

**MINUTES**  
**City of Geneva**  
September 28, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Tim Miller opened the Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent – Howard Anderson

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Jonathan Schroeder – St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Motion was made by David W. Per Due to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 Council Meeting, seconded by Mike Shupska. Roll call, 4 yeas, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

**Presentation** – Wastewater Department, Superintendent Gary Hydinger, Presenting.

The Wastewater Fund revenues are anticipated to be overestimated by 4%. Water consumption has gone down 21% through 2014 and continues to decrease each year. That said, the Department appears to be on budget.

Mr. Hydinger show cased a concrete core from the Roosevelt Lift Station. The concrete core is not perpendicular. The core drill machine’s ability to drill at an angle allowed the City to do the project in house. Mr. Hydinger provided Council with details of the Roosevelt Lift Station project.

There have been two sewer lateral collapses on West Main in the last six to eight weeks. One of which was discussed by wastewater as a small hole in the middle of the roadway on West Main the size of a shovel handle. The hole beneath road was found to be ten feet deep and five foot across. The road has a concrete base, two layers of brick, trolley tracks which are still there, along with several inches of asphalt on the road. This has allowed the roadway to be driven on without collapse.

There is 4,600 feet of pipe with 120 laterals coming straight up off the pipe under West Main. The City needs to replace the main and take the laterals out to the edge of the road. The storm runs in the westbound land and also needs replaced. The City is trying to secure funding, eighty percent through ODOT to cover the roadway and sidewalk replacement. The funding will not be available until 2019 or 2020. In the meantime, the City will have to address issues as they arise.

The City’s sewer rates have dropped to the fifty to fifty-five percentile. While the City has not raised rates in recent years, other communities in the State have. The City needs to consider reasonable rate increases over the next five years as the City will need to continue to match any grants they can get. Time payment plans are dropping off and residents are cutting back on water use. The City will need to charge more for less water to address these issues.

The collapse on West Main was relatively small. The hospital and two nursing homes are at the end of that street. There is a lot of flow. The biggest concern is the main. Mr. Hydinger has spoken with CT Consultants about using sonar to go down and see the voids. All the collapses have occurred on the laterals. The City will need to keep an eye on the road.

Mr. Buskirk arrived.

The City's camera cannot be used to identify these issues as the City does not have a camera that can launch up the lateral or one that can turn into the T.

The West Main project requires a total replacement from downtown to West Street. It is a four to five million dollar project at minimum.

The City met with ODOT.

Mr. Hydinger briefly went over some of the projects identified by the recent flow study.

**Citizens** – None.

**Items for Consideration of Council** –

**Ordinance No. 3172.** An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 3156 to Include the Position of Public Works Laborer, and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

This ordinance would allow the City Manager to hire an employ that could be utilized in either the Street, Water or Wastewater Departments, as needed. Each of the three departments will budget one-third towards the employee's salary. By passing this now, it will allow the City Manager to get a person in place to help with the snow plowing, cleaning storm and assisting in Wastewater.

Mr. Miller stated that this makes a lot of sense.

Mr. Per Due stated that this was excellent.

Mr. Buskirk would like this to go to committee to look at in the context of each department. Mr. Buskirk is not opposed but would like further review.

How will this work with collective bargaining?

Mr. Starkey stated that the person would not be covered under collective bargaining for now. Mr. Starkey hopes to negotiate a public works contract.

Short discussion regarding waiting vs passing now.

Ms. Hagan stated that she is not opposed but did not like the idea of hiring the person not knowing where that person would stand as far as the union.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by David W. Per Due to declare Ordinance No. 3172 an emergency measure. Roll call, 3 yeas, 2 nays. First Reading.

**Resolution No. 3330.** A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Geneva to Apply for, Accept, and Enter Into a Water Supply Revolving Loan Agreement on Behalf of the City Of Geneva for the Design and Construction of the North Broadway Water Main; and Designating a Dedicated Repayment Source for the Loan, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Mike Shupska, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution No. 3330 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Philip Cordova, 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 No. 3330 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3330 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3331.** A Resolution Declaring Certain Property to be Surplus Property, Authorizing the City Manager to Dispose of Surplus Property and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Philip Cordova, seconded by Mike Shupska to declare Resolution No. 3331 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by David W. Per Due, 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. 3331 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3331 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3332.** A Resolution Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the City Of Geneva (The Borrower) on Behalf of the State of Ohio to Reimburse Its Water Fund for the Water Meter Replacement Project, Cg40s, with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State Of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan, seconded by David W. Per Due to declare Resolution No. 3332 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, 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. 3332 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3332 duly passed.

**Resolution No. 3333.** A Resolution Declaring the Official Intent and Reasonable Expectation of the City of Geneva (The Borrower) on Behalf of the State of Ohio to Reimburse Its North Avenue Bridge Fund for the North Avenue Bridge Replacement Project, Cg03s/Cg04s with the Proceeds of Tax Exempt Debt of the State Of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Mike Shupska to declare Resolution No. 3333 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas. Motion by Susan Hagan, 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. 3333 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas. Resolution No. 3333 duly passed.

**City Manager's Report** -

Mr. Starkey congratulated Chief Dudik on the jail inspection.

Mr. Starkey thanked the City Staff, all the departments involved, for doing a great job and helping to make the Grape Jamboree successful.

A transportation workshop is scheduled for October 7, 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at Geneva City Hall for anyone who is interested in attending. Improvements such as sidewalks and multi- use trails will be discussed. The meeting will assist in creating a plan that can be used to apply for grants. Mr. Starkey thanked Amanda for all of her hard work on this project.

The City's CHIP Kick-off meeting was held earlier this evening. Eight citizens attended. The City has secured over four million dollars in funding through the CHIP Grant since 1998. This grant has been great for the community. For this funding round the City has partnered with the City of Conneaut. The cities received additional points for partnering. A Kick-off meeting will be held at Conneaut City Hall on Thursday for Conneaut residents.

**Unfinished Business** – None.

**New Business** –

Liquor Permit was received for Joe Flaco Place. Council had no objection.

**Payment of Bills** – None.

**Committee Reports** –

Mr. Cordova attended the Best of County Dinner two weeks ago. Members of the administration and employees were able to attend. The table was full. It was a great opportunity to network.

**Citizens** – None.

Mr. Miller explained the reason for the declaration of emergency and the waiving of the rule.

Susan Hagan made a motion to adjourn.

Council meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap  
Clerk of Council

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