

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
September 24, 2018
6:00 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Buskirk arrived at 6:10 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to approve the Minutes of the September 10, 2018 Council Meeting, seconded by Mario Butera. Roll call, 6 years. Motion duly passed.

Department Presentation – Finance Department – Finance Director Traci Welch, Presenting

The City received a clean audit for 2017. There were a few recommendations made with regard to the upgraded software issues that affected the City's ability to close the books.

On the agenda is an ordinance for the refunding of the bonds and for the dump truck. The bond terms are not being extended. By refunding the bond the City will save \$7,495.30 per year over the remaining term. Adding the dump truck will average an additional \$10,127 increase in the payment per year. The total amount saved by the City by refunding the bonds is about \$82,000. The term remaining on the bonds is 11 years and 3 years.

The ordinance reducing the 2018 current appropriations will force the City to make sure there is a carry-over for 2019. The dollar amounts needed to be reduced were provided to the Department Heads. The Department Heads decided were to make the cuts. This will allow the buffer needed to get through 2020. Ms. Welch recommended that the City do something to address the issue.

With the forecast done, the budget for 2019 is ready to go out to the Department Heads. The bottom line will not change.

The Finance Department is doing cross-training.

Friday is Ms. Welch's last day. It was a difficult decision. Ms. Welch thanked the City. This was Ms. Welch's first experience as a Finance Director.

Ms. Hagan thanked Ms. Welch for her service and wished her the best.

Citizens – None.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Ordinance No. 3234. An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$950,000 for the Purpose of Refunding at a Lower Cost Certain of the City’s Outstanding (I) Various Purpose Bonds, Series 2009 Dated August 13, 2009, and (II) Municipal Facilities Improvement Bonds, Series 2011 Dated September 29, 2011, and declaring an emergency.

The truck will cost close to \$160,000.

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. 3234 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Cynthia Miller to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3234 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3234 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3235. An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of Bonds in the Maximum Principal Amount of \$160,000 for the Purpose of Acquiring a Dump Truck for the City’s Street Department and Related Expenses thereto, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, seconded by Dana Schenk that the rule of law requiring certain Ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3235 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3235 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3235 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3236. An Ordinance to Amend the 2018 Budget in Order to Reduce Funds for the City of Geneva, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2018, and declaring an emergency.

The Ordinance will lock in expenditure reductions through the end of the year. If additional funding is needed, the City will need to come back to Council.

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. 3236 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3236 as an emergency measure, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3236 duly passed.

Ordinance No. 3237. An Ordinance to Amend the 2018 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, Attached Hereto and Marked Exhibit “A”, and declaring an emergency.

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. 3237 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3237 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Ordinance No. 3237 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3424. 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, and declaring an emergency.

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. 3424 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Cynthia Miller to declare and pass Resolution No. 3424 as an emergency measure, seconded by Philip Cordova. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3424 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3425. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to Execute Contracts as Required, and declaring an emergency.

The project involves sidewalk on East Main, South side and lighting upgrades. The project will be funded by the lighting fund and a grant.

Motion by Cynthia Miller, seconded by Dana Schenk that the rule of law requiring certain Resolutions be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Resolution No. 3425 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova to declare and pass Resolution No. 3425 as an emergency measure, seconded by Wm. Lucas McDaniel. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3425 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3426. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program and to Execute Contracts as Required, and declaring an emergency.

The project is a waterline improvement on Beach Street and if funded would be paid for through grant, loan and the water fund.

Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel, 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. 3426 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Motion by Wm. Lucas McDaniel to declare and pass Resolution No. 3426 as an emergency measure, seconded by Cynthia Miller. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3426 duly passed.

City Manager Report –

Ashtabula County has scheduled a workshop on October 10, 2018 for 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to discuss a Regional Sewer District. There will be someone there to discuss what would be involved in the process. Council members are welcome to attend. Ashtabula City has also been invited, possibly others.

Mr. Buskirk stated that when he first came onto Council the City spent a lot of time exploring the option of a Water and Sewer District. It would require a water authority with authority versus

the County. There were a number of discussions with Harpersfield, Geneva-on-the-Lake and Geneva Township. The plant at Geneva-on-the-Lake would not be sufficient; a new plant would need to be built. Additionally, the level of service that Geneva Township and Geneva-on-the-Lake expect is different than what the City of Geneva expects. It would require a large investment in Geneva Township. Additionally, wastewater services are the City's asset that make the JEDD's possible. If the City doesn't have that service, the City does not have the JEDD's. Ultimately, the City does not want to get rid of Wastewater for that reason.

The Fire Department will be reducing staff on the weekends. Equipment purchases for several departments have been cut. The Training Center upgrades have been cut. The City will not be replacing some of the positions. No additional personnel will be brought on to assist with leaf pick-up. The City will instead shift people from other duties that will be put on hold.

A Luis Steel was awarded the Growth Partnership Manufacturing Business Growth and Innovation Award.

The bleachers for Memorial Field are on order. The bleachers will provide 408 ADA compliant elevated bleachers.

The City is preparing for Grape Jamboree. The sidewalk and speaker wiring will be complete.

The water that had been pumping out on Sherman Street and South Ridge East and causing issues in the winter has been re-routed over the back hill.

The Police Department was presented with two awards by Safe Communities for their part in combating the OPIOD crisis. One of the two awards went to Officer Cahill for his work with the kids camping event at Pymatuning in May.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – None.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports: None.

Mr. McDaniel requested a Finance Committee Meeting. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for October 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

Citizen – None.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to go into executive session to discuss sale of property at 6:32 p.m. Mario Butera seconded the motion. Roll call. 7 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Wm. Lucas McDaniel made a motion to reconvene at 6:48 p.m. Dana Schenk seconded the motion. Roll call. 7 yeas. Motion duly passed.

Mario Butera made a motion to adjourn.

Cynthia Miller seconded the motion.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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