

THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 1, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Public Safety Building
255 Exchange Street
Geneva, NY 14456

Presiding – Steve Valentino, Mayor

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Clr. Regan, Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Camera, Clr. Brimm, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Pealer,
Clr. Noone, and Clr. Salamendra (via Zoom)

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

**MOVED THAT council move to executive session at 6:04pm to discuss collective negotiations pursuant to Article Fourteen of the Civil Service Law
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)**

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Brimm

**MOVED THAT council exit executive session at 6:52pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (8-1 absent)**

3. PROCLAMATION – Black History Month

4. SUPERVISOR UPDATE

Supervisor Kennedy said that he had a follow-up from Supervisor Prueett's update that was sent to council last month. Supervisor Kennedy said that he is now on the Health and Human Services Committee and the Government Operations and Improvements Committee for the county where he will be asking questions about how the County Clerk envisions the future of the post pandemic Geneva Offices. He said he will be on an ad hoc Master Planning Committee for the parks master plan. He said they had a good meeting at Public Works to learn about the mutual aid agreement with the city and county. Lastly, the Health and Human Services Committee asked for an updated data sheet on all of the services being

offered to eligible county residents and the City of Geneva. He noted that according to the 2021 data Geneva receives about 23% of all public beneficiary services in the county. He said he is planning to come back in April with some 2022 data.

5. DRI UPDATE

Thank you, Mayor and City Councilors and good evening.

WORK COMPLETED TO DATE:

There is no significant progress on the project to report.

Pay Application 16 has been submitted in draft form and is currently being reviewed by the contractor.

Routes 5&20 traffic signal upgrades and the Bozzuto Rain Water Collection system installation are progressing although electrical components are still back ordered.

Bicycle shelters and racks have been installed.

The contractor has submitted requests for substantial completion acceptance, pay quantity discrepancy review and contract extensions of time which are all being investigated. Substantial completion will be granted when all traffic signal work has been installed and accepted.

UPCOMING WORK SCHEDULED:

Contract 1, "5&20 Corridor" and Contract 2, "Street Scape and 5 Points"

Work is not yet completed on all traffic signal upgrades and will be once materials and equipment is secured.

CONCERNS:

Overall - Additional engineering charges due to uncompleted work and schedule delays

SIGNAGE – 5&20 - Reviewing additional permanent signs, median signs are getting run over often by motorists, Streetscape – Reviewing Exchanges St loading zones

BUZZUTO – Rain Collection Structure is not completed,

ELECTRICAL – Traffic signal material and equipment delays continue

6. FOUNDRY UPDATE

Remedial Design

- NYSDEC's engineering contractor completed remedial design plans for the block of properties located along the north side of Tillman St., east side of Geneva Street, and south side of Lewis Street. Remediation of these properties is scheduled for completion in 2023.
- Remedial designs were completed for 60 Middle Street, which had been used as a project staging area. Remedial construction details are provided below.
- Remedial design plans are in progress for 19 remaining properties that are located south of St. Peter's Church along Genesee and Geneva Streets, and along the west side of Geneva Street and south side of Tillman Street. NYSDEC and its engineering contractor will meet with homeowners in the coming months to review plans.
- No Further Action letters will be issued this month to the owners of properties remediated in 2022.

Remedial Construction

- Excavation of 60 Middle Street, which had been used as a project staging area, began in early January is scheduled to be completed this week.
- Per an agreement with the city, the contractor will use the vacant parcel at 42 Geneva Street as a staging area for materials and equipment during 2023. Setup activities will begin this month. Restoration details will be finalized with the Director of Public Works later in the year.
- Restoration activities at Genesee Park, including masonry activities and landscaping, are expected to resume in late March or April, pending weather, and are expected to be completed in late spring.
- Remediation of all remaining residential properties is expected to be performed in 2023. Remediation of the State Street staging area, located on the parcel just east of the railroad, is anticipated to be completed in 2024. Demobilization from the additional project staging area on Lehigh Street will also be completed in 2024.

7. CONSIDERATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Clr. Burrall asked to make an adjustment to the minutes saying that when he was referring to a local athletic team, he was referring the HWS Hockey team and not the Lacrosse team.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone

MOVED THAT the minutes of the January 4th Council Meeting be approved

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Camera, Clr. Regan, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Gaglianese,
Clr. Burrall, Clr. Pealer, Clr. Noone and Clr. Brimm**

Abstain – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Passavante, member of the Ontario County Planning Board, said that he wanted to acknowledge with enthusiasm the process the city has gone through involving consultants and the public with the zoning code update. He said that once the city has a code that people are mostly happy with, it will get referred to the County Planning Board for their comments. He said that we can reach out to the senior planner whose contact information is on the county website. He said he would be happy to facilitate an introduction on our behalf or provide information. He said that once the county provides their comments to the city, then council will vote on approval of the new code. Lastly, he told council that he was recently elected as the chair of the Ontario County Planning Board.

9. CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Hendrix said that we are in final discussion with community partners about the Zoning update as there were some concerns over the initial update. She said the discussions will be coming to a close in the next couple days. She said the plan is to bring the update to the county and then to city council in March or April. Clr. Camera said he felt there were unresolved issues from the most recent meetings council had with the consultants and would like another work session to see where we are. Clr. Salamendra said she agrees with Clr. Camera and feels we need to zone Slosson Lane for development. Mayor Valentino said he would like council to see the draft before setting a work session.

City Manager Hendrix said that we have received a joint USDA grant in partnership with the Town of Geneva on sustainability. She said that as part of the grant, we will be receiving support from a part time sustainability coordinator. She said that this employee, the Town Supervisor and representatives from the Green Committee and the Town Sustainability Committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss this grant and the implementation, noting that it has a lot to do with composting and increasing our composting.

City Manager Hendrix said that we will soon have the contract for the Restore NY funding for Pretzel Logic, and we have received the official notice of award for the Round 6 project for the Middle Street

apartments, noting that we will soon have an executed contract and renovations can begin. She said our city events application has been updated and it is now available online for any organizations wishing to host an event in the city. Ms. Hendrix said that yesterday, the city was represented at the unveiling of the Veteran's Services Kiosk at the Welcome Center.

With regard to the Planning and Economic Development Director recruitment, she will be meeting with the internal and external teams to discuss the position on February 14, 2023, and they are looking to begin recruitment in March. The Police Chief test is now posted and interested, qualified candidates can now sign up for the exam. The application deadline is February 17, 2023, and all candidates must participate in the Civil Service Examination held on March 25, 2023. All information will be on our website.

10. RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #1-2023 CREATING STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITY MAYOR

City Manager Hendrix presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, currently all Geneva City Councilors and the City Mayor are elected every four years in the same general City election, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of City Government to provide a stable governing board, and

WHEREAS, in the 2019 city election, seven City Councilors were elected for the first time with little experience with City Government, and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of said goals, Geneva City Council intends to adopt local law # 1-2023, a copy of which local law is submitted with this resolution, amending the City Charter to provide that the terms of office of Geneva City Councilors and the Mayor shall be staggered so that all City Councilors and the Mayor do not come up for election in the same year, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Home Rule Law requires a Public Hearing be held before a local law is adopted, and

WHEREAS, Section 23 subd 2 (e) of the Municipal Home Rule Law states that a local law which changes the term of an elective officer becomes operative only if approved at such election by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such local government voting upon the proposition.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law concerning proposed local law # 1-2023 submitted herewith.

City Manager Hendrix said that the local law passed last year did not make it on the ballot in November, so if this local law is approved, it will be placed as a referendum on the November 2023 ballot with a start date of January 2024 if approved by vote.

