

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**April 25, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday April 25, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:26 pm. Alderman Bob Wachtel, James Roodhouse, Kent Anderson Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson, Sue Garlick and Martin Rothschild answered roll call. Paula Simosky was absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Derke Price, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne and Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, Chief Piotrowski and Inspector Rick Mills. A Quorum was present.

**Proclamation – Freedom House A New Beginning Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2017**

Mayor Carroll-Duda read the proclamation and proclaimed the month of April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2017.

**Public Comment**

None

**Discussion on Girl Scout Gaga Pit at City Park**

It was reported that the Girl Scouts have asked to put in a Gaga Ball Pit at the City Park. They would pay for it and build it. This is ground level dodge ball. The Girl Scouts have asked about putting it in at either the City Park or up at Richmond Hill Park. Council expressed concerns over it being too close to Main Street and the parking lot if installed at the City Park. Also concern over interference with annual events that take place in the City Park. More information would have to be brought forward such as, material and maintenance, longevity of material used and if no longer used who would be responsible for removal. A formal proposal was suggested and possibly a better location if approved would be up at Richmond Hill Park.

**Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild to recommend to City Council with further discussion with Girl Scouts on location and materials.**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion of Electric Department Property on Stewart Street, Resolution R-17-03 A Resolution Declaring City Owned Property Under Property Identification No. 08-16-360-005 and 08-21-101-001 in Stewart Street Subdivision as Surplus and Directing its Sale.**

Administrator Kotter stated that the Electric Department owns 2 lots on Stewart Street and has had the one split into 2 and have had interest to purchase both lots. The City wants to sell the vacant lot and the lot with the commercial building on it. We can either sell the 2 lots by highest bidder or if we are concerned about the development of the lots then we can ask for 80% of appraised value with a development agreement stating what the purchaser plans on doing with the property, that way we still get the required 80% of appraisal and can also chose the buyer based on the best development plan. We currently have an appraisal that is from 2015 and the lot appraised for \$31,500 and the building lot appraised at \$117,600. City Attorney Price said that it will have to be updated because it can't be more than 6 months old. On the property with the commercial building there will need to be a permanent 15 foot access easement for accessing the substation. Section V of the Resolution to declare the property surplus and sell says that it must pass with a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote which would be 6.

**Motion by Rothschild, Second by Wachtel to recommend to the City Council adoption of Resolution R-17-03 A Resolution Declaring City Owned Property Under Property Identification No. 08-16-360-005 and 08-21-101-001 in Stewart Street Subdivision as Surplus and Directing its Sale.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Nays 0**

**Absent 1 Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion on Special Use and Special Event License Fees**

Administrator Kotter reported that the City had set the fees for the Special Use and Event licenses to follow the State Special Use and Event fees which were \$50 and \$25, now the State has raised the Special Use fee to \$150 and this seems like it would be a deterrent due to having to pay the State \$150 and then the City \$150. Staff recommends that we go back to \$50 for the Special Use License which is for License holders and Special Event at \$25 which is for non-profits.

**Motion by Roodhouse, second by Johnson to have attorney Price draft a resolution to make the Special Use License \$50 and the Special Event License \$25.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes 6 Anderson,Robinson,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Johnson**

**Nays 1 Garlick**

**Absent 1 Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion on accepting lowest qualified bids for Green River Crossing**

Administrator Kotter reported that on May 4<sup>th</sup> the City will have a bid opening for the Green River Crossing and the lowest qualified bid will come to City Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> for review and approval.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to recommend to the City Council approval of the lowest qualified bidder from bids received on May 4 for the Green River Crossing construction project.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Nays 0**

**Absent 1 Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion on Electric Budget**

Director of Electrical Operations reviewed the spreadsheet handed out and highlighted line items that had changed by either an increase or decrease or are new. Revenue highlights included Vensys the German Wind Turbine Co. rental storage on the shed at the wind turbines for parts, they pay \$45 an hour for our staff to perform the maintenance work. Gain on sale included selling 2 lots and selling a bucket truck. Expenditures included 3 bond payments, 2007A bond has one last payment and bond 2016A is for the Wind Turbines. The Electric Department pays property tax on the 1/2% of Louisa that we own in Iowa and Capital Assets are divided into large and small projects.

**No Action**

**Discussion on Public Safety Budget**

Chief Piotrowski reviewed the Public Safety spreadsheets that were handed out. Revenues are more static with Public Safety then with the Electric department. Police Pension and Property Tax are controlled by an Actuarial report and the Tax Levy. If the Crossing guard fund exceeds \$5,000 then the school district will reimburse 1/2. At times Walmart will hire Officers for Black Friday, they have a Tobacco enforcement grant and this year sold a vehicle to the Inspection department. The Public Safety budget is saturated in wages because they are a service oriented department and have heavy wage costs, 24hr service and use a large amount of fuel.

**No Action**

**Payment of City and Utility Bills**

Additional sheets were handed out. Empower charge is GIS software for location of all things in Geneseo in layers, street signs, hydrants, utility lines etc.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Nays 0**

**Absent 1 Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

**None**

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to adjourn at 8:33 PM.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loree K. Phlypo  
City Clerk