

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois**  
**City Council – First Session**  
**April 12, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday April 12, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Nadine Palmgren called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Aldermen Paula Simosky, Kathy Carroll-Duda, Jason Robinson, Martin Rothschild, Bob Wachtel and Michael Smith answered roll call. James Roodhouse and Keith Kennett were absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Kotter, City Clerk Phlypo, Finance Director Wiesemeyer, Chief Piotrowski, Public Works Director VanDeWoestyne, Director of Electrical Operations Opsal, Inspector Mills, HR Manager Billiet and IT Director Griswold.

There was a quorum.

**Recognition of Retirement**

Mayor Palmgren recognized Shane Oleson, he has 25 years with the City as a Sergeant for the Police Department and Dave Kepner for 35 years with the City Electric Department in various position the last one being the IT person. Mayor Palmgren thanked both of them for their community service with the City.

Alderman James Roodhouse arrived at 6:04 PM.

**City Engineering**

Greg Ryckaert reported that the well testing for wells 25 and 26 is finished and now they are looking forward to designing a new well. He also reported that he provided supplemental information for the Trails Grant and are continuing work on the sanitary sewer reroute.

**Chamber of Commerce**

Director Ludwig invited everyone to the Quarter Mania at the Moose Lodge. She thanked Lisa Kotter for volunteering and thanked the City Council for allowing the Chamber to work with employees and plan events. In September there will be a busload of 50 people brought to Geneseo to shop and dine, the bus originates in the Davenport Iowa area.. For a complete list of Chamber Events please visit their website at [www.geneseo.org](http://www.geneseo.org).

**Proclamation**

Mayor Palmgren read the Abate Motorcycle Awareness Proclamation for the month of May 2016.

**Mayoral Comments**

Reserved for the end of the meeting.

**Public Comment**

None

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes City Council 03/08/16
2. Minutes Committee of the Whole 03/22/16
3. Minutes Special City Council 03/22/16
4. Minutes Special City Council 04/05/16

**Motion by Carroll-Duda, second by Wachtel to approve the consent agenda with corrections as stated; remove Roodhouse from roster in opening paragraph he was absent; Schnowske name was spelled wrong under public comment.**

**Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of Resolution R-16-146 A Resolution Regarding a Temporary Lift of “No Parking” in the High School Area.**

Administrator Kotter reported that the School district asked for the police department to not enforce the parking laws for a temporary period of time the last week of school due to the construction. Alderman Smith asked that section “m” be removed as it is redundant.

**Motion by Roodhouse, second by Robinson to approve Resolution R-16-146 which would allow temporary parking on South State and Smith Streets in May 2016 as described in the Resolution.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of Plan Commission case #16-004 Requested Conditional Use Permit for a Delivery Service in home business at 707 S. Oakwood Avenue.**

Administrator Kotter reported that Mr. Schnowske’s home delivery business need to have a Conditional Use Permit because according to our current ordinance it says that any business that is not on the list in the ordinance has to have a conditional use permit. In the future we are going to look at inserting language that reflects businesses that have no traffic, no signage, no 25% of the home for the business something to that effect.

**Motion by Robinson, second by Smith to grant Brad Schnowske a conditional use permit to operate a delivery business out of his home located at 707 S. Oakwood Avenue..**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of the purchase of property at 644 E. Park Street through a Sherriff’s sale in the amount of \$10,000 and to authorize demolition of the home and garage.**

Administrator Kotter reported that this house was one that the City had a lien on. The City purchased it and now needs to demo the home and the garage.

**Motion by Roodhouse, second by Wachtel to approve the purchase of the property at 644 East Park Street and authorize the demolition of the home and garage in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Simosky,Roodhouse,Wachtel,Carroll-Duda,Smith,Robinson,Rothschild**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Kennett**

**Motion Carried**

**Payment of City and Utility Bills**

Alderman Carroll-Duda asked for clarification on the following:

IL EPA loan – Public Works Director stated that those are the 2 loan payments.

Alderman Robinson asked for clarification on Electrical Expense on a turbine. Director Opsal stated that a turbine module blew during a storm and had to be replaced.

Page 36 Mayor Palmgren asked if the Chamber dinner was supposed to be under training. Administrator Kotter stated yes it is considered training.

Page 52 Mayor Palmgren asked for clarification on what the gift certificates were for. Administrator Kotter stated that they were for retirees, anniversaries and the weight loss program.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Smith to approve payment of City and Utility bills as presented.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Simosky,Roodhouse,Wachtel,Carroll-Duda,Smith,Robinson,Rothschild**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Kennett**

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

None

**Mayor Palmgren thanked the citizens for their attendance over the past 2 years. She thanked the department heads, aldermen, City attorney, City Administrator and City Attorney for their service to the City and she wished the best to the incoming elected officials.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to adjourn at 6:28pm.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loree K Phlypo  
City Clerk