

MINUTES
City of Geneva
August 24, 2015

7:05 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Howard Anderson, Susan Hagan, Mike Shupska, David W. Per Due, and William Buskirk

Absent – Philip Cordova

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

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by Howard Anderson. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Presentation – Street Department – Superintendent Tim Bittner, Presenting.

The City will begin Chip, Fog, and Seal on Wednesday. The City had hoped to address some of the dirt roads, including Loveland, but was advised by Specialized Construction that it would cost more money to do those roads, Loveland was removed. The City will do part of North Nearing or part of Eastwood.

The roads scheduled to be done are Jonathan, Courtland, Crown Point, Hazelwood, South Nearing, and part of Eastwood.

Line striping has been completed.

Installation of lights on the downtown trees is completed, until additional lights come in.

The City is gearing up for the Grape Jamboree.

Mr. Per Due stated that the light at Centennial Street continues to be a problem. In the summer it is not as large a problem.

Street lights go through the police department. Chief Dudik stated that the police department can go on the website and put the information in, it takes up to six months to fix them. The Chief receives a confirmation of the request. The Chief will check for a confirmation of the request for the light at Centennial.

The City is not doing any chip and seal, only chip, seal and fog. Chip, seal and fog looks like asphalt when complete. The City has been using the process for five to six years. When the culvert failed at the bottom of the hill on Greenridge Road, the chip, seal, fog held the road up. The City has gotten good value and good mileage out of it.

Citizens –

The Grapettes just returned from the Ms. America contest in Atlantic City. Each of the Grapettes introduced themselves. The Ms. Grapette pageant will be held Saturday evening.

Mr. Anderson stated that each of the Grapettes spoke with authority and confidence.

Mr. Starkey welcomed Eric Kujala, City of Geneva's new Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Kujala is a 1981 graduate of Geneva Schools.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Resolution No. 3329. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of Ferguson Waterworks of Columbus, Ohio for the Advanced Meter Reading Infrastructure, and declaring an emergency.

The City has been working on this project for six years. There have been a number of Utility Committee Meetings regarding the project. In order to meet the WRSLA deadline, a vote needs to take place before September 28th. WRSLA does not meet in November.

The financing for Advanced Meter Reading Infrastructure is in place and includes a \$350,000 zero percent (0%) interest loan from OPWC and a \$300,000 one point five percent (1.5%) interest loan from WRSLA. The WRSLA loan will assist the City is swapping out the meters to get the technology in sink. Aqua will do the bulk of the meter installation. The Water Department will do the problem installations. The City will also purchase additional meters to keep up with future meter replacements, failed or frozen meters. The meters installed in 2000 or before will need to be swapped out. Aqua has quoted 500 meters at \$150.00 each to replace. The installation is separate from the bid for the infrastructure.

Sometimes the City sees five meters fail in a year, last year the City had thirty meters fail.

Water meters are good for fifteen years. The warranty on the new meters will be fifteen years.

The City is looking at a fifteen year financing package.

The loan includes \$200,000 in contingencies. The City does not anticipate using the entire \$200,000 in contingencies. The City has no obligation to borrow the full amount. The payment will be approximately \$45,000 per year (\$17,000 to be paid by Wastewater and \$23,500 to be paid by the Water Department). Currently the City is paying \$24,000 per year for Aqua to read half the City alternating each month. The increase in cost to the Wastewater Department will be \$3,000 year and the increase to the Water Department will be \$9,000.

The City issued \$9,000 in credits for water leaks last year. For leaks that end up running through the pipes to the Wastewater Plant, the City issues a 50% credit. For leaks that do not run through the Wastewater Plant, the City issues a 100% credit. The average credits issued per year is \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Mr. Hydinger stating that it will not cost the Wastewater Department more than is being paid right now.

Leaks identified by the new system can be conveyed to the owner sooner. Even if the owner cannot be contacted, the water can be shut off at the street. The new system will allow the City to be proactive.

The Water Department will be responsible for paying for the meters. The contingencies of \$200,000 would be a debt to the Water Department. The two departments will share the cost of the equipment.

The warranty covers the meters and is not based on the company that is installing them.

There will be no rate increase to the consumer. The City anticipates the cost being close to a wash.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution No. 3329 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, 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. 3329 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3329 duly passed.

Mr. Miller explained to the students in attendance the need for an emergency vote and waiving the rule.

Mr. Per Due commended Mr. Gilbert for his work on this project.

City Manager's Report -

Mr. Starkey stated that he would provide a spreadsheet with regard to the installation of the meters and provide that to Council through Phyllis. The City will be keeping an eye on those numbers and informing Council as the City moves through the process.

When the City begins the installation of the meters, installers should have uniforms and ID's. Mr. Starkey stated that the City would inform citizens by mail.

The City will target eight to ten meters per day.

Mr. Starkey congratulated the Fire Department on the obtaining of the FEMA Grant to install the Exhaust System in the fire bay.

The City received Officer Yopp's resignation this past week, Friday was his last day. Council suggested that Mr. Yopp receive an accommodation, Mr. Yopp was an excellent police officer. Mr. Starkey stated the City is planning a luncheon and will inform Council when it will take place.

Charles Huff has offered to paint the smallest covered bridge.

Unfinished Business –

Mr. Buskirk thanked Mr. Starkey for his hard work in replacing the telephone poles in his neighborhood. Mr. Starkey stated that the City now has contacts to make the process easier in the future.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills –

The cost to repair the John Deere of \$2,974.91 was related to the street sweeper. The computer was malfunctioning causing the truck to shut down. Murphy Tractor in Painesville replaced the computer and reprogrammed it. The street sweeper has two motors, the John Deere being one of them.

Committee Reports –

The Architectural Review Board met at 5:00 p.m. A sports apparel shop will be opening on Saturday on Route 20 across from Northwest Savings Bank.

Citizens –

Lowell Bedouin
Raymond Drive, Geneva, Ohio

The City will celebrate its 150th anniversary next year. The centennial was in 1966, Frank Fontane was in the parade. Mr. Bedouin would like to talk to council members regarding plans for the 150th anniversary.

David W. Per Due made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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