

CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING
March 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The March 4, 2019 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: Craig Maladra, Tara Burghart, Becky Hruby, Michael Clements, Jeanne McGowan, Richard Marks, Robert Swanson, Mike Bruno

Aldermen attending by teleconference: Dean Kilburg

Aldermen absent: Jim Radecki

Also attending: City Atty. Ron Sandack, City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, City Clerk Roger Godskesen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Tara Burghart

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None

OMNIBUS AGENDA

All Items listed on the Omnibus Agenda are considered to be routine by the City 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. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve the Omnibus Agenda as presented.

Roll call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Maladra, McGowan, Marks, Swanson, Kilburg)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Radecki) MOTION CARRIED

Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 19, 2019

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve motion as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE REPORTS

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve motion as presented. Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Monday, March 11, 2019

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve motion as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT 3/4/2019

GENERAL FUND	\$ 76,641.70
CULTURAL ARTS FUND	100.00
SPAC FUND	88.44
TRI-COM FUND	41,190.61
SSA # 1	83.54
INFRASTRUCTURE CAPITAL PROJ	47,377.38
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	99,101.49
PRAIRIE GREEN	25.98
ELECTRIC	370,962.60
WATER/WASTEWATER	39,593.87
REFUSE	20.50
CEMETERY	435.00
COMMUTER PARKING	8,781.24
GROUP DENTAL	9,138.15
WORKERS COMPENSATION	10,639.00
UTILITY REFUNDS	1,057.35
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$ 705,236.85</u>

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Clements that the bills be approved, and vouchers prepared.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Maladra, McGowan, Marks, Swanson, Kilburg)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Radecki) MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Recommend Resolution No. 2019-15 Adopting Financial Policies for the City of Geneva, IL.

Moved by Ald. Clements, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the resolution as presented.

City administrator Dawkins gave an update on one change that was discussed at the last meeting regarding wording related to investment policy. The section has been amended to read as follows: “The portfolio is designed to obtain maximum returns, taking into account the City’s investment risk constraints and cash flow needs of the City’s funds and conforming to all State and local statutes governing the investment of public funds.”

There being no discussion or questions, the motion was put to a vote.

Roll call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Maladra, McGowan, Marks, Swanson, Kilburg)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 (Ald. Radecki) MOTION CARRIED

Approve Resolution No. 2019-16 Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase a 2020 Peterbilt Model 348 Single Axle Dump and Snowplow from JX Truck Centers (through Sourcewell) in the Amount of \$184,667.00.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve motion as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

Approve Resolution No. 2019-17 Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase Ten Saddle Tank Retro-Fit Kits for Snow Removal Equipment from Henderson Products, Inc. in the Amount of \$53,027.25.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve motion as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

Approve Resolution No. 2019-18 Authorizing Execution of the 2019 French Market License Agreement with Bensidoun USA to Operate an Open Air Market on Sundays from April 14, 2019 to November 10, 2019 on the City's South Fourth Street Parking Lot.

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Swanson to approve motion as presented.
Approved by unanimous roll call vote with one absence. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS

None

NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Gustafson, resident of the 5th Ward, was invited to the podium by Mayor Burns. Gustafson raised a procedural question that has been brought to light because of the proposed new historic district, which will be discussed at a public hearing by the HPC March 19. Since the city's attorney recused himself, the city had to hire an outside attorney to handle applications for this district. Gustafson noted that the wording of the statute requires that any costs related to an application be borne by the applicant and said she felt it was important that the spirit of the statute should followed to make sure the applicant pays all legal fees rather than the city and taxpayers.

Several Aldermen asked questions and felt that the council should get an opinion from the city's attorneys on this matter and to have time to study it. Aldermen and the Mayor agreed that the city attorney should provide a legal opinion about the issue. Gustafson suggested the hearing before the HPC be postponed until this matter is resolved. Mayor Burns stated he could not respond to a postponement without input from the HPC, but that the city would have a discussion immediately with the counsel retained for the proposal. In response to a question, City Administrator Dawkins reported that the outside attorney hired by the city had not yet billed for his services.

Ald. McGowan reminded everyone of the upcoming candidates forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters that will be held Wednesday, March 6 at Geneva North Middle School at 7:00 PM.

Tom Simonian asked that Aldermen refrain from commenting on social media about the proposed historic district.

Mayor Burns reported that the planned Speed Control Task Force had received 11 applications in total. However, only one from the 1st Ward and 4th Ward and none from the 5th Ward were received by the deadline of Monday, March 4, which did not fulfill the goal to have two representatives from each ward. After discussion of several options, the deadline will be extended to end of business Monday, March 11 in order to seek additional applications. Ald. Maladra, Swanson, Bruno, Kilburg, Burghart and McGowan all voiced their support for extension of the deadline.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Marks, seconded by Ald. Bruno to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting. Carried unanimously by voice vote with one absence.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Roger Godskesen, City Clerk