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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Nadine Palmgren called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Aldermen Bob Wachtel, Doug Crow, Jason Robinson, Carl Freeman, Keith Kennett, Howard Beck were in attendance. James Roodhouse and Justin Snodgrass were absent. Also in attendance were, City Attorney Virgil Thurman, City Administrator Lisa A. Kotter, City Clerk Loree K. Phlypo, Director Opsal, Chief Piotrowski, Building Inspector Rick Mills, Interim Public Works Director Chad Vandewoestyne, HRS Jill Laingen, City Accountant Karen Brandau the press, and various audience members.

A Quorum was present.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Rhoni Perrine reported that the Chamber's Annual Dinner at the Cellar was a huge success and Congratulations to all the award winners. To view all the Chamber of Commerce events please go to [www.geneseo.org](http://www.geneseo.org).

**CITY ENGINEERING**

Greg Ryckaert reported that the solar project and street milling are projects that the City is moving forward on at this time.

**MAYORAL COMMENTS**

No comment

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Palmgren asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Administrator Kotter reported that there were two motions omitted out of the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes, one was; "Motion by Freeman, second by Snodgrass to approve the use of seized funds to utilize the Document Management Simplified program and the other was "Motion by Freeman, second by Crow to approve the purchase of replacement Tasers with camera, replacement holsters, cartridges and training cartridges not to exceed \$6,300.00."

**Motion by Kennett, second by Beck to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted additions.**

**Voice Vote.6. 0 Nays. 2 Absent**

**Motion Carried.**

**Public Comment**

None

**CONSIDERATION OF R-15-119 ACCEPT THE DONATION OF LAND FROM ROB HUTCHINSON TRUSTEE OF THE LOUISE R. HUTCHINSON TRUST TO THE CITY OF GENESEO FOR SPORTS/RECREATION USE OF THE LOT SOUTH OF 912 S. STATE STREET**

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Administrator Kotter reported that the City is honored to be offered this gift of land. There have been some questions as to the parking that will need to be controlled and although the Hutchinson family has allowed use of this property to athletic organizations for 11 years it is a different situation once the City owns it, the neighbors would expect the City to take care of providing parking whereas they wouldn't expect that of a neighbor. Staff respectfully asks Council to delay their decision to allow time to work out some details such as parking.

**Motion by Wachtel, Second by Crow to delay the decision and move this item to the April Committee of the Whole to give staff time to work out the details.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow, Wachtel, Robinson, Freeman, Kennett, Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse, Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL SUBMITTED FOR THE SALE OF PART OF LOT 1, TOWNVIEW ESTATES FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Administrator Kotter reported that the proposed subdivision layout addresses the City's greatest concerns of traffic patterns that get residents in this area to Stewart Street. The emergency/walking path has been addressed to limit the amount of curves allowing emergency vehicle movement easier.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve the sale of land for \$107,200.00 with the requested exceptions to Bob Pettit and Hazelwood Homes.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow, Wachtel, Robinson, Freeman, Kennett, Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse, Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of Solar Project financing from the City and Central Bank to be:**

- a. O-15-136 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for an installment contract, and the issuance of \$1,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2015A, by and for the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.**
- b. O-15-137 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for an installment contract, and the issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2015B, by and for the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.**

This will require separate approvals for each ordinance. Dave Philips from Speer Financial presented an overview of the financing for the Solar Project; which would consist of Central Bank financing the 10 year \$1.5 million debt certificates and the City would approve a \$1 million dollar short term loan to the Electric Utility department.

**Motion by Kennett, second by Beck to approve O-15-136 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for an installment contract, and the issuance of \$1,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2015 A, by and for the City of Geneseo, Henry County,**

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**Illinois.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow, Wachtel, Robinson, Freeman, Kennett, Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse, Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Robinson, second by Wachtel to approve O-15-137 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for an installment contract, and the issuance of \$1,500,000 General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2015B, by and for the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow, Wachtel, Robinson, Freeman, Kennett, Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse, Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of notice of award to JF Edwards Construction Company for construction of the Solar Project**

JF Edwards Construction Company has been awarded the bid for installing a 1Mw or larger solar photovoltaic system to be located immediately north of the wind turbines situated south of Geneseo at the Windy Point Park.

