

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
September 8, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Jeff Piotrowski opened the Council Meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Motion made by Susan Hagan to appoint Tammy Shuttleworth Interim Clerk of Council, seconded by Miller. Roll Call, 7 yeas.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said and prayer was offered by Rev. Andy Grimes of the Church of the Nazarene.

The minutes were not available for the meeting. They will be presented at the next meeting.

Department Presentation – Street Department – Tim Bittner, Presenting

Tim Bittner reported the following:

The Grant Street Bridge project went well. It was delayed a little bit because the weather and the issue with the gas line. Tim recommended that City Council go look at the project because they did a really nice job.

The City purchased the new LED lights for the downtown and they were installed by American Electric.

The City is in the process of starting the next phase of the Downtown streetscape.

The outer walk path at the training center is 90% complete. The fitness equipment and plaques have all been installed. There is only a little bit of clean up left to do to complete the project. The walk path through the woods is about 50% complete.

With the rainy weather it has made it difficult to complete the road maintenance. The Street Department is just getting caught up on the line stripping.

The Street Department has two great part-time workers and they have been mowing non-stop.

The downtown has been crack sealed and the parking spots have been lined. They used a new latex paint this year which he does not care for because it is not holding up well.

The Street Department has done Dura patching on various roads.

There is a list of roads that will be chip, fog, sealed weather permitting this week.

The crew has installed the new stainless steel bed on the STO 1 truck. There have been a lot of repairs on the fleet this year because everything is getting older.

David Per Due commented that the Street Department is doing an excellent job.

Vince Crawford from Waste Management was in attendance at City Council and gave an update on the Curbside Recycling Program and go over a couple of facts about recycling. Vince stated that the set out rate for the new recycling totes is 80%+. It has been getting better each week. Vince Crawford stated that the contamination rate in recycling is increasing. They would like to see the correct material getting put into the bin so they are starting a campaign called "Recycle Right Recycle Often". If you put contaminated material in your bins it has a reverse effect on recycling because it causes more items to go to the landfill.

Vince Crawford report that Waste Management picked up 83 tons of material out of the City in this year's cleanup day. There was a question asked how that compared to last year. Mr. Crawford will check what the tonnage was in 2013 and report back to City Council.

There was a question asked how you get an extra bin? Vince Crawford stated to contact Waste Management.

Citizens – A Proclamation for Miss Grapette was read. The 2013-2014 Miss Grapette and her court introduced themselves. Chrissy Jeppe stated that one of her girls has been to 39 events. The Grapette's attended about 50 events/festivals in total this year. The Grapette's donated over 2,000 pounds of food to the Food Pantry this year. Miss Grapette, Emily Deering, thanked City Council for the proclamation and for giving these types of opportunities to girls in Geneva. It has been a very humbling experience for her and the other girls over the past years. Paige Mottley invited City Council to this year's pageant which will be held on September 20th. The Young and Little Miss Grapette is 2:00 pm and Junior Miss Grapette and Miss Grapette will be at 5:30 pm.

Motion was made by David Per Due to Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Tim Miller seconded the motion. 7 yeas. Motion passed at 7:22 p.m.

Motion was made by Susan Hagan to Reconvene the Council Meeting. Tim Miller seconded the motion. 7 yeas. Motion passed at 7:47 p.m.

Items for Consideration of Council –

Resolution No. 3289 – A Resolution Declaring Certain Property to Be Surplus Property, Authorizing the City Manager to Auction and/or Dispose of Surplus Property; and to declaring an emergency.

Motion by David W. Per Due, seconded by Susan Hagan to declare Resolution 3289 an emergency measure. Roll call, 7 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 3289 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas. Roll call on passage, 7 yeas. Resolution No. 3289 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3290. A Resolution In Support of the Geneva Union Cemetery District Levy.

Tim Miller gave an update that the Geneva Union Cemetery District will be asking the citizens for a ½ mil levy. The cemetery has had some hard financial times. They had to replace the bridge at Mount Pleasant and had to borrow money for that. They also have aging equipment and road maintenance problems. They have a pretty tight budget.

Roll call on passage, 6 yeas 1 nay. Resolution No. 3290 duly passed.

Resolution No. 3291. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Settlement Agreement with Douglas Zetlaw, and declaring an emergency.

Motion by Susan Hagan seconded by Tim Miller to declare Resolution 3291 an emergency measure. Roll call, 6 yeas 1 nay. 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 3291 be placed on the final roll for passage. Roll call, 6 yeas, 1 nay. Roll call on passage, 6 yeas 1 nay. Resolution No. 3291 duly passed.

David W. Per Due stated that he cannot vote for this due to the economic circumstances and many matters that he is not permitted to speak on.

City Manager's Report –

Jennifer Brown reported that she provided City Council with a copy of a press release from the Police Department stated they had a robbery in town today.

Jennifer also stated that she would like to know who from City Council would like to attend the Growth Partnership Best of the County Awards dinner on September 16th.

There is a flyer included in the packet detailing a webinar about the Hometown Initiative that will be held in the City Council Chambers. Please let her know if you are attending on September 17th.

Mr. Pearson requested that Mr. Per Due schedule a Planning Committee Meeting to discuss the Recycling Center.

The City will begin doing crack sealing. The City will also begin the line striping.

UHHS Memorial Hospital of Geneva would like to purchase banners for the Downtown to show the presence of the hospital. The Hospital will cover the cost. They may also purchase others for the City. The City rotates the banners. There were no objections.

The Great Lakes 100 Mile Triathlon Route will include Route 84 through town.

Unfinished Business -

David Per Due commended the Fire Department and Chief Starkey on the nice paint job on the Fire Hall. It looks very good, they did a nice job and was very efficient.

Bill Buskirk believes the City needs to address its zoning code. He would like to see it in the regular budget for next year and would like to see a plan looked at over the next few months. There was a question asked if there is an estimated budget. Bill stated the cost can be from \$20,000 - \$40,000. Jennifer Brown said we can get new estimates. Tim Miller stated maybe it can be looked at in the quarterly Finance Committee.

David Per Due stated he would like the City to look into housing inspections being done more in more detail to protect renters from real health hazards. There needs to be more money afforded to them to do a more detail inspection and maybe charging more for the inspection.

New Business - None

Payment of Bills - None

Committee Reports -

Jeffrey Piotrowski reported that he attended the Community Improvement Corporation of Geneva's (CIC) meeting today. They are a component of the City of Geneva which requires them to have an annual audit. The audit costs them over \$3,000 and they already are on a tight budget. This effects their ability to do what they are there to do and help the City. He is bringing it to City Council and see if the City is willing to cover their audit cost as part of the overall City audit cost. The audit cost eliminates almost all of their funding for the year and they do small fundraisers such as selling ornaments to raise money. There was a question asked if an appropriation is needed for this. Juanita Stuetzer stated she will look into the rules of giving the CIC money and report back to Council at the next meeting.

Howard Anderson stated that he saw in the paper that there was more money made available from the State to tear down an additional 8 houses in the City of Geneva. Jennifer Brown answered that she believes he was referring to the NIP money. The County Land bank worked together with Ashtabula City to secure funding. The City helped participate and supplied them with potential houses that met their criteria.

Citizens – None

Council meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Recorded by: Tammy Shuttleworth
Interim Clerk of Council

President of Council

Clerk of Council