

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
July 12, 2016
6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met in a City Council meeting on Tuesday July 12, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Aldermen Jason Robinson, Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Sue Garlick, James Roodhouse, Brenda Johnson and Kent Anderson were present, Paula Simosky was absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Kotter, City Attorney, Director of Electrical Operations Opsal, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Chief Piotrowski, City Clerk Phlypo, Finance Director Wiesemeyer and Inspector Mills.

There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda Ludwig reported that the Chamber is moved in to City Hall and she thanked all the City employees that helped them in their transition. She expressed gratitude from the Geneseo Business Community to the City for the July 3rd event. An complete list of Chamber sponsored events please visit their website at www.geneseo.org.

City Engineering Report

Greg Ryckaert from Missman reported that the plans for the sewer project involving First and Oakwood were submitted to the EPA as well as the Nicor relocation plans. The timeline with the EPA is 45 to 90 days for approval.

Public Comment

Alderman Rothschild stated that he is proud of the City Council and the Mayor for being progressive and the City Administrator for being willing to get her hands dirty to pull off the July 3rd event in a short period of time. The employee volunteers did a fantastic job and Kara's dad for bringing out the tram for transporting people up to the event and he has heard nothing but positive comments about the event. Alderman Wachtel added that he received nothing but positive responses from the public on the event.

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 6/14/16
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 6/28/16
- c. Special City Council Minutes 6/28/16

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to approve minutes as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration to approve Hanford Insurance as our Health Insurance Broker for the period of 2016-2019.

City Administrator reported that 3 firms were interviewed and the Insurance Committee unanimously wanted Hanford Insurance.

Motion by Robinson, second by Johnson to approve the appointment of Hanford Insurance as the City's Health, Life and Dental Insurance Agent and Broker from July 2016 to June 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve O-16-169 An Ordinance Regulating Food Trucks in the City of Geneseo and Resolution R-16-157 A Resolution setting fees for Food Truck Vendor License.

Administrator Kotter reported that this Ordinance was drafted by City Attorney Alcorn and is included for your review. Some changes that were requested included:

- that if a vendor truck is within 300 feet of a brick and mortar business then they would need consent in writing to be there
- Change the start of the license year from 5/1 to 3/1
- Typo in Section 4 B, should say “neither the”
- Ice Cream Truck fee should be \$25
- Ice Cream Truck should be exempt from the 300 feet rule

Motion by Johnson, second by Garlick to adopt ordinance O-16-169 An Ordinance Regulating Food trucks in the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois with added amendments and Resolution R-16-157 A Resolution setting fees for food truck vendor license to reflect a change to \$25.00 annual fee for Ice Cream Trucks.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the utility rebate for Save-a-lot to be dispersed from the Electric Department Funds

City Administrator reported that the agreement with Save-a-lot included Utility rebates and the current staff was not involved in these negotiations. It is a 90% rebate the first year and it is not clear where the funds are to come from.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Garlick to approve that the utility rebate agreed to in the Save-a-lot Development Agreement be paid for from the Utility Funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to purchase active shooter kits for all officers at a cost of \$6,749.91

Motion by Johnson, second by Rothschild to approve the purchase of Active Shooter Kits in the amount of \$6,749.91 from the Shared Funds in the Police B account.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to raise Water/Sewer Rates

City Administrator reported that Aldermen Garlick and Johnson requested that an increase to \$12 be added to the spreadsheet, they didn't think that just raising it to the minimum was being very forward thinking. Kotter added \$12 through \$15 dollar increase to show what the differences are. Some projects that would be included in the borrowing that will be presented later on the agenda are:

- Well
- River Crossing
- Vactor Truck
- First and Oakwood sewer lines

As it stands there is no money in the Capital Fund for Water/Sewer repairs or improvements, an increase in water/sewer rates would give those departments some Capital improvement funds to work with and continue improving our infrastructure as well as maintain what we have. Pipe work needs to be worked into a schedule of repair/replace every other year. Kotter stated that this needs to be then reviewed in 2 years for possible increase. Alderman Rothschild reported that by the looks of the surrounding communities that even at an increase to \$15 we are way under what others charge and

they are in the same boat we are with aging infrastructure and no money to repair it. All felt that increasing to \$12 was a good place to start.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to direct staff to prepare documents for approval that include a residential increase to a monthly fee of \$12.00 and commercial rates as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Johnson,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Simosky

Motion Carried

Consideration of Resolution R-16-159 A Resolution for appointment of IMRF Authorized Agent

Alderman Johnson asked if additional training would need to be taken. Kotter stated no.

Motion by Johnson, second by Robinson to approve Resolution R-16-159 which appoints Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer as the City's IMRF Authorized Agent.

Consideration of O-16-171 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$2.5 million General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016B of the City of Geneseo, Henry County Illinois for the purpose of the purchase of vehicles and equipment and acquisition construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure in connection with the City's waterworks and sewerage system authorizing the execution of a bond order and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and O-16-172 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of up to \$3.9 million General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016A of the City of Geneseo, Henry County Illinois for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the City's outstanding General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2007A.

City Administrator Kotter reported that Council authorized Ehlers to officiate the Bond Refinancing which will allow us to go from 5% interest to 2.8% for a substantial savings. Bernardi will act as the underwriter working with Central Bank to negotiate financing. Alderman Roodhouse asked for a road map of money being spent on projects to be available for the public so that they can see where the money is being spent. Chad VanDeWoestyne and Greg Ryckaert reported that most of the projects will be completed in a year, this is also contingent on EPA permitting which takes time. The walking bridge was not included in this list of projects.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to adopt Ordinance O-16-171 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$2.5 million General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016B of the City of Geneseo, Henry County Illinois for the purpose of the purchase of vehicles and equipment and acquisition construction and rehabilitation of infrastructure in connection with the City's waterworks and sewerage system authorizing the execution of a bond order and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and O-16-172 An Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of up to \$3.9 million General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016A of the City of Geneseo, Henry County Illinois for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the City's outstanding General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2007A.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild

NAYS: 1 Anderson

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Simosky

Motion Carried

Consideration of appointments for Board of Police Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Police Pension Board

Mayor Carroll-Duda asked for the following appointment considerations:

- Jerrica Minton – Police Pension
- Dan Wisdom – Board of Police Commission
- Gary Joyner – Zoning Board of Appeals

The Police Boards are 3 year terms and the Zoning Board is a 5 year term.

Motion by Garlick, second by Rothschild to appoint the stated candidates to boards as presented by the Mayor. Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 1 Absent.

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Question on the bills:

- a. Backup Software – 2 licenses purchased to backup City Hall
- b. Per Mar Charge – DVR for the Police Station, record cameras at City Hall
- c. Cost to remove old curbs – Hillcrest Addition
- d. Phones - \$25 per month is paid to certain employees instead of paying for their entire bill
- e. Buddy Literature Racks – These are new literature racks mounted on walls in lobby
- f. Demolition of house – Demo of house City just purchased for lien. Future plans language could require project plans so to ensure tax base increase.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve City and Utility bills as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Johnson,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Simosky

Motion Carried

Executive Session – Re: Property Condemnation

Pursuant to the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body: **5ILCS 120/2 (c)(5)** The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

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.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Garlick to enter into executive session under the stated statutes at 7:08 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Johnson,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Simosky

Motion Carried

Motion to Return to open session at 7:48 PM by Robinson, second by Garlick.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Johnson,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Simosky

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to adjourn the meeting at 7:50PM.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk