

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
March 14, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met in a City Council meeting on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Aldermen Jason Robinson, Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Kent Anderson, James Roodhouse, Paula Simosky, Sue Garlick and Brenda Johnson were present. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, City Clerk Loree K. Phlypo, City Attorney Derke Price, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, Chief Piotrowski, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin, Inspector Rick Mills, Tim Wise, Eric Rowold, Mike Chavez and Jim Gorman. There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda Ludwig reported that the Geneseo Entertainment Guide is coming out in April. The response to the survey was very good and the results will be shared soon and the top community assets were our events, schools and the safety of our community. For a complete list of Chamber sponsored events please visit their website at www.geneseo.org.

City Engineering Report

Greg Ryckaert and Morgan Mays from Missman were in attendance and reported that the sidewalk and well drilling #31 were bid out and are on the agenda for approval. The Well will have a Phase 2 which will include the pumps and pump house. The Green River Water Main Crossing will go out for a bid letting in April and the work will take place in the summer. The 1st street project will start on April 3rd with a completion date of August 25. The Turn Lane Project is being worked on by the Administrator and the Mayor, IDOT and the State, the bike lane is the item still being worked out.

Employee Years of Service Recognition

The following employees were honored for years of service by Mayor Carroll-Duda:

Tim Wise	5 Years
Eric Rowold	10 Years
Mike Chavez	15 Years
Chad VanDeWoestyne	15 Years
Tim Kincaid (Not Present)	20 Years
Chief Piotrowski	25 Years
Jim Gorman	30 Years

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 02/14/17
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 02/28/17

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Robinson to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried.

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-10 to recommend to City Council the approval of Case #17-003 a request to change the Zoning from B-4 to B-3 on a property located at 96 S. Spring St. for the construction of a structure that would have a garage on one end and living quarters on the other end.

The Plan Commission held a Public Hearing and notified residents within 250' of the property. There were no resident opinions submitted. Zone B-4 doesn't allow living quarters and B-3 does that is why the request for the change. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to send this request to Council for approval.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance O-17-10 which changes the Zoning from B-4 to B-3 on the property at 96 S. Spring Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson, Wachtel, Anderson, Robinson, Rothschild, Roodhouse, Simosky, Garlick

NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Carried

Consideration to approve an extension with Carpentier Mitchell Goddard & Co LLC contract with the City for auditing services for Fiscal Year 2017.

It was recommended that we use the existing auditors for one more year and they agreed to keep the same fee costs as the year 2016, \$42,000 for the basic audit, \$1,200 for the Annual Financial Report for the State and \$3,000 - \$5,000 per major program for any single audit that may be required for the 2017 Fiscal Year.

Motion by Johnson, second by Anderson to enter into an agreement with Carpentier Mitchell Goddard & Co LLC in the amount of \$42,000 for the basic audit, \$1,200 for the Annual Financial Report for the State and \$3,000 - \$5,000 per major program for any single audit that may be required for the 2017 Fiscal Year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson, Wachtel, Anderson, Robinson, Rothschild, Roodhouse, Simosky, Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Carried

Consideration of FFA Farmland Lease Agreement for 2017.

City Attorney Price tailored this agreement to fit our specific needs. It requires the FFA to work the land, get donations for supplies if possible, present the Crop Report in person and submit it in writing and if they perform these requirements then the City will donate it's portion of the proceeds back to the FFA The date at the end of the agreement will be changed to tomorrow's date and end in 1 year.

Motion by Robinson, second by Wachtel to enter into a Land Lease Agreement for 2017-2018 with the Geneseo Chapter of FFA and to refund half of their 2016-2017 land lease payment.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson, Wachtel, Anderson, Robinson, Rothschild, Roodhouse, Simosky, Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Well #31 Drilling Bid.

