

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 26, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday July 26, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Alderman Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Brenda Johnson, Sue Garlick, Jason Robinson, Paula Simosky and Kent Anderson answered roll call. James Roodhouse was absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne and Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, Sergeant Jamison Weisser and the press. A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mayor Carroll-Duda expressed her gratitude to the City employees for this weekend's activities in Geneseo. The Police Department for stopping the high speed chase without any injury to staff or the public and for the work of the Electric Department and Public Works Department in handling the storm cleanup and powerline issues.

Presentation – Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center

Constance King from the Braveheart Children's Advocacy Center reported that 1 in 4 children are sexually abused, in the last year there were 179 children affected in 5 counties and 26 in Geneseo and half of them were under the age of 12. Braveheart offers services free of charge to victims and their families, the therapy is Trauma specific. They offer training free of charge, except for a \$10 workbook charge, for adults that work with or around children to add in the detection or determent of assault. Braveheart is hoping to become a bigger part of the community's that they serve by being involved in City events. She reported that when they aren't busy it doesn't mean that it isn't happening it just means that no one is talking. They are currently funded by the government and grants. She asked that the City consider Braveheart in their future budget plans or gift donation. They are located in Cambridge.

Discussion of Richmond Hill Park Conceptual Planning

Administrator Kotter reported that the City has been contacted by the local soccer club and tennis program from the school and boosters about expansion of Richmond Hill Park facilities. Instead of piece milling a plan our proposal is to look at what is needed or wanted and see how it all best fits together. An expansion of the facilities at Richmond Hill Park would then accommodate holding tournaments and Nationals which would have a trickledown effect on sales taxes due to increased visitors. There have been some changes to the regulation field size for soccer and 10 tennis courts are needed to hold a tournament for tennis. Softball diamonds and pickle ball courts are other activities that could be included. The Richmond Hill Park is a great asset to the City and we need to find a designer and see based on the needs of the community what we can do to better utilize the park. Alderman Simosky stated that she would like to see the play equipment expanded and be able to accommodate special needs children and keep them away from highways and roads. Alderman Anderson stated that storm water management needs to be included with the improvements. Kotter asked that the staff be given permission to go out for proposals from design firms and that there is money to cover this in Fund 60. Alderman Wachtel stated that the park was bought in 1960 and is an asset to the City and it should be utilized to its full potential.

Motion by Robinson, second by Johnson to authorize the staff to get proposals from planners and designers for park facility plans with funds coming from the Capital Fund #60 surplus funds.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 1 Roodhouse

Motion Carried

Alderman James Roodhouse arrived at 6:32PM.

Consideration of R-16-160 MFT Funds Resolution

Administrator Kotter stated that this is an annual Resolution that the City must pass to designate what the MFT Funds will be spent on. They will be used for big ticket items street lights and road salt.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to recommend to Council Adoption of Resolution R-16-160 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code as required by IDOT for fiscal year July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017 in the amount of \$105,000 for the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Roodhouse,Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Consideration to purchase a squad car and equipment by the Police Department

Administrator Kotter reported that Chief is at the 911 Board Meeting tonight so she would speak on this item. This vehicle will be purchased through the consortium at a better price. This has already been budgeted for but due to the current purchasing policy it requires items to be brought back to City Council for approval even though they are already in the budget. Staff will be working on changing the purchasing policy so that in the future if its budgeted for it doesn't have to come back to Council. The cost of the vehicle is \$31,369.00 including a 6 year 100,000 mile extended warranty and this will come out of the general fund. Additional equipment needed is approximately \$10,500.00 which will be paid for with budgeted or alternately seized funds.

