

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Special City Council
April 25, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met in a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday April 25, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Aldermen Jason Robinson, Brenda Johnson, Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Kent Anderson and Sue Garlick were present. Paula Simosky and James Roodhouse were absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Derke Price, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Chief Piotrowski, HR Brandon Maeglin, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, Inspector Rick Mills, IT Garrett Griswold, Mary Lee Koehn and Doug Lindstrum.

There was a quorum.

Alderman James Roodhouse arrived at 6:02

Public Comment

Doug Lindstrum Attorney for Curious Cargo stated alternatives to closing the alley such as raising the gas meters and moving them closer to the wall. He stated that he is disappointed that an alternative to closing the alley couldn't have been reached and wanted to know if other safety concerns with the alley will be addressed such as gutters being routed into sanitary sewers, resurfacing and winter maintenance of salting so that there is no ice buildup. Administrator Kotter reported that other maintenance items will have to be looked at right now this is just to decide if it should be closed or not. The City would look at putting a loading zone on 1st avenue so that there is a place for the garbage truck to stop an empty dumpsters, this would have to be 2 spaces to accommodate a garbage truck. The size of dumpster that each business will be allowed to have will have to be evaluated, so that everyone is given adequate room to manipulate there dumpster for emptying. There may be guards or post requirements around the meters if the dumpsters are of a certain size, Nicor will have to be consulted on that.

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-14 An Ordinance closing an Alley to Vehicle Traffic (East of State Street, North of First Street).

Administrator Kotter reported that a decision on this item was delayed due to speaking with Nicor Gas. Nicor did respond in an email with, Project complete, no adjustments install bollards if not closed. The alley is being considered for closure due to safety reasons, the main concerns of the business owners are trash pickup and deliveries. The City and the building occupants will have to get together and discuss the size of dumpster that will be allowed in the alley checking with the Fire department and Nicor. Currently there is a driveway apron on 1st avenue, this could be made a loading zone to ensure that business owners have a spot to park for loading and unloading and garbage trucks would require 2 spots to have enough room to pick up trash.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to adopt Ordinance O-17-14 An Ordinance closing an alley to vehicular traffic (East side of State Street and North of First Street).

ROLL CALL

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

Nays 0

Absent 1 Simosky

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Motion by Johnson, second by Garlick to adjourn the meeting at 6:25PM.

Voice Vote. 7Ayes. 1 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk