

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**  
**February 18, 2020**  
**Immediately following the City Council at 7 PM**

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT	ELECTED OFFICIALS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Bruno Burghart Clements Hruby Kaven Kilburg Maladra Marks McGowan Swanson Burns (Chair) Godskesen		Dawkins McCready  Sandack Tymoszenko VanGyseghem Antenore Babica Passarelli Wright Landers Kruse DeGroot

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burns called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM noting that all aldermen were present.

2. NEW BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. Approve Regular Committee of the Whole Minutes from February 3, 2020 and Special Committee of the Whole Minutes from February 10, 2020.

Moved by Ald. Swanson, seconded by Ald. Kaven V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

4. Items of Business

**a. Consider Draft Ordinance 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. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Clements V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

In response to a question from Ald. Kilburg on the amount of the fine for possession, Chief Passarelli confirmed the fine was \$300.

**b. Consider Draft Resolution 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. Bruno, seconded by Ald. McGowan V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

**c. Consider Draft Resolution 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. Marks, seconded by Ald. Burghart V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

In response to a question from Ald. Burghart as to why a joint contract with neighboring communities did not work out this year as in the past, Superintendent Van Gyseghem replied that other priorities and emergency projects encountered by all three communities caused a late start to contract negotiations which precluded a joint contract. He added that efforts are already underway to resume joint contract negotiations for the next year.

In response to a question from Ald. Bruno, Van Gyseghem reported that approximately 15% of the city sewer lines have been relined to date, and that some new PVC pipe has been installed as well. Van Gyseghem noted that some improvements in the system have already been observed as a result of these repairs.

**d. Consider Draft Resolution 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. Burghart, seconded by Ald. Bruno V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

**e. Consider Draft Resolution 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. Bruno, seconded by Ald. Clements V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

**f. Recommend Draft Resolution 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 measure.

In response to several questions and proposals from Ald. Kilburg, a discussion followed with input from Director DeGroot, Director Babica, Mayor Burns, Attorney Sandack and Administrator Dawkins regarding potential benefits and detriments of a 2-year VS 1-year lease, possible other uses for the land and whether these might benefit the City, and whether issues with drainage exist because of farming the property. Burns spoke of benefits to the City with continuing the current leasing arrangement, and how alternative uses could be investigated in the future.

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

Roll Call:

AYES: 6 (Ald. Bruno, Clements, Maladra, Marks, Swanson, with Mayor Burns voting to break a tie)

NAYS: 5 (Ald., Burghart, Hruby, Kaven, Kilburg, McGowan)

ABSENT: 0 MOTION CARRIED

**g. Recommend Draft Resolution 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 V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ald. Bruno, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:09 PM. V/V: 10-0 Motion carried.

- *Submitted by City Clerk Godskesen*