The first bid phase is to drill the well, this came in at \$68,931 with a budgeted amount of \$75,000, so this is under budget. This will be paid for by the Water Department budget and proceeds from the 2016 Series B bond.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to approve the contract for the Well Drilling with Brotcke Well and Pump in the amount of \$68,931 with funds coming from the Water Department budget and proceeds from the 2016 Series B.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson, Wachtel, Anderson, Robinson, Rothschild, Roodhouse, Simosky, Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Bid.

There is \$100,000 budgeted for this project and Staff is asking for approval of \$109,000. \$5,753.12 will come from Capital Equipment and the remaining \$4,000 from operating.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Roodhouse to approve the contract for the 2017 Sidewalk Replacement with Emery Construction Group, Inc. in the amount of \$109,915.40, \$105,700.00 from Capital Equipment and the remaining from the Water Operating Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson, Wachtel, Anderson, Roodhouse, Robinson, Rothschild, Simosky, Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve a Telecommuting Policy.

This was discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting. This policy would apply to Management level employees and would be tracked by Administrator Kotter and IT Director Griswold can see when someone logs into our system from outside City Hall. This would only be used on an approved basis and not a regular basis. Our system currently does not have a way to track hours.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Garlick to recommend to City Council to approve the telecommuting policy.

Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-09 An Ordinance Amending Section 52.23 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning Public Utility Billing which changes the interest and penalty amount per month to 1.5%.

The City Attorney advised staff to reduce the penalty percentage from 3% to 1.5%. The number and title on the last page will be changed to reflect what the Ordinance reads.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to adopt Ordinance O-17-09 with stated changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Simosky,Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the purchase of land located at 250 East Exchange Street.

The land if approved would be purchased from Priceless Purchase LLC at 250 East Exchange Street in the amount of \$260,000. This would include the current owner removing the buildings and foundations 5 feet below ground level before the City takes possession. The Demo would start June 1 and the property would close 30 days afterwards.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to approve the purchase of land from Priceless Purchase, LLC at 250 East Exchange Street in the amount of \$260,000 with details outlined in the offer to purchase with funds coming from the Capital Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Simosky,Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the Economic Incentives for DeDecker's Plumbing Heating & Cooling.

DeDecker's is opening up a second location at the strip mall on Main Street. It has been determined by staff that the part of the building that will house the business is on its own separate utility meter. This would include 20% rebate on electric, water and sewer bills for 2 years, a 1% rebate on construction materials used in the business location for remodeling and upgrades that are spent at businesses located in the City of Geneseo for the next six months and 1% sales tax rebate for 2 years for sales within the City of Geneseo. Upgrades to the building might include inside the business area and the exterior of the entire building. A rebate on property tax has not been offered to any business in the last few years.

Motion by Simosky, second by Johnson to offer the following economic development incentives as outlines in Ordinance O-15-113 to DeDecker Plumbing and Heating if they are located in the City of Geneseo: 1% sales tax rebate for two years for sales within the City of Geneseo, a 20% rebate for business' electric, water and sewer bills for two years, a 1% rebate on construction materials used in the business location for remodeling and upgrades that are spent at businesses located in the City of Geneseo for the next six months.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Simosky,Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Extra bills were handed out. Flash Study is a study performed to determine the amount of RF clothing is required under certain circumstances, Osha required every 5 years, Dumpster charge for a multi-unit building the charge is still \$12 per unit, Inspections vehicle required a catalytic converter which cost \$2,000 and recycling service for the City is \$32,000 a month.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Simosky,Garlick

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 PM under the following statutes:

RE: Review and Release of Executive Session Minutes

Pursuant to: **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21):** Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 and **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Simosky,Garlick

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Wachtel to enter open meeting at 7:15 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Simosky,Garlick

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Actions After Executive Session

Consideration to approve Resolution R-17-01 A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes.

Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild that under Section I of Resolution R-17-01 the City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk to release said written transcripts as outlined on Exhibit A and that City Council finds cause to retain any other minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Simosky,Garlick

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Motion by Rothschild, second by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:28PM.

Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk