

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 27, 2017

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday June 27, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Alderman Bob Wachtel, Paula Simosky, Kent Anderson, James Roodhouse and Martin Rothschild answered roll call. Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson and Sue Garlick were absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Derke Price, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, Chief Piotrowski and Geneseo 8th Grade Girls Track Team, Coach Todd Elhert, Brooke Harms, Jenah Hart, Sydne Sexton, Alex Hicks, Maddi Barickman, Allie Mackey, Esther Brown, Abby Reakes, Alison Bowers, Taylor DeSplinter, Cadence Talbert, Tricia Elden and Chloe Adams.

A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

Tim Wells reported that he doesn't disburse or collect any more or less funds than authorized to. The assessed values are determined by the County Assessor and the Tax Levy is processed by the County Clerk. If anyone has any questions about the tax levy they need to direct their calls to 6419.

Bill Preston reported that he is a County board member and he wondered why the tax levy is up so high, he lives on a fixed income.

Kathy Nelson reported that she is a County board member and has had calls on why taxes went up so much, she referred them to City Hall with some not having any resolve. What will be done with the extra money collected?

Francie Delp reported that her understanding was that a bond wasn't abated. She asked what is the remedy for the revenue and when can the public expect an answer? She suggested that an article be put in the paper so everyone has the information.

Middle School Track Recognition

Mayor Carroll-Duda recognized the 8th Grade 4 Girls Track Team for being IESA Runner Up. There were 31 medals awarded and 2nd in State as the Team. Congratulations and keep up the good work! Members of the Track Team include:

Coach Todd Elhert

Brooke Harms	Jenah Hart	Sydne Sexton	Alex Hicks	Maddi Barickman
Allie Mackey	Esther Brown	Abby Reakes	Alison Bowers	Taylor DeSplinter
Cadence Talbert	Tricia Elden	Chloe Adams		

Discussion on Harold Neumann Statue in North City Park

Discussion was held on a statute of Harold Neumann in the North City Park. Sheilah Wygant-McGee is the Sculptor that if approved will be making the bronze piece. It was reported by Mr. Magerkurth that Harold Neumann grew up West of Geneseo on a farm. He became a pilot and became well known for being the best race of 1930 in the United States and overseas. He was known for his power dives and war maneuvers. He was a member of the National Aeronautical Association and was inducted into the Smithsonian. Sheilah Wygant-McGee reported that she works with a foundry in Mt. Morrison and an artist named Jeff Adams and once they get the City's approval to put the statue in the park they will be able to get more detail on material and size. They are planning a life size statue, he was 6' 1" but not sure on the size of the plane. The cost will approximately be \$100,000. To fund the project they are looking at aviation grants, fund raising and donations. Sheilah Wygant-McGee stated that this will be a history piece for the City Park about a specific resident. Mayor Carroll-Duda stated that may be this could even be included in the discussion by the design team on Richmond Hill Park.

No Action was taken.

Discussion on Appointment to the following Committees/Boards; Plan Commission; Zoning Board of Appeals; Police Commissioners and Police Pension.

Administrator Kotter stated that the goal is to have the appointments at the May City Council meeting. We are working on staggering the appointments and will bring an Ordinance to the July City Council meeting for approval. City Attorney Price stated that at this point no motion is needed.

Not action was taken

Discussion on Ordinance O-17-19 An Ordinance Adopting the APPA Safety Manual 16th Edition for the City of Geneseo.

Administrator Kotter reported that one change that needs to be made to the Ordinance is that #2 of the last section should end with "upon its passage". .

Motion by Wachtel, second by Simosky to recommend to Council approval of Ordinance O-17-19 Adopting the American Public Power Association's Safety Manual 16th Edition for the City of Geneseo as amended.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 5 Anderson, Simosky, Roodhouse, Wachtel, Rothschild

Nays 0

Absent 3 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson

Motion Carried

Discussion on Resolution R-17-06 Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code.

Administrator Kotter reported that there needs to be a correction made to the motion wording and it should say; "recommend adoption of". There will be an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Geneseo and County Highway Department because they will be doing the milling at the City Council meeting also for approval.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Wachtel to recommend adoption of Resolution R-17-06 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code as required by IDOT for fiscal year July 1, 2017 thru June 20, 2018 in the amount of \$246,000 for the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 5 Anderson, Simosky, Roodhouse, Wachtel, Rothschild

Nays 0

Absent 3 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson

Motion Carried

Discussion on Selling Land at the Northwest Corner of Chicago and Ogden.

Administrator Kotter reported that Dr. Loucks purchased the property in 1997 from the Zimmerman's. The Northwest corner has been recognized as an easement for the State with the City holding it. The State has told him that the property will have to be released from the City. The sidewalk placement and care are in question if the property is released to Dr. Loucks. Dr. Loucks stated that his understanding is that he already owns the piece of property in question it is just that he needs the City to release it to him. City Attorney Price stated that if he already owns it and just wants the City to release it then that is a simpler issue. And it won't require a survey or sale. It will be straight forward and just need to have wording in it to maintain the existence of sidewalks. The sidewalk connect to the Library sidewalks and this property is only of value to Dr. Loucks. This will need to be on agenda in 2 weeks and City Attorney Price will speak to Dr. Loucks attorney.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Simosky to recommend to City Council a resolution of the Right-of-Way issue at Ogden and Chicago streets.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 5 Anderson, Wachtel, Simosky, Rothschild, Roodhouse

Nays 0

Absent 3 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Additional sheets were handed out. Save-a-lot development agreement may change.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Simosky to approve City and Utility bills as presented with additional bills.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 5 Simosky, Wachtel, Rothschild, Johnson, Roodhouse

Nays 0

Absent 3 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Francie Delp stated that she didn't see any minutes on the website past January, City Clerk Phlypo stated that she would have to look into it as she had no way of seeing the website at the moment.

Kathy Allen stated that she didn't feel that \$300,000 was a lot of money for a City but feels that the City should put something in the paper about what happened, the remedy and that the City should use the money on street repairs not in Richmond Hill area.

Executive Session – Setting Price of Land to Sell

Not needed

Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to adjourn at 7:03 PM.

Voice Vote. 5Ayes. 0 Nays. 3 Absent.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo

City Clerk