

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 23, 2016**

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday February 23, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Nadine Palmgren called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Alderman Bob Wachtel, Jason Robinson, Keith Kennett, Kathy Carroll-Duda, Paula Simosky, James Roodhouse and Michael Smith answered roll call. Martin Rothschild was absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Dan Alcorn, Chief Piotrowski, Director Opsal, Director VanDeWoestyne, Inspector Mills, City Accountant Kara Wiesemeyer the press and various audience members.

A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

Joyce Webb presented an objection to recording of lots for the Ries/Vandersnick duplex project on Illinois Street. Geneseo Band Teacher Steve Scherer presented a gift print to the City called "Friday Nights".

Presentation of FFA Plot Outcomes and Request for a 2016 Land Lease

Geneseo FFA students presented information on the past year's crops from the land the Chapter leased from the City. After the presentation they requested a renewal of the land lease with the City for the 2016-2017 season and a request for a refund in the amount of \$529.32 from the 2015-2016 land lease payment.

Motion by Robinson, second by Kennett to recommend to Council to enter into a Land Lease Agreement for 2016-2017 with the Geneseo Chapter FFA and to refund \$529.32 for their 2015-2016 land lease payment.

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

Motion Carried.

Reis and Vandersnick Property Recording Documents

Resident Joyce Webb presented her objection to the recording of the property sale from Vandersnick to the Reis's. Attorney Alcorn's opinion is that the property was recorded correctly and the County confirmed through a letter that there was no problem with it being combined and recorded for their purposes.

No Action was taken.

Discussion of LED signage on I-80 and in the City and Community Marketing Efforts

Cathy Foes reported that there was \$40,000 Tourism Grant that was used for Asset Mapping and one conclusion was that billboards to pull people off I-80 would be helpful.

No Action was taken.

Declaration of Surplus for Community Service Officer 2006

This request is to dispose of a 2006 Ford Explorer currently being used by the Community Service Officer. He will now be using a 2010 Ford Explorer with 110,000 miles on it from the Police department. It is requested that the revenue from the sale be delegated back to the police budget for the offset of the purchase of a new vehicle.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Smith to recommend to Council to declare as surplus and dispose of the CSO 2006 Ford Explorer in the way to achieve the most revenue for the City with revenue being deposited into a Police Department Revenue Account.

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

Motion Carried.

Cell Tower Discussion

Discussion was held on issuing the Cell Tower Permit to Buell Consulting, Central States Tower and Verizon Wireless at the southwest corner of the parcel located at 504 E. Exchange Street. Residents expressed continued concerns over RF issues, property values, proper model frequency/vibrations that compromise the base and stability of the tower in extreme weather were among a few. Mayor Palmgren expressed 3 priority questions, why on Exchange Street, which is more important for location: fiber or radio frequency, need for a survey of the lease agreement rate payments in the Illinois area and there needs to be a preliminary lease agreement at the same time as determination of location. There was also discussion on concerns over Verizon taking capacity and the local phone company worrying about draining.

No Action was taken.

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Mayor Palmgren questioned the health insurance reimbursement payment to deferred retiree Sean Johnson. A page from the FOP contract on Section 17.3 Retirement Health Insurance was given to Council and Mayor questioned whether a couple sections were contradictory. Administrator Kotter stated that the sections were independent and that Sean Johnson is a deferred pensioner and falls under the section that covers that status and that the check presented for payment was correct according to the FOP Contract.

Motion by Carroll-Duda, second by Roodhouse to approve City and Utility bills in the amount of \$397,583.39.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Wachtel,Roodhouse,Carroll-Duda,Smith,Simosky,Kennett,Robinson

Nays

Absent 1 Rothschild

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Motion by Wachtel, second by Carroll-Duda to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kotter/Loree K. Phlypo
City Administrator/City Clerk