Clr. Burrall said that the proposed local law does not say which at-large councilor would get the 2-year term, and he suggested that the largest vote getter be the one who gets the four-year term. Mayor Valentino said that he will have the city attorney look at making this adjustment to the local law.

Clr. Gaglianese said he agrees with staggering the terms, but he voiced his disappointment with one of the at-large councilors getting that two-year term after all of the work they put into canvassing the entire city. He said if this passes, he hopes council will take a look at what the county is doing with combined wards along with the cities of Canandaigua and Auburn giving residents more representation.

Clr. Salamendra said that she regrets this going to a referendum without considering a remake of the city reminding council that she tried to bring forward the elimination of the at-large councilors as residents receive better representation by ward.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Pealer; seconded by Clr. Noone

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Camera, Clr. Regan, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Noone, Clr. Burrall,
Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Pealer, and Clr. Brimm**

Nay – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RESIDENCY EXEMPTION FOR THE CURRENT POLICE CHIEF

City Manager Hendrix presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva's comprehensive plan charges us with protecting and strengthening our uniquely urban character and our sense of community; and

WHEREAS, as Chief of the Geneva Police Department, Michael J. Passalacqua has worked to enhance public safety, address problems creatively through collaboration and partnership, and to advance celebration of our multi-cultural heritage through his leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Geneva City Council adopted a resolution requiring residency of police and fire chiefs; and

WHEREAS, the resolution cited ready access to public safety issues as key to rapid efficient response; and

WHEREAS, Chief Passalacqua is scheduled to retire on June 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Chief Passalacqua has begun the process of relocating his residence from the City of Geneva with the potential sale of his current home within the City and

WHEREAS, Chief Passalacqua's residence outside the City of Geneva, pending his retirement, will not negatively affect ready access to public safety incidents; and

WHEREAS, Chief Passalacqua's exemplary service record, commitment to protecting and enhancing the quality of life for all Genevans, and core leadership skills make him an effective public safety leader and Police Chief.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Geneva City Council, hereby and in due form, exempts Chief Passalacqua from the residency requirement affected by the 2009 Resolution for the remainder of his tenure.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT this resolution be approved**

City Manager Hendrix told everyone that this resolution follows a previous resolution for the former police chief, and it would allow the current chief to move out of the city before the end of his term. She said that he will be retiring at the end of June and his house is currently up for sale.

Clr. Noone said he would like to amend the resolution to remove paragraphs 1, 2 and 8 as they have nothing to do with the residency exemption. Clr. Camera said he agrees with this amendment noting that he has a problem with the resolution to begin with. He opposes the exemption because he feels the chief made an agreement when he was appointed, and his response time and knowledge of the city is enhanced with him living in the city. Clr. Regan agreed that a contract was signed, and an exemption is not something council should be doing because it is legislating for one individual.

Clr. Gaglianese said that we are talking about four months, noting that the current city manager took seven months to get a house, and council was willing to allow an extension for her. He said he feels the chief deserves respect on this request for his 20 years of service.

Clr. Salamendra said these things tends to go in one way and not the other and she does not feel the chief deserves an extension on his residency. She said she hopes the chief will be terminated. Mayor Valentino asked Clr. Salamendra to stay away from personal attacks and stick to the current resolution.

Clr. Burrall said that he feels it makes a difference where the chief is planning to move to and if he has a closing date. City Manager Hendrix said that she believes he has a closing date at the moment for the end of February or beginning of March with plans to establish residency in Waterloo with no closing date set for that property.

Clr. Camera said that he would like to add a stipulation that the chief acknowledge he has been living in the City of Geneva at least 80% of the time for the past year.

Clr. Pealer told council members he believes this is professionally reasonable noting that council just did this for the City Manager. He feels the chief has given 20 years to our city and is being up front about this.