Motion by Johnson, second by Rothschild to recommend to Council to purchase a new 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD using budgeted funds in the amount of \$31,369 under the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Contract #152 from Currie Motors Fleet and to purchase additional equipment and installation of approximately \$10,500 with \$35,369 from the general fund and \$6,500 from seized funds.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Robinson,Roodhouse,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Consideration of R-16-162 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property

Administrator Kotter reported that this is related to the purchase of the new squad car. The 2013 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FM5K8AR5DGA51398 will be sold to the Building Inspections Department for \$5,000.00 and the Minivan that the Building Inspector is currently driving will be sold and the proceeds will be delegated back to the Police budget for the offset of the purchase of a vehicle.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to recommend to City Council approval of Resolution R-16-162 to dispose of the Police Department 2013 Ford Explorer VIN# 1FM5K8AR5DGA51398 as surplus property and sell it to the building inspection department in the amount of \$5,000.00.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Roodhouse,Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Discussion of E-Waste charging of fees

Administrator Kotter reported that the \$12.95 that residents pay for a refuse fee covers a fall and spring cleanup as well as an E-Waste collection. The last time we had an E-Waste collection it cost the City \$8,000.00. There were quite a few non-residents that dropped off items at this collection, we don't want to turn people away that could dump there items somewhere that they shouldn't be we also need to have the fee covered for accepting

these items. Staff has contacted the Scott County and found out what it costs approximately for TV's and computer monitors and have put together a charge for such items to non-residents. TV's are from \$5 to \$15 and Computer Monitors are \$10 and \$15 for disposal. Anyone wishing to participate will need to bring ID or a utility bill and we will have a list of our utility customers. The phone company will be hosting a shredding event in their parking lot and will share in the cost of advertising. The drop off for E-Waste will encompass the entire parking lot behind City Hall this year due to needing to check non-resident information.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Johnson to recommend to Council the fees for the E-Waste Pick Up for non-refuse customers be as follows: TV 19 inch or smaller \$5, 20-27 inch \$10, and larger than 27 inch \$15 and Computer Monitors 19 inch or smaller \$10 and 20 inch or larger \$15.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Roodhouse,Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Consideration of Resolution R-16-161 A Resolution directing the increase of water/sewer rates

Administrator Kotter reported that City Attorney drafted the Resolution and the staff prepared the spreadsheet. The rates will be \$12.00 a month for residential and commercial is according to the chart.

Motion by Johnson, second by Rothschild to recommend to City Council approval of Resolution R-16-161 that establishes new meter rates for water and sewer customers as presented.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Roodhouse,Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Consideration of the purchase of a backhoe and transfer/sale of a water/sewer backhoe to the Electric department

Administrator Kotter reported that Public Works Director VanDeWoestyne belongs to a consortium called the National Joint Powers Alliance that provide a service to get the best prices on equipment for Municipalities. The backhoe that the Public Works Department currently owns will be purchased by the Electric Department for \$40,000.00. The new backhoe will be purchased for \$89,250.00 and was included in the budget.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to recommend to City Council the purchase of a John Deere backhoe in the amount of \$89,250.00 from Martin Equipment through the National Joint Powers Alliance and includes the sale of the existing backhoe from the Water and Sewer Departments to the Electric Department in the amount of \$40,000.00.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Roodhouse,Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

There was an extra sheet of bills distributed. Questions on bills on the payable list:

- Tourism - \$2,400.00: Disc Golf signs, they are needed in order to host the 2017 Nationals you must have marker signs and there are 18 stations. There have been 11-12 T Pads and Location signs along with baskets installed.
- Chamber Check – Geneseo Foundation issued a check to the City for the inflatables at Music Fest and the City passed it on to the Chamber.

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

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Roodhouse,Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0
Absent 0
Motion Carried

Executive Session

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to enter into executive session 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 at 6:54pm.

RE: Human Resources Position

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Roodhouse,Robinson,Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky
Nays 0
Absent 0
Motion Carried

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to reenter open meeting at 7:35pm.
Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.
Motion Carried**

Public Comment
None

**Motion by Roodhouse, second by Wachtel to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm.
Voice Vote. 8Ayes. 0 Nays.**

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo
City Clerk