

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
September 22, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Jeff Piotrowski opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Phyllis Dunlap, Clerk of Council.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 and September 8, 2014 Council Meetings, seconded by Tim Miller. Roll call, 7 years.

Department Presentation – Wastewater Department – Gary Hyding, Presenting

The condition of the Wastewater Department is good. The two youngest personnel passed their Operator 1 and Operator 3 exams this past spring. More testing is being done this fall.

The financial health of the department is good. The Wastewater Department is back on track with the big tap-in fee for this year putting the department up \$40,000; \$10,000 over the goal set for the projected budget. User fees are hitting right on track. One of the City's users had a change of heart and paid \$35,000 back in user fees and is paying on time. The Department should be positive at the end of the year.

The Department has two projects. The first is the VanEpps Sewer Lining. The sewer was televised last Friday, they promised to have it done this Friday. The second is the Bypass Study being done by CT Consultants. This is an attempt to inform the City where we should put our money to get the best results for I&I. The City should expect a couple of plant improvements. The engineering will be done next year. In 2016 the City will start some significant construction at the plant.

The Plant is operating fairly well. The recent back-up was due to a new water line installed eleven years ago which went through a sewer line. It worked well for eleven years.

In 1995 the City had a belt filter press installed. The City had to set aside money every year for evaluation, repair and replacement. The City had built up \$80,000 in that fund. Ms. Stuetzer did some research and found information that allowed the City to move that funding to the Wastewater Operating budget.

The Digester was cleaned two years ago. It has to be cleaned every ten years.

Citizens –

Larry Purity
People for Parks

People for Parks is a group dedicated to giving public access to green space. The Metroparks has a Levy on the ballot. The Metroparks have tried to do this in the past.

Residents are unaware that we have Metroparks in Ashtabula County; 1,000 acres. Mr. Purity passed out a flyer. The red dots depict underdeveloped areas. The blue areas have been developed but there is more to be done. The Harpersfield Bridge is a Metropark. Jenks donates to keep the Harpersfield Bridge Park maintained. Area number 3 is maintained by Mr. Benson. Mr. Benson is 92 years old. The volunteers maintaining our parks are between 60 and 90 plus years old. It takes 10,000 man hours per year to maintain them. The Trail is maintained by volunteers. This is not sustainable. The volunteers deserve to have the parks go on after they are gone.

The parks are a tool to bring business into our area. Businesses look at amenities.

Grants require matching funds. The Metroparks do not currently have this tool. The proposed ½ mil, 5 year operating and improvement levy will cost a homeowner owning a \$100,000 home \$1.28 per month. The parks need money in order to apply for grant funding.

The People for Parks is trying to cultivate a younger base.

There is 4,000 feet of frontage in Conneaut, but, there is no parking lot and no access.

Ashtabula City Council passed a resolution in support. People for Parks is hoping that the City of Geneva will give consideration to passing a resolution in support.

The levy would raise \$852,000 per year.

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

Mr. Strnisa stated that he expects to have access to the back of his building during the Grape Jamboree Festival.

Mr. Pearson will talk to the Grape Jamboree Board on what their plans are for that area.

Mr. Strnisa also stated he did not receive the documents required to sign up for the parade. Mr. Strnisa was referred to the Grape Jamboree Committee for specific information on the parade.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3143. An Ordinance to Amend the 2014 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, Attached Hereto and Marked Exhibit “A”, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Ordinance 3143 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Howard Anderson, seconded by Susan Hagan that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3143 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3143 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3292. A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3292 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by David W. Per Due that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution 3292 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3292 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3293. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for the Design of the South Broadway Sanitary Sewer, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Howard Anderson to declare Resolution 3293 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 3293 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3293 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3294. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Ashtabula County for the Construction of a New Harpersfield Booster Station, and declaring an emergency.

This is a redesign of the facility. As development happens there will be a need for additional water storage. This booster station needs to be secured first.

Motion by Tim Miller, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3294 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 3294 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3294 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3295. A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Bid of C.I.R., Inc. for the West Main Street Streetscape Improvements – Phase 4, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3295 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 3295 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3295 duly passed.

City Manager's Report –

Chief Dudik and the City have been working through the County and with each City Manager on the software issue. It is now at a point that there is a general agreement on a Countywide CAD System for emergency services in the County. The technology is available to do it. The City would like to request a Safety Committee Meeting to discuss the parts of the system the County will help fund and what the city will have; Records and Jail Management system. This could be the first steps to dispatching. This agreement only affects the CAD modules. The Sherriff will have his own jail package and records. The City would have to have our own. This can be discussed in more detail at the Safety Committee Meeting. Doing this as a County will save all of the communities substantial amounts of money and improve communications. If there is a robbery going on in Ashtabula, the City of Geneva will be able to know. There is a meeting on Friday with the Managers and the Commissioners. The County will be looking for each Council to show that they want to participate.

The Committee will talk about a date.

Mr. Pearson would also like to have Finance, Chief Dudik and Chief Starkey attend.

Mr. Per Due asked if a Committee Meeting was needed to discuss recycling. Mr. Pearson learned from the County that the County plan has been sent back for review. Mr. Pearson would recommend holding off until the City gets into the budget cycle. Hopefully, the County will have some movement.

Chief Starkey has done research on the water reservoirs we have throughout our community. You can purchase archived maps through the National Achieves. Brick cisterns were put in to fight fires. There were thirteen (13) throughout the City; some were above ground. The City has confirmed three of them; Park Street, Lockwood Street and North Broadway north of the tracks. These are large cisterns that go under the roadway.

The City would like to have CT come out and look at them, send a structural engineer into the confined spaces to make sure that they are sound. The cost is \$3,500 to look at the three existing. The City will need to shift some money around.

The Wastewater camera worked well. The Park Street cistern is twenty plus (20+) feet deep and similar width. The other two are smaller, three feet (3') round and a similar depth. The City pumped the Lockwood cistern for two hours, the water is crystal clear. The archway opens out into the road. All have matching manholes.

This is a precautionary measure. On the video they look good. The City is not comfortable without a structural engineer looking at them.

Some are on private property.

If the cisterns are safe, the Fire Department will implement them as part of their response.

There was no objection to the City getting this done.

Unfinished Business -

With regard to televised meetings, Mr. Pearson could have Kenneth Johnson of Conneaut Telephone attend an earlier work session to discuss were the fiber is in the area, a proposal to do televised meetings in Geneva, how to get equipment here and the cost for that equipment.

The school could be included in the discussion.

Mr. Pearson will schedule Mr. Johnson to come in before one of the upcoming City Council meetings.

New Business - None

Payment of Bills - None

Committee Reports -

Mr. Anderson spoke with Juanita Stuetzer regarding the quarterly finance committee meeting. Ms. Stuetzer may have window in November.

Mr. Pearson stated that he would like to schedule the Budget Presentation for December 4th or December 5th. Mr. Pearson's preference would be Friday, December 5th. The meeting will be three to four hours. Mr. Pearson encouraged all Council Members to attend. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on December 5th.

Mr. Per Due read in the paper that salt is \$160 a ton. Mr. Pearson stated the City is locked in at \$102.00 a ton. Some of the Counties will pay \$160 a ton, southern part of the State. The lowest price was \$102.00 a ton. The Attorney General is looking into the pricing.

Citizens – None

Tim Miller made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss Personnel – City Manager Position. Howard Anderson seconded the motion. 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Tim Miller made a motion to reconvene at 8:26 p.m. David W. Per Due seconded the motion. 7 yeas. Motion passed.

Council meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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