

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

The March 1, 2010 meeting of the Geneva City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Kevin Burns. Aldermen present: Chuck Brown, Ralph Dantino, Dorothy Flanagan, Sam Hill, Craig Maladra, Richard Marks, Ray Pawlak, Robert Piper, Ron Singer and Dawn Vogelsberg. Aldermen absent: None. Also attending: City Atty. Charles Radovich, City Administrator Mary McKittrick, Asst. City Administrator/Dir. of Administrative Services Stephanie Dawkins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Thank You's Extended for Dancing with the Geneva Stars Success

Carolyn Hill, Cultural Arts Commission, thanked those who made the recent Dancing with the Geneva Stars a success, including the dance participants. She said the net profit raised at the event totaled \$18,253, the money going to the Geneva Academic Foundation and the Cultural Arts Commission. She added that a highlight video of the event is on the Cultural Arts website and that a DVD of the complete event also is available.

Ald. Vogelsberg thanked Ms. Hill and all the volunteers for providing a pleasant evening.

OMNIBUS AGENDA

All items listed on the Omnibus Agenda are considered to be routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda. Moved by Ald. Singer, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the Omnibus Agenda as presented. Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Brown, Dantino, Flanagan, Hill, Maladra, Marks, Pawlak, Piper, Singer, Vogelsberg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Moved by Ald. Singer, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve motion as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Committee of the Whole March 8, at 7:00 p.m.

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Approve Solicitation Requests from Children's Benefit League, Misericordia, and ALS Les Turner Foundation

Moved by Ald. Vogelsberg, seconded by Ald. Hill to approve the solicitation requests from the Children's Benefit League, Misericordia, and the ALS Les Turner Foundation. Carried unanimously by voice vote. MOTION CARRIED

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT

The following bills were presented for payment:

Insurance Claims	\$111.49
General Fund	118,261.30
Electric Fund	49,812.49
Water & Sewer Fund	53,403.78
Tri-Com Fund	12,328.10
Special Service Area #1	2,883.32
Parking Fund	6,721.63
Mental Health Fund	202.50
Total Funds	<u>\$243,724.61</u>

Moved by Ald. Brown, seconded by Ald. Flanagan that the bills be approved and vouchers prepared. Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Brown, Dantino, Flanagan, Hill, Maladra, Marks, Pawlak, Piper, Singer, Vogelsberg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS

Approve Resolution 2010-17 Supporting the Creation of the Northwest Water Planning Area Intergovernmental Agreement

Moved by Ald. Hill, seconded by Ald. Maladra to approve Res. 2010-17 supporting the creation of the Northwest Water Planning Area Intergovernmental Agreement.

Ald. Marks asked if a cost to the City would be associated with the agreement. Admin. McKittrick answered that sponsorship would be through the Metro West Council of Government and that the counties will be invited to participate. She added that the purpose of the Planning Area is ultimately to be proactive, allowing the various governments working in unison to achieve consensus if and when legislation is needed. Roll call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Brown, Dantino, Flanagan, Hill, Maladra, Marks, Pawlak, Piper, Singer, Vogelsberg)

NAYS: 0 MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

State Legislative Affairs

Ald. Pawlak said that he has been asked where the City stands in budgeting for public safety pensions. Admin. McKittrick explained that the City can meet about one-third of the recommended funding through levies and that the City contributes as much as possible outside of those levies. Ald. Pawlak also noted a Chicago Tribune editorial proposing the State reduce, perhaps by as much as 50 percent, the income tax revenues conveyed to municipalities. Admin. McKittrick said that historically the City has received about \$2 million in tax receipts from the State. She said that ultimately the City could see a \$1 million reduction in funds received.

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Ald. Hill asked as to the status of Illinois SB 2585. Admin. McKittrick said that state senate bills are scheduled to come out of committee this Friday. She encouraged phone calls to senators. Ald. Hill concurred.

Pasta for Posies Spaghetti Dinner

Ald. Flanagan reminded everyone of the Pasta for Posies spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, March 3. Raffles will be held along with a question-and-answer session with Geneva horticulturist Mary Stavenhagen. She listed those Geneva businesses where tickets are available.

Shanghai Infrastructure

Ald. Brown, who just returned from a trip to Shanghai, told how impressed he was with that city's infrastructure. He lamented that United States' cities are not keeping pace with infrastructure advancements in other countries.

Possible Aldermanic Increase

Ald. Singer asked about the possibility of Geneva having to increase the number of aldermen because of state legislation. Admin. McKittrick explained that municipalities with populations of 20,000 or more per the 2010 census would be required to increase the council size to 14 members. She said that Geneva could remain at 10 Council members, but must give notification 180 days prior to the next consolidated election; however, census results will not be available until after that time. She said she has proposed that the state give municipalities one year from receipt of the census results to notify the state of their decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Hill, seconded by Ald. Maladra to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting. Carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Lynn P. Landberg, City Clerk