Clr. Salamendra said that there is a rumor going around that the chief is not living here and she does not believe a residency exception should be granted. She said when she was forced out of her living arrangements, the mayor and several residents questioned where she was living. Mayor Valentino asked Clr. Salamendra to stick to the resolution presented and he wanted to call the roll. Clr. Salamendra said she would like the record to reflect that the mayor is silencing the fifth ward councilor. Mayor Valentino reminded Clr. Salamendra that he asked council to stick to the resolution without offering personal attacks.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Gaglianese

MOVED THAT this resolution be amended to remove paragraphs 1, 2, and 8

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Camera, Clr. Regan, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Noone, Clr. Burrall,
Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Salamendra, and Clr. Brimm**

Nay – Clr. Pealer

MOTION CARRIED

{Roll call on the resolution as amended}

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Mayor Valentino, Clr. Noone, Clr. Burrall, Clr. Gaglianese,
Clr. Pealer, and Clr. Brimm**

Nay – Clr. Camera, Clr. Regan, and Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

12. RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING AN EXEMPTION PROVIDING FOR A 10% EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR AMBULANCE DRIVERS

City Manager Hendrix presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Geneva wishes to encourage residents to volunteer with the City Fire Department or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Department, and

WHEREAS, the number of volunteers has fallen to a point where service has been affected, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has authorized an exemption which would provide for a 10% exemption for volunteer firefighters or ambulance drivers who have been certified by the Geneva Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, The City of Geneva wishes to adopt a Local Law which would authorize a 10% exemption for volunteer firefighters or ambulance drivers who have been certified by the Geneva Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Home Rule Law requires a Public Hearing be held before a local law is adopted, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing be held on February 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law concerning proposed local law # 2-2023 submitted herewith.

City Manager Hendrix said that the State Legislature has authorized this exemption, and individual municipalities must approve it for their residents. She said that staff found approximately 40 current volunteers, but there may be more requirements above just being a volunteer. She said that staff is still looking into the requirements and how it would affect the city.

Clr. Regan said she has concerns because it is a little misleading to set a price on it because it is a moving target in some ways. She said she loves the idea of a resolution like this to increase the force and show gratitude, but she feels it is a question of the city being able to afford it. She said that the fire department is already asking for equipment that is being paid with property tax dollars. She said she has a hard time taking away from that fund. She said she would like council to consider the equality of it with properties being assessed at different amounts. She said she would like to see how the funds would be replaced and for council to consider something more equitable.

Clr. Gaglianese said this is wonderful noting that our fire department is second to none showing up at all hours of the day and night to help without getting paid. He told councilors to learn the history of our department noting that if we had to pay for their service, it would cost us millions. He also noted that they do a lot to raise funds on their own to help purchase equipment they need.

Clr. Camera said he would like to see support for the conversation coming up next month noting we have 18 career firefighters, two chiefs, and many volunteers. He said he would like to look at this holistically and the specific issue with volunteers that has developed and discuss the work they have taken on as far as EMT services. He said he would like to see this done in an equitable, measured way. Lastly, he noted that DPW employees do dangerous work all over the city every day, but he feels the city is broke and we need to grow out of our problems.

Clr. Pealer mentioned to council that he sent them a FLSA packet which he hopes they review, and he would like to hear the public's feedback. Chief Parrotta told council that our volunteers are not asking for this. He received the information from the State who passed the legislation to help with recruitment. He said his office has been reaching out to different resources to get more information, noting that the Assessor has come up with only about 38 people, but those people may not meet the eligibility requirements, and the average savings would be \$150-\$250 per year per volunteer.

Clr. Salamendra said she wanted the record to reflect earlier that the mayor has interrupted her several times during this meeting. She said that many people volunteer their time, and if we can't do this for everyone, we should not be doing it for some. She said that the city should be safe and healthy in a number of ways, and if the fire department needs more money, we should look elsewhere.

Clr. Noone said that this is a great piece of legislation from the State, and he would like to hear from residents and those directly impacted by it. He said the 10% is nothing as you can't put a price on safety, and although he fully supports the legislation, he would like council to look at the equity aspect.