**Motion by Beck, second by Kennett to approve awarding JF Edward Construction Company the Solar Project bid.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow, Wachtel, Robinson, Freeman, Kennett, Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse, Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration to purchase a squad car and additional equipment for a total amount of \$32,778.00, to be paid for with seized funds.**

Chief Piotrowski reported that the Public Safety department will be purchasing a squad car with seized funds.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Freeman to approve the purchase of a squad car and additional equipment for a total amount of \$32,778.00, to be paid for with seized funds.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow, Wachtel, Robinson, Freeman, Kennett, Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse, Snodgrass**

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**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of a variation to the Liquor Ordinance for 9:00 am opening time on Sunday August 23, 2015 for Leaman's Bar & Grill only to participate in the motorcycle benefit run for Gilda's Club. (9am Leaman's Bar & Grill to open)**

Administrator Kotter reported that the City has spoken to Pastor Ritter and they are in favor of the benefit taking place and are discussing performing a motorcycle blessing event. They would like to be informed as it gets closer of any details so that they can make plans as to what they will put in place so everything runs smoothly for all. Kotter felt that other establishments should be able to apply for the variation to the ordinance also and participate in the events of that day.

**Motion by Robinson, second by Beck to approve the variation to the Liquor Ordinance allowing a 9:00am opening time on Sunday August 23, 2015 for Leaman's Bar & Grill to participate in the motorcycle benefit run for Gilda's Club and to allow the other Liquor License holding establishments to apply for the variation also.**

**Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Consideration of R-15-121 Requesting the Governor and General Assembly to provide full funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues**

This resolution is to oppose a reduction a 50% reduction in monies to local governments. If this passes the City of Geneseo will lose 9% of its General Fund budget; totally \$326,000.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Beck to pass R-15-121 Requesting the Governor and General Assembly to provide full funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues.**

**Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Consideration of O-15-131 An Ordinance Requiring the Execution of a Bond by Certain City officers**

This is to add the position of Administrator to the list of City Officials that need to be bonded. Attorney Thurman reported that \$50,000.00 is a statutory amount set for bonding.

**Motion by Crow, second by Robinson to approve O-15-131 An Ordinance requiring the execution of a bond by certain City Officials.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow, Wachtel, Robinson, Freeman, Kennett, Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse, Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of O-15-132 An Ordinance amending Title XI (Business Regulations) Chapter 114 (Tobacco Regulations) this is to include the words "Nicotine, Similar, Vapor Cigarettes and Electronic Cigarettes**

Attorney Thurman reported that this is to include wording to cover nicotine products, vapor and

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electronic cigarettes.

No Discussion

**Motion by Freeman, second by Wachtel to approve O-15-132 An Ordinance amending Title XI (Business Regulations) Chapter 114 (Tobacco Regulations) this is to include the words “Nicotine, Similar, Vapor Cigarettes and Electronic Cigarettes.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow,Wachtel,Robinson,Freeman,Kennett,Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse,Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of O-15-135 An Ordinance Amending Title XIII (General Offenses) Chapter 131 (Offenses Against Public Morals)**

This addresses possession of Tobacco and Nicotine products by minors.

No Discussion

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Kennett to approve O-15-135 An Ordinance Amending Title XIII (General Offenses) Chapter 131 (Offenses Against Public Morals.)**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow,Wachtel,Robinson,Freeman,Kennett,Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse,Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of O-15-133 An Ordinance Amending Title XI (Business Regulations) Chapter 110 (Alcoholic Beverages) This Ordinance to include Class G under the hours, days and holidays for operation of Liquor Establishments and to address Class G Subparagraph 3 “Gross Sales of Food.”**

Attorney Thurman reported that this would close the gap and conform Class G to the same guidelines that the other classes of Liquor Licenses follow.

