

MINUTES
City of Geneva
Council Meeting
November 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.

President John Barbo opened the Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call – John Barbo, Robert Rosebrugh, Jeffrey Griffiths, James Baehr, William Baker, Dana Schenk, John Travis

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was said and prayer was offered by Pastor Mike Cole, United Church.

Motion was made by James Baehr to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2024, regular council meeting, seconded by Jeffrey Griffiths. Roll call, 7 yeas, (Barbo, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Travis, Schenk). Motion duly passed.

Presentations – None.

Citizens – None.

City Manager Report:

West Main Street Sewer Replacement Project

Since the road closure three weeks ago, the contractor has made significant progress. The road will remain closed until further notice. The next progress meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

CDBG Senior Center ADA Project

The project began two weeks ago. The contractor is making good progress. The timeframe for completion is mid-December.

OPWC Round 39 Lawn Street Waterline Replacement Project

The full application has been submitted. The city should hear by next spring. This is a \$700,000 project to be completed in 2025.

2025 Property & Casualty Insurance (P&C) Renewal

The property & casualty insurance renewal has been received from our carrier, the Public Entities Pool. The 2024 premium of \$84,482 will increase to \$89,879 in 2025, a 6.4% increase. The 2023 renewal under the previous plan was \$130,700.

Planning Commission

Planning Commission member is needed. For this position the city is looking for individuals with a general understanding of zoning code, possibly a construction background.

Last Week's Finance Meeting – Review the 2025 Operating Budget

Mr. Varkette thanked all members of council who participated as well as the city Finance Director and all the Department Heads. There will be an additional abbreviated finance committee meeting held on November 20, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Utility Committee Meeting

A Utility Committee meeting will be held in two weeks at 4:30 p.m. to discuss utility rates for 2025, 2026, 2027 and possibly through 2029.

Our consultants are preparing a summary of the City's stormwater plan and would like to submit it at the Stormwater Conference for a presentation to be held in Sandusky. Mr. Varkette would be a co-presenter. Council stated this would be a good opportunity.

Council requested that the slide deck from the Stormwater Master Plan presentation be forwarded to council members.

Items for Consideration of Council

Ordinance No. 3367. An Ordinance to Amend the 2024 Budget through Appropriations and Fund Transfers, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A," and declaring an emergency.

Motion by James Baehr, seconded by John Travis that the rule of law requiring certain ordinances be read at three separate meetings be waived and suspended and Ordinance No. 3367 be placed on final roll for passage. Roll call, 7 yeas (Barbo, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Travis, Schenk). Motion by Dana Schenk to declare and pass Ordinance No. 3367 as an emergency measure, seconded by William Baker. Roll call, 7 yeas (Barbo, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baker, Baehr, Travis, Schenk). Roll call on passage, 7 yeas (Barbo, Rosebrugh, Griffiths, Baehr, Baker, Schenk, Travis). Ordinance No. 3367 duly passed.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business – Mr. Rosebrugh recognized the Veterans on this Veterans Day.

Payment of Bills – None.

Committee Reports – None.

Citizen – None.

William Baker made a motion to adjourn.

James Baehr seconded the motion.

Council meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Recorded by: Phyllis Dunlap
Clerk of Council

President of Council

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