City Manager Hendrix said that since this is State legislation, the City of Geneva cannot address the equity challenge.

ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Pealer

MOVED THAT this resolution be approved

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye – Clr. Camera, Clr. Regan, Mayor Valentino, Clr. Noone, Clr. Burrall,
Clr. Gaglianese, Clr. Pealer, and Clr. Brimm**

Nay – Clr. Salamendra

MOTION CARRIED

13. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 335-17 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" – Pulteney St and Washington St

City Manager Hendrix presented the following ordinance for first reading:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York that Chapter 335, entitled "Vehicles & Traffic" of the City of Geneva Municipal Code be amended:

WHEREAS, the current section 335-17, entitled "Parking standing and stopping restrictions." Indicates no parking restrictions on the east side of Pulteney Street, north of Washington Street, and

WHEREAS, the City Director of Public Works recommends that a defined no parking here to corner restriction be established in this area.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDAINED, as follows

Section 335-17 of the Geneva City Code, entitled "Parking standing and stopping restrictions." be and the same is hereby amended to include the following: Pulteney Street, On the East Side: No parking from the north curb line of Washington Street to a point 50 feet in a northerly direction.

City Manager Hendrix told everyone that this will require a 50 ft set back from Washington Street to safely allow multiple vehicle parking spaces to remain at this location while removing the unsafe sight distance situation that we currently have.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Brimm
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved for first reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 335-17 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" – S. Main St. and Jay St.

City Manager Hendrix presented the following ordinance for first reading:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York that Chapter 335, entitled "Vehicles & Traffic" of the City of Geneva Municipal Code be amended:

WHEREAS, the current section 335-17, entitled "Parking standing and stopping restrictions" indicates parking restrictions on the west side of South Main Street "From a point 260 feet north of the north curb line of Jay Street...", and

WHEREAS, the City Director of Public Works recommends that additional parking spaces be allowed in this area.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDAINED, as follows;

Section 335-17 of the Geneva City Code, entitled "Parking standing and stopping restrictions" be and the same is hereby amended to include the following: Main Street, South, On the West Side: No parking from a point 190 feet north of the north curb line of Jay Street ..."

City Manager Hendrix told everyone that the city received a request from a new business to increase the on-street parking while maintaining a good site distance.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved for first reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 335-17 ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" –William St and West St

City Manager Hendrix presented the following ordinance for first reading:

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, New York that Chapter 335, entitled "Vehicles & Traffic" of the City of Geneva Municipal Code be amended:

WHEREAS, the current section 335-9, entitled "Stop intersections" indicates no stop restrictions at the intersection of William Street at West Street

WHEREAS, the City Director of Public Works recommends that a defined traffic control device installation be established in this area by mean of stop signs.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDAINED, as follows

Section 335-9 of the Geneva City Code, entitled "Stop intersections" be and the same is hereby amended to include the following:

William Street with West Street from the east and west.

William Street with West Street from the south.

City Manager Hendrix reminded everyone that this was discussed at the last council meeting for safety reasons.

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Regan
MOVED THAT this ordinance be approved for first reading
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

16. **TABLED DISCUSSION REGARDING STAFF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Valentino said that this item will be moved to the agenda on February 15th.

17. **BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT Don Cass be reappointed to the Planning Board
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Gaglianese; seconded by Clr. Noone
MOVED THAT Michelle Neary and John Lynch be reappointed to the Police Budget
Advisory Board
MOTION CARRIED**

18. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Clr. Regan said that the Green Committee is excited about the shared position with the Sustainability Committee and the addition of Jacob Fox. She said the Green Committee is pushing forward with the Mission Zero event on April 22nd at the Recreation Complex. She said the 125th Celebration will be

holding their main event at the Smith Opera House on March 4th. She said they have a few details to nail down and are looking at 6 speakers for a speaker series including two on the Iroquois Nation. She said Historic Geneva has an exhibit. They are planning to provide information on the impact of the wine industry, and the diverse cultures of Geneva will be the topic on March 1st, and they will be bringing back the First Fridays starting March 3rd. She said Geneva Community Projects is providing 10 musicians in 10 different locations, and on Saturday the celebration will end at the Smith Opera House at 4:00pm with a theme of Then and Now along with a reception at the Welcome Center and fireworks at Long Pier. She said the committee is currently putting together a Facebook Page.

