

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
September 10, 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, and Cynthia Miller

Absent: Dana Schenk

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Pastor Harry Pishcura – New Life Assembly of God.

Motion was made by Mario Butera to approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2018 Council Meeting, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – Architectural Review Board – Nick Dunlap, Presenting.

Members of Architectural Review Board include Steve Gala, Tim Miller, Jim Gregor and Bill Widlitts. The Architectural Review Board was expanded in March with the passing of an Ordinance to add two additional members. Fred Pollutro, a business owner in the Central Business District and Kathy Simmons an art teacher with the Geneva schools were added.

The Architectural Review Board has seen an increase in activity. The new business owners of the Clark Station have added new signs, paint and done work on the inside of the building. Fuel Time was recently purchased by the same business owner. The building is getting a new roof. The front canopy will also be addressed. The Great Escape now has two locations. Hong Kong Buffet intends to do façade improvements on the northeast and west sides of the building. A new barber shop is opening at 39 E. Main. Hometown Nutrition has opened in the downtown. True Value has approached the City requesting guidelines for new façade.

Steve Gala, Chairperson, requested that Mr. Dunlap extend the ARC Boards thanks to Council for passing the new sign code.

Short discussion about the transition between the old and new sign code.

The sign at Mary's Diner was granted a variance to allow a slightly taller sign.

The Supreme Court ruling required some changes to the sign code. Mr. Dunlap did not know how the City's sign code compares to other communities.

Mr. Starkey on the request of Mrs. Barb Pruden presented a book to Chief Arkenburg commemorating September 11th. Mrs. Pruden will be speaking to the Fire Fighters on September 21st.

Citizens –

Bill Tobias
57 Roosevelt Drive, Geneva, Ohio

The date and time of the City Council meeting was not in the Star Beacon.

The City will follow-up with the Star Beacon.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Resolution No. 3418. A Resolution Strongly Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Invest the State Budget Surplus in Municipalities.

Motion on passage was made by Mario Butera, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3418 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3419. A Resolution Authorizing the Creation of an Advisory Board for the Furtherance of Youth Basketball, and declaring an emergency.

Youth Travel Basketball has been in place for several years. This Advisory Board will mirror the Soccer Board. Passing the resolution now will allow everything to be in place by fall. The Board will handle the registration, receive the payments and oversee the rules. The City's insurance covers these programs. The City will process the funds received by the Board.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Cynthia Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3419 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Resolution No. 3419 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3419 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3420. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Cancel an Agreement with GT Environmental, Inc. and enter into an Agreement Between the City of Geneva and Mannik Smith Group for the Purpose of Conducting a Supplemental BUSTR Tier 1 Investigation Project, and declaring an emergency.

Larry Smith, the person who has been working with the City on the Benson project as well as past projects including True Temper has changed employment. Both the contracts for the BUSTR Tier 1 and the EPA VAP are being paid for through grant funding. No changes will be made to the grant. It is in the best interests of the City to continue working with Larry Smith. The City has talked with GT Environmental and with Larry, both are waiting on council action.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Mario Butera that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3420 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3420 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3420 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3421. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Cancel an Agreement with GT Environmental, Inc. and enter into an Agreement Between the City of Geneva and Mannik Smith Group for the Purpose of Conducting the Ohio EPA Voluntary Action Program (VAP), and declaring an emergency.

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. 3421 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Cynthia Miller to declare and pass Resolution No. 3421 as an emergency measure, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3421 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3422. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of Union Industrial Contractors, Inc. of Ashtabula for the Secondary Sludge Holding Tank and Salmonella Elimination Improvements, and declaring an emergency.

The new tank will allow the City to again have exceptional quality sludge. The goal is to use the old tank as the equalization basin. Installing the new tank will reduce the bypasses at the plant and will also assist with the ammonia smell. The ammonia issue only surfaced after the secondary sludge tank was taken out of service.

The original secondary sludge tank was built in 1922. The Secondary Sludge Tank project and the Headworks Project will eventually be tied together. EQ will be done at the Headworks.

Mr. McDaniel stated that after review, the City could pay the fees to haul away the sludge longer than the life of new equipment.

Payment for the project will come from the Proprietary Funds.

Mr. McDaniel stated that if the project is strictly to get the EQ standards up, it does not financially make sense.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Cynthia Miller that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3422 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion by Cynthia Miller to declare and pass Resolution No. 3422 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Resolution No. 3422 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3423. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with CT Consultants Inc. for the Adjustment of the Design Fee and Construction Services Associated with the Secondary Sludge Holding Tank and Salmonella Elimination Improvements Project, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Cynthia Miller, 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. 3423 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion by Philip Cordova

to declare and pass Resolution No. 3423 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Roll call on passage, 5 yeas, 1 nay. Resolution No. 3423 duly passed.

City Manager Report –

The Warner Building could be a candidate for the Land Bank to demolish. The City could put the property up for sale either with a realtor or by owner with a minimum bid. The building will not go another winter without attention.

Mr. Buskirk stated that the City has unsuccessfully been trying to find a use for the property. Mr. Buskirk stated that he would be in favor of, for a short time, trying to sell the property and if unsuccessful, tearing it down.

Mr. Starkey will advertise the sale of the building.

Residents of Geneva can now dump at the Geneva Landfill for \$50 a load. The price had previously been approximately \$150.

Mr. Buskirk stated that he would be willing to entertain moving forward with the increase discussed by Waste Management at the previous council meeting. The increase to the entire City was approximately \$900. No objections were made.

Traci Welch has been offered the Finance Director position in Ashtabula City.

The City has looked into restructuring the bond for Western County Court and the 2011 Street Bond. The bonds will be paid off in 2029. The City can restructure the bonds, change the length and save \$7,000 a year. The restructuring of the bonds could allow the City to purchase a much needed plow truck which would increase the payment by \$10,000 to \$12,000. This is based on today's interest rates. The longer the City waits to restructure the more chance there is the interest rate will increase. The plow truck is estimated at \$153,000. The additional cost to the City will be less than if the City outright purchased the truck. The City's newest plow is a 2006 or 2007. With 11 years left to pay on the bond, the City would not be comfortable including the police cars. The plow truck likely be in use in 11 years.

The sidewalk project has begun. The contractor assures the City that the sidewalk will be safe for Grape Jamboree.

Council is not currently interested in the three properties available. Both properties on Timber Lane are between houses and would not be practical for use with the soccer field.

Mr. Starkey met with a representative regarding live streaming. Council would like some information on cost.

Union negotiations begin at the end of the month. The City is not hiring outside counsel; the City hopes to keep that funding in house. The City has received quotes.

The City will be sending out an RFP for Liability Insurance.

As discussed in the work session, new signage has gone up in town.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

Mr. Buskirk requested that the administration prepare what is needed to move forward with the request by Waste Management for the additional cost for recycling.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports: None.

Citizen –

Bill Baker
440 Blaine Street, Geneva, Ohio 44041

The minutes for the August 13th meeting as well as the Agenda and the Agenda for the September 10th meeting were not on the City's website.

Ms. Dunlap stated that she would look into it.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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