

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 1, 2011 – 7:00 PM

Presiding - Stu Einstein, Mayor
Present - Matt Horn, City Manager
David Lee Foster, City Attorney

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Valentino, Clr. D'Amico, Clr. Augustine, Clr. Hagerman,
Clr. O'Malley, Clr. Cosentino, Clr. Greco and Clr. Alcock

2. APPROVED MINUTES OF April 27 and May 4 & 11, 2011 MEETINGS

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. O'Malley; seconded by Clr. Alcock
MOVED THAT the minutes of the April 27 and May 4 & 11, 2011
Council meetings be approved
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. CLAIMS/CORRESPONDENCE

The City Clerk reported there were no claims filed against the City during the month of May 2011.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. COMMUNITY DISCUSSION AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

6. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION INTO GENEVA POLICE DEPARTMENT BE HANDLED OUTSIDE OF ONTARIO COUNTY

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Greco; seconded by Clr. Hagerman
MOVED THAT this resolution be adopted
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9)

7. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON ROSE STREET

City Manager Horn presented the following ordinance for first reading:

WHEREAS, the Geneva Municipal Code calls for restricted parking on Rose Street; and

WHEREAS, the Code was developed to address circumstances that no longer apply to the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the restrictions present an undue burden to residents and visitors to Rose Street.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the Geneva Municipal Code, Chapter 335, Section 16 (b) (5) be amended to read:

“Except as otherwise prohibited or restricted by other provisions of this Traffic Code now or hereafter adopted, parking shall be restricted on Rose Street to provide for no parking on the East Side of Rose Street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, between December 1st and April 1st. Additionally, no parking is permitted on the West Side of Rose Street, except on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, between December 1st and April 1st. “

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Valentino; seconded by Clr. O’Malley
MOVED THAT this ordinance be passed for a first reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9)

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER FROM HYDROFRACKING OPERATIONS

9. REFRAIN FROM ENTERING INTO ANY AGREEMENT TO TREAT WASTEWATER FROM HYDRO-FRACKING

City Manager Horn presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, since 2008, gas drilling companies have explored the Marcellus Shale, a significant rock bed that partially lies beneath New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, in with the mission of securing additional natural gas resources through “Hydro-fracking,”; and

WHEREAS, Hydro-fracking utilizes surface and ground water mixed with acid, anti-bacterial agents, friction reducers, sand, additives and numerous chemicals, including such known carcinogens such as methanol, ethylene glycol, formaldehyde, naphthalene, benzene, toluene and xylene, which is then pumped into wells and blasted into rock formations to release the natural gas trapped inside the rocks; and

WHEREAS, upon fracturing, between 15 to 40 percent of the water comes back up the well as flow back fluid, which contains high levels of salinity and other chemicals that can increase costs associated with proper wastewater treatment; and

WHEREAS, throughout the northeast, energy companies operate hydro-fracking wells that generate flow back fluid or "frack water," for which these firms are seeking plants capable of treatment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva operates two wastewater treatment plants that discharge treated water into Seneca Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council seeks to preserve the sensitive ecosystem of the Seneca Lake watershed, while also protecting assets charged with proper treatment of wastewater.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva City Council, hereby and in due form, does direct the City Manager to refrain from entering into any agreement, or otherwise effectuate the treatment of wastewater from hydro-fracking or related ventures at any wastewater treatment or other facility owned or operated by the City of Geneva.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. D'Amico; seconded by Clr. Alcock

MOVED THAT this resolution be adopted

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9)

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING LEAD AGENCY FOR COUNTY LANDFILL EXPANSION
11. ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FORMERLY KNOWN AS MOHAWK DRIVE

City Manager Horn presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva owns real property formerly known as Mohawk Drive; and

WHEREAS, the Geneva City Council has deemed that the property no longer serves a public purpose and should be sold to a private party; and

WHEREAS, staff is reviewing a private offer for purchase for this property; and

WHEREAS, if a proposal is determined to be in the best interest of Geneva residents, City Council anticipates a sale of the property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing for the sale of the property formerly known as Mohawk Drive be held at the regular City Council meeting on July 6, 2011.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Greco; seconded by Clr. Valentino

MOVED THAT this resolution be adopted

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (9)