Clr. Salamendra said that the Ontario County Housing Survey is still going and she hopes to have information next month on what they found.

Clr. Pealer said that the Recreation Board met and said that they had around 212 skaters on Martin Luther King Day. The Recreation Department is offering youth skating lessons and residents can call 315-789-5005 to get more information about registering. Clr. Pealer said that the board has been discussing pickleball along with how they might pay for this and other programs. He said their next meeting will be February 15th at 6:00pm. He asked City Manager Hendrix about the event form URL and if council could get that to provide to residents. Lastly, Clr. Pealer announced that public skating will be extended Feb 20-24 from 11:30am to 3:30pm.

Clr. Burrall told everyone that George Fairfax brought pickleball to our city 10 years ago, and up until COVID, was holding an annual pickleball tournament. He announced the next opportunities to donate blood will be February 9th at the Oaks Corners Firehouse from 11-5, February 17th at Jordan Hall from 9-2, February 24th at the Hall Fire Department from 1-6pm, February 27th at the Presbyterian Church from 1-7pm, and February 28th at the Scandling Center from 1-7pm and Geneva General Hospital from 11-4pm. Clr. Burrall said that the BID held a financial budget meeting and developed new committees for finalizing the budget. He said that the Historic Districts Commission did not meet. He said that the Shadetree Committee is doing great things with maintaining trees in the city, and lastly, he announced that he, Jim and Auggie Norwalk, and Jim Oswald collected \$1560 in firewood sales in the month of January for the Shadetree Committee fund.

Clr. Noone said that the Zoning Board did not meet. He asked if in the reconfiguration of 5 & 20, headed west bound toward Lake Street if something could be done about there being no notice given about the turning lane. Clr. Noone referred to a letter to the editor asking the Waterloo Village Board to create Hometown Hero banners, and he reached out to the couple to get more information saying that he would like to bring that to Geneva. He said that the banners could be hung from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day.

Clr. Gaglianese said that the Police Budget Advisory Board meets monthly with their last meeting being January 19th to discuss a tentative timeline for the 2024 budget preparation. They will be meeting with the Comptroller and researching police response to mental health crises. He thanked Amara Dunn for the update. He said that the Planning Board did not meet, and their February meeting will be February 21st due to the holiday.

Clr. Brimm said that he was not able to attend the Housing Authority meeting and he wanted to let everyone know with tax season here and April 15th being on the weekend that taxes will be due April 18th.

Clr. Camera thanked the city manager for identifying three properties in her report saying that he is glad something is being done. He said the Finger Lakes Railroad and Genesee Transportation project is unfolding slowly as the consultant will be selected in March, and they will be starting regular meetings in April. He said he hopes we will have a gut check on the marina project, and he understands the city manager will perform a rigorous cost analysis along with looking at the environmental impacts on the north end of the lake.

Mayor Valentino said that the Local Development Corporation did not meet. He said the Martin Luther King Day celebration was a well-attended, beautiful event. He complemented Reverend Golden and thanked Lucile Mallard for all of the work she puts into this event, and the city manager and the city councilors who attended.

19. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Schiller told council that a very successful businessman recently talked about a coin having two sides, which in council's case refers to Republicans and Democrats. She noted that the ring around the coin brings the two sides together, and that is very important.

20. ADJOURNMENT

**ACTION TAKEN by Clr. Noone; seconded by Clr. Pealer
MOVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:03pm
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Lori Guinan

City Clerk