

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois**  
**City Council**  
**May 10, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday May 10, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Aldermen Paula Simosky, Kent Anderson, Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson, Martin Rothschild, James Roodhouse and Sue Garlick answered roll call. Bob Wachtel 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. Audience members included Jim Benhart, Rhonda Ludwig, Greg Ryckaert, Morgan Mays, Christina Savage Bradley, Teresa Savage and Ann Hutchinson.

There was a quorum present.

**Recognition Keith Kennett**

Mayor Carroll-Duda recognized Keith Kennett for 14 years of service. He was presented a plaque from the City. Keith asked for a group photo with the entire Council and staff. Keith's wife, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter were also present.

**Public Comment**

Mayor Carroll-Duda asked if anyone would like to make a public comment at this time, there were none. She stated that this would be the time for the City Engineer and Chamber to make their report due to these two segment being omitted from the agenda.

Greg Ryckaert reported that the Well Proposal for 25 and 26 is in the process of being presented to the City. He also reported that he would be discussing the Sewer Project later in the meeting.

Director Ludwig asked that the City be expedient in its resolution of the Food Vender Truck addition to the City Solicitor Ordinance. She stated that the Chamber represents 20 plus restaurants in Geneseo and this will have a major impact on them. She stated that the Chamber would like to be involved in the discussion to assist in ensuring that the playing field is fair and level for the established businesses. For a complete list of Chamber Events please visit their website at [www.geneseo.org](http://www.geneseo.org).

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes City Council 04/12/16
2. Minutes Committee of the Whole 04/26/16
3. Newly Elected Officials Orientation 04/19/16

The following corrections were noted:

City Council Minutes 4/12/16 page 5 under Consideration of the Cell Tower Permit, change "Director Opsal stated that site 2 would be better for the electric department, site 1 would give the department better outside storage options for poles and transformers" to "Director Opsal stated that the SW corner would be better for the electric department, this would give the department better outside storage options".

Committee of the Whole minutes 4/26/16 page 7 under the Roll Call correct "Nadine" to read "Kathy" and page 8 under the discussion on Food Vender Trucks, change "Lamont" to read "Longmont".

**Motion by Robinson, second by Anderson to approve the consent agenda with corrections as stated above.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of Ordinance O-16-164 An Ordinance amending Chapter 110.0 Pertaining to Alcoholic Beverages**

Administrator Kotter reported that the changes that are being requested are application fees to be the same as the State Special Event and Special Use licenses fees, no more than 2 events on any calendar day, no limit to the actual number of F or H licenses issued each day and change the application timeframe to 21 days in advance of the event. She also stated that Resolution R-16-152 states that the new fee amounts will mimic the state established fees from \$200 to \$50.

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Garlick to approve Ordinance O-16-164 and Resolution R-16-152 which amends the Liquor License Ordinance and Fee Resolution to change the Class F and H fees to be the same as the State Special Event and Special Use Fees and; to amend the limitation on the number of Class F and H licenses to two events on any calendar day with no limit to the actual number of licenses each day and; to no longer limit the number of Class F or H licenses any business or organization can get and; to change the number of days that a Class F or H license application must be submitted prior to an event to 21 days.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Simosky,Roodhouse,Garlick,Anderson,Smith,Robinson,Rothschild**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 1 Wachtel**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration to temporarily not enforce solicitation rules regarding food truck vendors.**

Administrator Kotter reported that there is currently a food truck that is parking on private property but selling to the public and our Ordinance doesn't cover food trucks. By temporarily not enforcing the solicitation rules on the food vendor truck would allow the City to adopt language to cover this type of sales in the City limits. Chamber Director asked to have this decision made fairly quickly and stated that the Chamber would like to be involved in the discussions because 20 plus establishments that are members of the Chamber will be effected by this decision. Administrator Kotter stated that she put the year 2016 so that there would be a timeframe, expectations are to have this done sooner than the end of the year.

**Motion by Johnson, second by Robinson to approve Resolution R-16-153 regarding a moratorium of enforcement of solicitation requirements on food truck vendors.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of the following recognition Resolutions:**

**R-16-149 Recognition of Nadine Palmgren**

**R-16-150 Recognition of Keith Kennett**

**R-16-151 Recognition of Michael A. Smith**

Administrator Kotter reported that it is the City's practice to honor outgoing elected officials.

