

**CITY OF GENEVA COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 2, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Geneva City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Mayor Kevin Burns

Aldermen present: Mike Bruno, Tara Burghart, Michael Clements, Becky Hruby, Gabriel Kaven, Craig Maladra, Jeanne McGowan, Richard Mark, Robert Swanson.

Aldermen attending by teleconference: Dean Kilburg

Absent:

Also attending: City Atty. Chuck Radovich, City Administrator Stephanie Dawkins, Assistant City Administrator Benjamin McCready, Public Works Director Rich Babica, Police Chief Eric Passarelli, Community Development Director David DeGroot, Electrical Superintendent Hal Wright, Police Commander Mike Frieders

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Geneva High School and Rosary High School students, all present to work on citizenship projects.

Mayor Burns welcomed City Attorney Radovich and noted his 44 years of service as attorney to the city.

**NEW BUSINESS /PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Presentation on the 2020 U.S. Census**

SPAC Chair Jill Johnson and Assistant City Administrator Benjamin McCready gave a presentation on the upcoming Census including the importance of accurate counting, and the city's plans to get the word out to the public to encourage participation.

**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. McGowan, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the Omnibus Agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 18, 2020.**

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

**APPROVE REPORTS**

a. Financial Report for January 2020

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

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

None

**OTHER ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT:**

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| City of Geneva Expenditures - 3/2/2020 | \$ 7 47,614.27         |
| Manual Check(s) -                      |                        |
| Utility Billing Refund(s)              | 177.17                 |
| Misc. Refund(s) -                      |                        |
| Sales Tax Abatement -                  |                        |
| City of Geneva Payroll                 | 97,804.23              |
| Tri-Com Expenditures - 3/2/2020        | 4,334.10               |
| Tri-Com Payroll                        | 706,345.57             |
| Total Expenditures                     | <u>\$ 1,556,275.34</u> |

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Hruby that the bills be approved, and payments prepared.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: MOTION CARRIED

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**12.a. Amendment To Resolution No. 2020-14 Authorizing Execution of a Farm Lease with Pitstick Farms for a Farm Lease at a Rate of \$261 per Tillable Acre for the 2020 and 2021 Crop Seasons to change to a one-year lease, for the 2020 Crop season only.**

Moved by Ald. Kilburg, seconded by Ald. Burghart to amend the resolution as presented to a one year lease.

Ald. Kilburg discussed the reasons he felt a one-year lease would be better for the city, including potential changes in commodity prices and possible other uses for the land. Ald. Maladra, Bruno, Kaven and Clements gave views on recognizing and honoring the good-faith negotiations to date with Pitstick Farms, advantages and lack of risk with going forward with the current proposal, the possibility of exploring alternative uses in the future, and that a change to the current proposal at this time would not allow adequate time to study these alternatives.

There being no further questions or comment, the matter was put to a vote.  
Roll Call:

AYES: 3 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Kilburg)

NAYS: 7 (Ald. Clements, Maladra, Marks, Swanson, Hruby, Kaven, McGowan)

ABSENT: 0 MOTION FAILED

**12.a. Approve Resolution No. 2020-14 Authorizing Execution of a Farm Lease with Pitstick Farms for a Farm Lease at a Rate of \$261 per Tillable Acre for the 2020 and 2021 Crop Seasons.**

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

Atty Radovich noted that the Mayor would be entitled to vote on this measure.

There being no questions or comment, the matter was put to a vote.

Roll Call:

AYES: 9 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson, Mayor Burns)

NAYS: 2 (Ald. Burghart, Kilburg)

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**\*b. Approve Ordinance No. 2020-08 Amending Title 6 (Police Regulations), Chapter 2 (Miscellaneous Offenses), Section 12 (Possession of Marijuana) and Section 13 (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia), of the Geneva City Code.**

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

**\*c. Approve Resolution No. 2020-15 Authorizing the City Administrator to Purchase Twenty-Four Sets of Structural Firefighting “Turnout” Gear for the Fire Department from W.S. Darley at an Estimated Cost of \$47,000.**

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

**\*d. Approve Resolution No. 2020-16 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Benchmark Construction at a Cost of \$110,825.00 with the Allowance of City Administrator to Approve up to \$11,082.50 in Change Orders for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$121,907.50 for Sanitary Sewer Lining Project.**

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

**\*e. Approve Resolution No. 2020-17 Authorizing Execution of a Contract with Frank Marshall Electric at a Cost of \$28,700 with the Allowance of City Administrator to Approve up to \$2,870.00 in Change Orders for a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$31,570.00 for Water Plant Variable Frequency Drive Installation for Reverse Osmosis Unit #1.**

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

**\*f. Approve Resolution No. 2020-18 Authorizing Execution of a Market License Agreement Between the City of Geneva and Bensidoun USA, Inc. for the 2020 and 2021 Market Seasons.**

Moved by Ald. McGowan, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve motion as presented. Approved

by unanimous roll call vote. (Omnibus Agenda). MOTION CARRIED

**\*g. Approve Resolution No. 2020-19 Authorizing Execution of an Extension of the Fisher Farms Special Service Area #16 Management Agreement with Real Manage, LLC for 2020, 2021, and 2022 at a Cost Not-to-Exceed \$11,700.00 Per Year and Mutz Landscaping, Inc. for 2020, 2021 and 2022 Landscape Maintenance Services at a Cost Not to Exceed \$53,380.00.**

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

**PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, PETITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND BID AWARDS**

**a. Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2020-09 Amending Title 11 (Zoning), Chapter 2 Section 11-2-2 (Definitions of Words and Terms); Chapter 3, Section 11-3-3 (Accessory Buildings and Uses); and Chapter 15, Section 11-15-19 (Zoning Illustrations Accessory Structures) of the Geneva City Code.**

Moved by Ald. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Marks to approve the Motion as presented.

Ald. Burghart asked for clarification on terminology in the ordinance. Director DeGroot gave examples on what the changes would clarify, including definitions and regulations on structures such as pergolas, arbors, trellises, fences and so forth.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**b. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-20 Approving a Preliminary/Final Plat of Subdivision for the First Re-subdivision of Woodland – Steve Bertheau**

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Clements to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**c. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2020-21 Authorizing Execution of a Proposal from Huddleston McBride Land Drainage Services for Prairie Green Preserve Drain Tile Repairs at a Cost Not to Exceed \$7,012.00.**

Moved by Ald. McGowan, seconded by Ald. Bruno to approve the Motion as presented.

Roll Call:

AYES: 10 (Ald. Bruno, Burghart, Clements, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, Maladra, Marks, McGowan, Swanson)

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Roger Godskesen  
City Clerk