No Discussion

**Motion by Beck, second by Robinson to approve O-15-133 An Ordinance Amending Title XI (Business Regulations) Chapter 110 (Alcoholic Beverages) This Ordinance to include Class G under the hours, days and holidays for operation of Liquor Establishments and to address Class G Subparagraph 3 “Gross Sales of Food.”**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Crow,Wachtel,Robinson,Freeman,Kennett,Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse,Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of O-15-134 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance O-11-009 Title III**

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**Administration Chapter 31 (Committee of the Whole) Ordinance includes the addition of ability to approve and pay bills at the Committee of the Whole.**

City Administrator reported that this will include all bills except ones that have a discount or penalty or that have some kind of time constraints. A check register will list bills that have already been paid and an invoice register will list bills that are waiting to be paid.

**Motion by Crow, second by Robinson to approve O-15-134 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance O-11-009 Title III Administration Chapter 31 (Committee of the Whole) Ordinance includes the addition of ability to approve and pay bills at the Committee of the Whole.**

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES: 6 Crow,Freeman,Wachtel,Robinson,Kennett,Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse,Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration to waive the bid process and bring a bid back from Peerless to have Well 30 cleaned**

Interim Public Works Director reported that Peerless is our lead consultant for our wells. The preliminary estimated cost would be \$18,950.00 plus freight.

No Discussion

**Motion by Robinson, second by Wachtel to approve the preliminary cost estimate of \$18,950.00 plus freight from Peerless Service Company.**

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES: 6 Crow,Freeman,Wachtel,Robinson,Kennett,Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse,Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Reconsideration following Veto of Resolution R-15-115; A Resolution establishing a protocol and policy for placement or removal of items on the agenda of the City Council of the City of Geneseo**

Attorney Thurman reported that the Charter states that there is a vote needed of the “majority of seated Aldermen” to override the veto.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Crow to override the veto of R-15-115 A Resolution establishing a protocol and policy for placement or removal of items on the agenda of the City Council of the City of Geneseo**

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES: 5 Crow,Wachtel,Robinson,Kennett,Beck**

**NAYS: 1 Freeman**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse,Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

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**Presentation of Utility Preliminary Budget**

**Director of Electrical Operations and Interim Public Works Director presented an overview of their respective budget narratives and numbers.**

**No Action**

**PAYMENT OF CITY AND UTILITY BILLS**

**Motion by Beck, second by Kennett to approve payment of the bills as presented.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Freeman,Robinson,Wachtel,Crowe,Kennett,Beck**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 2 Roodhouse,Snodgrass**

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

Alderman Kennett wanted to thank the 2 officers and the Police Department for coming to the aid of his mother when she locked herself out of her car.

Mayor Palmgren recognized the candidates at the meeting Martin Rothschild, Paula Simosky, Kathy Carroll-Duda and Tim Allison.

**Executive Session**

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Crow to move to Executive Session at 7:25 PM**

**Pursuant to Collective Negotiating matters pursuant to: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.**

**Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 2 Absent.**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Freeman, second by Kennett to return to open meeting at 8:09 PM.**

**Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 2 Absent.**

**Motion Carried**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Freeman, second by Wachtel to adjourn the meeting at 8:11PM.**

**VOICE VOTE. 6AYES. 2 ABSENT.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

LOREE K. PHLYPO  
CITY CLERK

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STATE OF ILLINOIS                    )  
COUNTY OF HENRY                 ) SS  
CITY OF GENESEO                    )

I, Loree K. Phlypo, City Clerk of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing are the original minutes of the City Council Meeting on March 10, 2015 of the City Council and that said minutes consisting of seven pages were approved at the legally convened regular meeting of the City Council meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and the seal of the City this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2015.

*(Seal)*

By: \_\_\_\_\_