

**-MINUTES  
City of Geneva  
Council Meeting  
September 25, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – Tim Miller, Susan Hagan, David W. Per Due, Philip Cordova Wm. Lucas McDaniel and Mario Butera

Absent: William Buskirk

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 September 11, 2017 Council Meeting, seconded by Mario Butera. Roll call, 6 years. Motion duly passed.

**Department Presentation** – Fire Department – Chief Dale Arkenburg, Presenting

The heat wave had an impact on the Grape Jamboree. The City opened a cooling station at the City Hall on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 7 or 8:00 p.m. The Fire Department implemented new safety initiatives in conjunction with the Jamboree Committee, the Police Department, Street Department, City Manager, and NAD which went well. The Fire Department received numerous comments and will be looking to expand and adjust those initiatives.

A fire occurred in one of the booths early Saturday morning as Fire personnel were approaching. The fire was immediately put out by the booth staff with a fire extinguisher.

The heat presented challenges. Fire and EMS had a number of calls.

The County OPIOD Task Force is interested in having Ms. Hagan's Group participate with them.

The County has received grant funding. One of things being looked at is quick response teams being on call at the medical facilities.

The County Task Force would like to work with all of the local task forces.

Fire hydrant maintenance is a zone and half from being completed for this year. Maintenance helps to identify hydrants that are struggling and assists with the ISO rating.

Vehicle maintenance has identified a large number of issues with Tanker 321 and the ladder truck pumps. The Fire Department will be making a wholesale effort to attack these problems which require each truck to be out of service for a couple of days to be worked on. Chief Arkenburg described the various corrosion issues on 321 Fire Truck and the ladder truck. An additional issue is obsolete parts. Parts need to be special made.

A local gear repair person has been located; she is out of Mentor. The costs were reasonable.

Emergency Reporting Software installed at the end of 2015, beginning of 2016 is working well. It is a powerful program. The Water Department is using the work orders produced from the software to do the work on the hydrants.

The Vehicle Committee came together at the beginning of 2017 to come up with a plan for the future of capital equipment. The Committee was asked to look out 15, 18, 20 years. The Committee anticipates that the Route 534 Corridor both north and south will have significant growth with installation of the South Broadway Sewer and with the expansion of the Geneva-on-the-Lake Sewage Plant.

Recommendations included Engine 311 becoming the 321 and eliminate the 321. Additionally, a recommendation was made to obtain a new Ladder Truck or new to the City Ladder Truck. A new truck would be \$1.3 to \$1.5 million.

Currently, there is a used ladder truck available. It is a 2005 southern truck with 26,000 miles on it. It will have much less corrosion. The cost is one-third the cost of a new truck. The unit is being sold by a suburb of Houston which did not get flooded. That community is required to buy new trucks every ten years which is why this truck is for sale.

The Houston area will need 60 apparatus to replace those that were damaged in the flooding. As such Chief Arkenburg does not expect the ladder truck to be available long.

On the used market there are only a few reputable dealers; Company 2, Fenton, and Brently Mountain.

The Fire Department continually tries to keep up on what apparatus with similar capabilities as Geneva's are available.

The truck that the City bought used had 118,000 miles on it when purchased.

Chief Arkenburg stated that when purchasing used, you are at the mercy of what is available.

The Committee was asked to look at where the Department will be in twenty years. The general lifespan of any of the trucks is 22 to 29 years. A lot of people are going to undercoating.

The truck that the City obtained was from Worthington. It had some rust but not what would be expected from this area.

Willoughby and Conneaut have spent \$200,000 plus for units older than Geneva. The Chief questions if that is cost effective?

The Committee recommended Geneva get rid of the tanker sometime down the road and replace it with a basic tanker for water hauling.

The first two priorities are the engine and engine and ladder.

The Committee has invested a lot of time.

Call volume is up. Motor vehicle accidents are up.

Fires are down.

There was a fatal motorcycle wreck in the City.

Chief Arkenburg does not believe the chairs in front of the grandstand at the Grape Jamboree pose a safety concern. Apparatus can access were needed. There is good coordination with the Jamboree Committee. The mule can be offloaded. There were some access concerns that were brought up such as how dry it was. The City and the Jamboree Committee do have a review meeting scheduled. Chief Arkenburg will bring up the concern at that meeting.

