

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 28, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday July 28, 2015 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Nadine Palmgren called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Alderman Paula Simosky, Keith Kennett, Robert Wachtel, Justin Snodgrass, Martin Rothschild, Kathy Carroll-Duda, Jason Robinson answered roll call. James Roodhouse was absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Virgil Thurman, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, Chief Piotrowski, Director Opsal, Director VanDeWoestyne, Inspector Mills, HRS Jill Laingen, the press and various audience members.
A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

None

Mayor announced that Maxwell Street Days will be August 1st and State Street will be closed from 2nd Street to the Railroad tracks.

Consideration of an Ordinance Regulating Chickens within the City Limits.

Discussion was held on whether or not the City should allow chickens within the City limits. Pro chicken citizen advocates sited that bigger Cities have passed an ordinance similar to this and there has been no problems. Anti-chicken advocates site that farm animals belong in the country and if chickens are allowed where do you draw the line on what is allowed in the future. Public Works Director VanDeWoestyne stated that there was no information on infiltration into the water system of washed away manure from chicken manure. Some City Council members were voting based on what there constituents conveyed that they wanted, while some were concerned about health risks to small children and the elderly. There were approximately 7 citizens in favor and 16 citizens not in favor at the meeting.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Kennett that the current City ordinance be observed and ordinance O-15-144 not be moved on to City Council.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 4 Wachtel, Kennett, Simosky, Rothschild

Nays 3 Carroll-Duda, Snodgrass, Robinson

Absent 1 Roodhouse

Abstain

Motion Carried

Consideration of a Noise Ordinance O-15-149 An Ordinance Amending Title XIII (General Offenses) Chapter 130 (Offenses Against the Peace)

Discussion was led by Administrator Kotter that the City currently has no noise ordinance. If we currently have an issue it falls under the section on Disorderly Conduct. There are no clear time lines dictating a quiet time at night. Chief Piotrowski stated that this would give his officers an enforcement mechanism to aid in the handling of complaints. Attorney Thurman asked that the word “Unreasonably” be added to the definition of Noise to read, “Any sound which *unreasonably* annoys”. Mayor discussed concern about the use of the word “annoy” as it was subjective depending on the person complaining and suggested it be deleted and the word “disturb” was sufficient by itself in the ordinance.

Motion by Kennett, second by Robinson to recommend to City Council the adoption of Ordinance O-15-149 with the addition of the word “unreasonably” under the definition of noise.

Voice Vote. 7Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Consideration of Recognition of City Employees Tenure and Retirement Policy

Administrator Kotter reported that the City doesn't have a policy set as to how employees are recognized at milestone anniversaries and how retirement recognition is handled. Each department has handled it differently or not at all. This policy would recognize employees with milestone anniversaries and/or retirement twice a year with anniversaries of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years or retirement from March to August would be recognized in September and from September to February would be recognized in March. Recognition at a City Council meeting and a manager sponsored breakfast. This provides an opportunity for Elected Officials to recognize and thank staff for their years of service and the breakfast allows co-workers to recognize or say good bye to a retiree.

Motion by Carroll-Duda, second by Rothschild to recommend to Council to adopt the Recognition of City Employees Tenure and Retirement Policy.

Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent

Motion Carried

Consideration of Plumbing Ordinance O-15-138 AN Ordinance Amending Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 152 (Plumbing Code), and Title V: Public Works Chapter 51 (Sewer) and 53 (Water) of the City Code.

Administrator Kotter reported that this ordinance separates the water and sewer portion out of the Plumbing Ordinance. This is required by the State and approved by the Health Department.

No Discussion

Motion by Robinson, second by, Kennett to recommend to the City Council adoption of Ordinance O-15-138 which amends Title XV: Land Usage, Chapter 152 Plumbing Code, and Title V Public Works Chapter 51 Sewer and Chapter 53 Water of the City Code.

Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Report from Health Insurance Committee and consideration of submission of RFP's for a Healthcare Insurance Broker.

Administrator Kotter reported as acting Chairman of the Health Insurance Committee that the Committee met on Monday July 27 at 1:00pm and their recommendation is to stay with Cottingham & Butler in Dubuque, Iowa and not go out for RFP's. Reasons cited for switching brokers two years ago were due to the level of customer service provided. Discussion further included supporting local business by using a local agency and honoring the wishes of the Committee's opinion. Insurance Brokers in attendance agreed that the standard timeframe is to go out for RFP's every 3 years. Alderman Snodgrass stated that the selection of a Broker is made on services provided/offered not where they are located.

Motion by Kennett, second by Simosky to move the Healthcare Insurance Committee's report to City Council and stay with Cottingham and Butler one more year and the following year go out for RFP's.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 1 Nay (Rothschild). 1 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Alderman James Roodhouse joined the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Carryover of 2014-2015 Budgeted Funds to 2015-2016.

Administrator Kotter reported that in the prior year if a piece of equipment was ordered and not received or invoiced to us before the Fiscal year was over we would need to carry it over to the next year to keep the records clear.

No Discussion

Motion by Robinson, second by Carroll-Duda to move to August City Council the carryover from 2014-2015 budgeted funds in the amount of \$72,393.00.

Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried.

Consideration of Resolution R-15-130 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property
Chief Piotrowski reported that he would like to take to auction a 2009 Chevy Impala with 90+ thousand miles on it. He stated that he would like to take it to the Auto Auction and estimated the sale value at \$3,000.00.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to recommend to the City Council to dispose of the 2009 Chevy Impala as surplus property via the auto auction.

Voice Vote. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried.

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Administrator Kotter handed out an addition to the bills to be considered in the approval.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Simosky to approve the bills as presented.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Wachtel, Kennett, Simosky, Roodhouse, Snodgrass, Rothschild, Carroll-Duda, Robinson

Nays

Absent

Abstain

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing opened at 7:21pm.

Public Hearing for a Class C Liquor License with Supplemental to Genevino, LLC located at 217 S. State Street Geneseo, IL 61254.

Mayor Palmgren reported that there was one piece of correspondence in favor of Genevino opening.

Public Hearing closed at 7:24PM.

Executive Session

Motion by Carroll-Duda, second by Rothschild to enter into executive session at 7:22 pm Pursuant to personnel matter pursuant to: **5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Pursuant to Litigation Matters pursuant to: **5ILCS 120/2(c)(11)** Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Wachtel, Kennett, Simosky, Roodhouse, Snodgrass, Rothschild, Carroll-Duda, Robinson

Nays

Absent

Abstain

Motion Carried

Motion by Wachtel, second by Kennett to return to open meeting at 8:37 pm.

Voice Vote. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried

Action after Executive Session

Motion by Kennett, second by Robinson to move to City Council for approval of the 3% COLA increase to the City Administrator.

Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Carroll-Duda to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo
City Clerk