Recreation Department is working with youth who want to do basketball coaching, score keeping, etc... as community service. There is a boys and girls basketball league. The City is trying to increase the number of participants by having a girls and a boy's league.

**Citizens** – None.

**Items for Consideration of Council** –

**Ordinance No. 3232.** An Ordinance to Amend the 2018 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, attached hereto and marked Exhibit "A," and declaring an emergency.

The appropriation includes the final cost for the East Main project. The \$180,000 budget was just short of the final cost. This project should start any day. The City is using Street Lighting funds as well as OPWC Grant/Loan to fund the project. Council needs to appropriate an additional \$26,000 for this project. The project was originally scheduled to begin after the Grape Jamboree. The new schedule will complete the project other than the planting of the trees and the grates prior to Grape Jamboree.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3232 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Mario Butera to

declare and pass Ordinance No. 3232 as an emergency measure, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3232 duly passed.

**Ordinance No. 3233.** 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.

This is part two of the Street Lighting process.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3233 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3233 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3233 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3417.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of D.B. Bentley, Inc. of Painesville the Water Street Improvements, Phase 1, and declaring an emergency.

This is the first phase of the bridge project and resurfacing over Water Street. This will tie into the project completed by the Water Department on North Cedar Street. Phase 1 will be completed this year. Phase 2 will be completed next year.

Motion by Mario Butera, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3417 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Cynthia Miller to declare and pass Resolution No. 3417 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3417 duly passed.

### **City Manager Report –**

Residents in need of home repair funding should contact Tammy Shuttleworth. Grants are available for eligible home repairs.

Kudos to the Fire and Street Departments for their efforts in keeping vehicles in service.

The JEDD Boards are looking at a draft agreement to merge the three boards. Eddy Eckart has been hired to do Economic Development for the JEDDs.

Attached to the Manager's Report is a letter of inquiry received from Aqua. Aqua is interested in looking at the Wastewater and Water Systems. Mr. Starkey asked if there was any reason not to respond. It was stated that the information is public record. If Aqua would take ownership, the systems would be privatized.

There was a short discussion regarding the selling and taking back of the water system.

Mr. Starkey thanked Nick Dunlap, Zoning, for the work on the Census. The information was submitted on time.

Three properties were included in the packet for consideration of Council. Two properties are on the North side of Timber Lane. One is up against the soccer field and the other is further east. The third property is on North Eagle Street just north of 26 Eagle. The City would have to pay the taxes on the properties if acquired. The Landbank will likely take this property. The property has been condemned by the County and is in probate. The roof on the back of the building is caving in. The CIC paid some of the probate costs to assist due to the condition of the property. Gary Pasqualone is working on it.

The Growth Partnership Best of the County Dinner is September 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Spire. The City is cutting back and has purchased four (4) seats and not a full table as in the past. Council member that wish to attend should let Mr. Starkey know by Friday.

Council passed legislation for GT Environmental to do the Benson Project. Larry Smith of GT Environmental is moving to another larger company. The City has a comfort level with Mr. Smith. The City can cancel its contract with GT Environmental and continue to work with Larry Smith or the City can sit down with GT Environmental and work out a new agreement.

The current agreement is being paid through the grant. Lead testing results are needed before they move forward. The City may need to pass legislation, it is the same person, different company. If the City were to stay with the GT Environmental, the new person will need to be brought up to speed. Larry Smith has been a big help with Arthur Luis Steel, True Temper and on this grant. He is less apt to have surprises. Council may see new legislation on this.

The Resolution urging the governor to invest the surplus in municipalities needs an amount of lost revenue.

Walsh Construction has fifty (50) concrete blocks which potentially used for barricades for the Grape Jamboree.

Mr. Starkey is meeting with the employees tomorrow to bring them up to speed on the budgets. Council is invited to attend.

Ms. Miller asked how the City learned of the parcels that are available. Mr. Starkey stated that the Court notifies the City. Lauren Gardner works with the Land Reutilization Corp. The parcels come to the City for free but the City assumes the tax liability. Sometimes the taxes can be removed if the property is obtained for public use. Comment was made that they may have an attachment to the soccer fields. The City obtained ten (10) lots in that development and sold eight (8). The City is obligated to provide a park and restrooms. There is a potential for a concession stand and storage.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

### **New Business**

Ms. Hagan read a Proclamation for “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over”.

Extra officers will be out on the road as result of the proclamation during the drive sober or get pulled over campaign.

Vince Crawford's presentation will be discussed at the next meeting. Council would like to see what other communities are doing.

**Payment of Bills** – None.

**Committee Reports:**

The Utility Committee met prior to Council.

**Citizen** – None.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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