Mr. Starkey stated that opportunities such as the Houston area truck come up from time to time. When those opportunities do come up, by the time the City gets through the process, the truck is gone. If Council has interest in a used truck being an option, Council may want to have a Safety Committee.

The Committee's overall recommendation was to take a look at the age of the apparatus, the capabilities of the apparatus, the potential growth over 10, 15, 20 years. The idea is to set the department up for the future.

Ms. Hagan would like to have a little history of the trucks. Where did they come from, new or used? How often they are repaired?

The current engine had 110,000 plus miles on it when purchased. The motor on it at the time was four and half years old. It was decently equipped.

The 321 was purchased with the idea it would buy the City five to eight years.

The Houston truck is thirteen years old. If the truck would be considered, the Chief and a mechanic would need to go down and actually look at the truck. Going by the photos and information provided, the truck would be a twelve to sixteen year piece.

A Safety Committee Meeting was scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on October 9, 2017 to discuss fire trucks.

A Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on October 9, 2017 to discuss fire trucks.

**Citizens –**

Ron Bowser  
74 Roosevelt Drive, Geneva

Mr. Bowser stated his concern with the garbage problem at 120 Roosevelt Drive. Mr. Bowser distributed pictures. Mr. Bowser stated that he notified the City of the problem.

Mr. Starkey stated that there is a process. A letter was sent out. The deadline just came due. The Zoning Inspector has been there to inspect.

Mr. Per Due has been to the site with Mr. Bowser and Mr. Tobias. Mr. Per Due stated that it is a health hazard.

If the owner does nothing, it may go to court. There are other measures the City can take.

Foreclosure is pending on the property.

The City does have the potential to haul the garbage away and charge the cost to the taxes.

### **Items for Consideration of Council –**

**Ordinance No. 3215.** An Ordinance to Amend the 2017 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. 3215 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Mario Butera to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3215 as an emergency measure, seconded by Susan Hagan. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Ordinance No. 3215 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3393 – Second Reading.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Apply for, Accept, and Enter Into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Agreement on Behalf of the City of Geneva for Construction of the Secondary Sludge Holding Tank – WWTP Salmonella Elimination Project, and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan. Second Reading.

### **City Manager Report –**

The top coat for Chip, Fog, Seal will be done this week. There was a delay earlier in the year. This was the City’s opportunity, although the timing with the Jamboree was not ideal.

The tax levy recommendation document regarding the taxes is included in the packet.

There are four houses in the City which will be demolished in October.

There is potential opportunity for the East Main paving to happen next year. The City is putting numbers together. The tentative estimate for the City’s 20% is \$300,000. The City is working on the budget, loan opportunities and working with the State to see if it could be let out as a part of another project. If the City is able to work it out, the City will bring that legislation back to Council. There is a project being let in January and there is one in March. There was also a project that is happening now but the City is not comfortable doing it at this point in the year. They will be paving from the City limits to Downtown.

The project at Clay Street has not yet been paved as they will be paving the full width of parts of Route 534 in that area.

Mr. Starkey thanked the staff and the Jamboree Committee for a great job.

Mr. Cordova stated that he had seen on social media that a citizen had complained about Chip, Fog, Seal. Citizens do not understand the process. Mr. Cordova suggested that in the next Ask Doug segment possibly having a special guest and have Mr. Bittner explain the process and the advantages.

Mr. Per Due stated the new Circle K on West Main is a real asset to the City.

Mr. Per Due stated that everyone, including the first responders did a great job at the Grape Jamboree. It was run very professionally.

The Capital budget included in the packet allocates 95.5% of the funds. Mr. Starkey stated that the concern with earmarking every penny is as Mr. Buskirk brought up; there will be increases in cost. The City wanted to provide conservative estimates. The 4.5% can easily be spent on projects.

Mr. Miller stated that the aesthetics of the Circle K blend in nicely.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** – None.

**Payment of Bills** – None.

**Committee Reports** –

A Safety Committee and a Finance Committee were scheduled.

**Citizen** – None.

Mr. Miller stated the next Council Meeting is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a possibility that Mr. Miller may be out of town.

Mario Butera made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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President of Council

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