**Motion by Roodhouse, second by Anderson to approve Resolution R-16-149 Recognition of Nadine Palmgren, Resolution R-16-150 Recognition of Keith Kennett and Resolution R-16-151 Recognition of Michael A. Smith.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration of approval to allow the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce to occupy space at City Hall**

Administrator Kotter reported that due to Central Bank needing to expand their administrative staff they will need to use the building that the Chamber is currently occupying so the Chamber will need to move by October 2016, but preferably by July 2016. This will be an excellent opportunity to partner with the Chamber. They are challenged with finding a facility that will accommodate their need for a 24/7 lobby and also the affordability of rent. City Hall has room that they could rent out to the Chamber, that would allow 3 offices and a front lobby office for Rhonda's assistant. City Hall has a 24 hour lobby that is always manned by the Police Department. This would allow the Chamber staff to have space without interacting with City Hall staff. Once the offices are emptied out they will be painted by a person that will be performing Community Service hours and the Chamber will pay for the paint. The windows in the front reception area will be switched so the greeting window is facing the door. Kotter suggested \$300 a month for the first year and \$400 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year with utilities included. There were concerns over the fire door and would it remain locked, this door will remain locked the City is getting an estimate on putting in a buzzer system and also installing a key fob pad at the conference room door. The City IT person would install their internet and they would have access to a community calendar that would allow them to reserve the conference room for meetings without having a conflict with the City. Alderman Johnson was concerned about the IT person's hours of labor and wanted to make sure that the Chamber is billed for them and that \$400 including utilities would be fair. Alderman Garlick asked what happens if the Court comes back, will we still have room, Kotter stated that the Court may come back at night but not with full staff and that may or may not happen.

Alderman Rothschild stated that he felt \$300 to start for 2 years with an option for additional years will give all parties the chance to see how it works out.

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Robinson to approve a two year lease with the Chamber of Commerce for use of office space at City Hall with a possible additional three year extension with the first year of rent being \$300 per month and the second year at \$400 a month.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Simosky,Roodhouse,Garlick,Anderson,Smith,Robinson,Rothschild**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Wachtel**

**Motion Carried**

### **Sewer Project Update**

Greg Ryckaert and Morgan Mays from Missman attended the Meeting to update the City on the Sewer Project. The City sewer lines are intertwined and this creates problems with drainage. In 2015 it was proposed to divide the City sewer system into 3 phases. The City conducted a survey to determine if we would be eligible for any grant money based on the economic status of a given area and it appears unfavorable for any grant money. Missman started to engineer the project because in the event that we qualified for grant funds the engineering needed to be ready. One rerouting option with probably the most benefit is along the Railroad tracks, but that will require high dollar permits due to the shoring that will be needed. Alderman Rothschild stated that the S. Russell area needs help even if it is temporary relief while they work on the other areas. Alderman Simosky asked if the quotes on the handout were still valid. Greg stated that they are out of date and realistically the numbers are probably double those amounts. Administrator Kotter stated that she would ask Elhers to come with information to show cost of debt for \$1 million, \$1.5 million and \$2 million in debt.

**No Action**

### **Budget Presentation – General Fund/Water/Sewer**

Public Works Director VanDeWoestyne presented numbers for revenues and expenditures for Water/Sewer/Parks/Streets/Cemetery. Revenue sources include sales tax and property tax. He reported an overview on expenditures stating that they are identical to last year. One capital expense is milling and overlay, this will have to go through the letting process to have actual numbers on it. Administrator Kotter reported that the refuse 5 year contract will expire in 1 year and the rate will probably jump quite a bit. The City had no history with Republic so Republic had no idea on our garbage habits, the City generates a lot more garbage then was anticipated and we are a demanding City. The bill from Republic is currently more then what is collected in garbage fees from residents.

Building inspector Rick Mills reported that his budget is about the same as last year with a couple exceptions. His fuel expenses dropped due to CSO Mallum going off of his budget, Professional Services went up because the City Attorney is being divided between departments, IMLRMA went up \$900 for the inspection department and due to a misc. account being cleaned up Munices expenses are moved to Advertising.

**No Action**

### **Payment of City and Utility Bills**

No Discussion

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Simosky,Roodhouse,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Wachtel**

**Motion Carried**

### **Executive Session**

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Anderson to move into Executive Session per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) 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.

RE: IBEW Electric Wage Reopener and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) 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 RE: Personnel

**Motion by Roodhouse, second by Simosky to reopen the public meeting at 8:11 PM.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Simosky,Roodhouse,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Wachtel**

**Motion Carried**

**Actions after Executive Session**

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Garlick to approve the Wage Reopener as discussed for the years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Simosky,Roodhouse,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Wachtel**

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Roodhouse, second by Anderson to adjourn at 8:12pm.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loree K Phlypo  
City Clerk