

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
Council Meeting  
August 25, 2014  
7:02 p.m.

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

Roll Call – Jeff Piotrowski, 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. Jonathan Schroeder – St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Motion was made by David Per Due to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 Council Meeting, seconded by Howard Anderson. Roll call, 7 yeas.

**Department Presentation** – None.

**Citizens** –

Mr. Piotrowski presented a Proclamation to Debra LaVeck, Community Relations Coordinator for the Ashtabula County District Library, declaring Library Card Sign-up Month. Ms. LaVeck thanked Council.

Mr. Dave Johnson  
Grape Jamboree Committee

Mr. Johnson stated that normally he comes before Council with this request in April or May. This year he was busy planning a trip and didn’t realize until his return that it had not yet been done. The request was included in Council packets.

Mr. Johnson asked if Council had any questions.

Councilmember stated that he was always happy to see this time of year come around.

Mr. Johnson stated that ten to twelve years ago, ninety percent (90%) of the Grape Jamboree attendees travelled two hours or less. Now, that number has increased to four to five hours away. People come from Dayton, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Erie.

In the last four to five years, the number of runners participating in the Run for the Grapes has increased significantly.

Mr. Miller stated that the Grape Jamboree Committee does a great job.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Street Department does a great job in cleaning up.

Tim Miller made a Motion to Approve the 2014 Grape Jamboree. Susan Hagan seconded the motion. Roll call on passage. 7 yeas. The motion passed.

Rev. Jonathan Schroeder  
1070 Sherman Street

Will the City be putting pea gravel or something else on the walking track at the old football field?

The City is working on a number of things at the field. The City does want to do a lot of things to make it more accessible to the entire community. The City will be having more meetings to see what kinds of things the citizens want.

The roadway has some serious depressions; the City can put some grindings there. The Street Department re-graded the track a month ago. Last week there were a couple of low spots. This summer has not been kind. The City is trying to improve it.

Rev. Schroeder stated that cinder would be fine.

Joseph Yankie  
56 Cedar Street

Mr. Yankie thanked everyone for the help he and his family has received since coming to Council. Mr. Yankie is being sent to Nevada for work and is concerned for his wife and family and may be gone three or four months. The extra patrols are appreciated. If the extra patrols could continue, Mr. Yankie would be grateful. Three out of the four people were evicted. They were recently found to be living in the woods behind the house.

People have threatened to stab him. Mr. Yankie calls, makes reports, tries to let it slide but doesn't know what else to do. Officer Webb has been very helpful. Threats are ongoing.

Mr. Pearson stated that the City will stay on this.

The other neighbors are aware of the situation.

Mr. Yankie stated that he greatly appreciates the extra patrols.

At 7:19 p.m. Mr. Miller made a Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and personnel. Mr. Per Due seconded the motion. Roll call on passage. 7 yeas. The motion passed.

At 8:18 p.m. Mr. Miller made a Motion to Reconvene. Mr. Per Due seconded the motion. Roll call on passage. 7 yeas. The motion passed.

**Items for Consideration of Council** – None.

**Ordinance No. 3142.** An Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A", and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Ordinance No. 3142 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by David Per Due, 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. 3142 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3142 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3287.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Lease/Purchase Financing Agreement with KeyBank, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3287 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by David Per Due that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3287 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3287 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3288.** A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of Warren Fire for the SCBAs, and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Miller appreciated that Chief Starkey did some homework on the low bidder. The grant will pay for all but five percent (5%) of the cost of the SCBAs.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3288 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Tim Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3288 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3288 duly passed.

### **City Manager's Report –**

Chief Starkey has been working to put together an estimate for the playground installation. The CIC has committed \$10,000 towards the project. The City will begin getting started on the form work.

Mr. Per Due asked if the project will be revenue neutral. Mr. Pearson stated that it depends upon the donations received. There have been some commitments made and some other individuals have indicated they will donate. It will be a moving target for awhile. Mr. Pearson will keep Council informed.

Mr. Buskirk asked that if anyone has any good ideas on what people would like to see at the field, please let Council know.

Mr. Pearson had an opportunity to speak with Tony Long, President of the CIC. The Planning Committee had indicated a desire to meet with the CIC on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Per Due would like to talk with Mike Shupska and Bill Buskirk and get back to Mr. Pearson. Mr. Pearson will try to set it up with the CIC, probably a Committee of the CIC.

Mr. Pearson has talked to Council about his retirement and will retire right after the first of the year. Council will determine a selection process for the new manager.

Council stated that it does not look forward to trying to replace Mr. Pearson; he has done a wonderful job, good leadership and the ability to put together a good staff.

Mr. Per Due received two phone calls at his office regarding the lot leased by Luisa's. One was the business owner and one was the owner of Coconuts' Restaurant next to Luisa's. The complaints stem from lost business due to lost parking. Luisa's obtained the lot for the purpose of placing tables there. Nothing is being used.

Several businesses downtown are upset about the parking being taken away.

The lease was signed and she is paying.

Mr. Pearson asked for an update. They are hopeful the appraisal comes through and the funding will be made available. The City has replaced three of the parking spots and is monitoring the situation. If the

situation becomes critical the City could look at taking out the pedestrian bump. The City needs to make sure that Luisa's gets up and running and is successful prior to doing that.

**Unfinished Business** - None.

**New Business** - None.

**Payment of Bills** –

The movie cost of \$800.00 is paid for from corporate sponsors. It is revenue neutral.

The \$5,275.48 for North Eagle is a State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) payment. It is a loan on the concrete for the project.

**Committee Reports** - None.

**Citizens** –

Greg Strnisa  
Geneva Pro Cuts, 50 South Broadway, Geneva, Ohio

Mr. Strnisa has known Mr. Pearson since he was Police Chief. Mr. Pearson has always done a good job.

Mr. Strnisa thanked Council for the discussion on the downtown.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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