

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
July 11, 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 July 11, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Aldermen Jason Robinson, James Roodhouse, Kent Anderson, Bob Wachtel, Sue Garlick and Brenda Johnson were present. Martin Rothschild and Paula Simosky were absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Derke Price, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, Chief Piotrowski, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin and Inspector Rick Mills.

There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda Ludwig thanked the City for the help and dedication to Music fest to make it another successful year. She handed out a “3rd Thursday” flyer, once a month the downtown businesses will extend shopping hours to be open until 7:00 pm. This year the Farmers Market and Maple City Cruisers will be joining the event on July 20. Planes, Trains and Automobiles this year will feature a trackless train for children. PGDA golf tournament will be coming to Geneseo this year with over 700 registered golfers. For a complete list of Chamber sponsored events please visit their website at www.geneseo.org.

City Engineering Report

Greg Ryckaert from Missman reported that 1st street water/sewer is going well with a completion date of August 25, they are currently 80% completed. The turn lane project has started with some earth moving. The water line project will be drilling next week. Phase 2 on the Well project is in the permit stage and will be out for bids next month.

Recognition for Retirement – Jim Gorman

Mayor Carroll-Duda recognized Jim Gorman for 30 plus years of employment with the City, he retired on Friday, July 7, 2017. He was presented with a gift and card from the City.

Appointments to the Following Committees/Boards

Plan Commission – 3 Appointments, Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 Appointment, Police Commissioners – 1

Appointment, Police Pension – 1 Appointment

Plan Commission Appointments – Keith Kennett, Michael Smith, Brett Barnhart

Zoning Board of Appeals – John Schang

Police Pension Board – Marvin Garlick

Board of Police Commissioners – Eric Henderson

Administrator Kotter stated that the Police Pension Board and Board of Police Commissioners candidates are switched.

Motion to approve Mayor Carroll-Duda’s appointments of Keith Kennett, Michael Smith and Brett Barnhart to the Plan Commission term expiring in 2019; Zoning Board of Appeals John Schang term expiring 2022; Police Pension Eric Henderson term expiring 2019 and Board of Police Commissioners Marvin Garlick term expiring 2020.

Public Comment

Resident that lives outside of City on 2200 asked that the City do something about the traffic that uses their private lane for a turnaround due to the traffic back up off of Smith Street. Chief Piotrowski stated that they have sat in the lane and have tried to discourage drivers from using it as a turn around, the school has been informed of the issue and since the resident is out of city limits it is in the jurisdiction of the County. Resident stated that County says they don’t have enough officers to patrol the area. Mayor Carroll-Duda stated that they would look into why the street is a one-way.

Consent Agenda:

a. City Council Minutes 06/03/17

b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 06/27/17

City Council minutes from 6/13/17 under Ordinance O-17-18 needs to read “Capital Assets to be determined at a later date” and 2017-2018 Spreadsheet needs the word “water” removed after “Route 82”.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to approve Consent Agenda with changes.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Mayoral Statement on 2016 tax Levy

Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda handed out a Power Point Presentation to Council on the tax levy process and it was displayed on the overhead screen for all attendee's to view, it began with a timeline through filing documents for the tax levy, tax abatement and what is the purpose of abatement, Process improvements and options with regards to the levy overage. The Power Point Presentation can be viewed on the City's website at www.cityofgeneseo.com.

Resident concerns included multiple chances for this to be caught, the legality to the Truth in Taxation Hearing that was held since the dollar amount ended up being different, process improvements so that this doesn't happen again and what is the City going to do with the extra \$320,000.

Francie Delp turned in to the City a signed petition with approximately 185 signatures requesting that the City refund the extra funds to the property owners.

Mayor Carroll-Duda stated that this would be discussed in the fall when the next tax levy is being discussed as there isn't anything that can be done at this time, we will be discussing solutions in October.

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-19 An Ordinance Adopting the APPA Safety Manual 16th Edition for the City of Geneseo.

Administrator Kotter reported that the City chose this Safety Manual through APPA because it includes the regulations for the Electric Utility department. The Safety Committee reviewed it and IMLRMA the Cities liability insurer has a couple of recommended changes.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Garlick to adopt Ordinance O-17-19 adopting the American Public Power Association's Safety Manual 16th Edition for the City of Geneseo.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Johnson,Roodhouse,Anderson,Robinson,Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Rothschild

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Resolution R-17-06 Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code and Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County

Administrator Kotter reported that this is an annual resolution which is needed when MFT funds are being spent. Since Henry County is paving for the City an Intergovernmental Agreement is also needed. A small difference is due to rounding of the figure.

Motion by Robinson, second by Johnson to adopt 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 30, 2018 in the amount of \$246,000 for the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax Funds and approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County for the Paving Contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Johnson,Roodhouse,Anderson,Robinson,Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Rothschild,Simosky

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the purchase of Public Works/Park Department Pick-Up Truck.

City Administrator Kotter reported that there was \$25,000 allocated for a 2017 truck and due to the timing only a 2018 became available and the price was increased by \$465. The purchasing policy states that if the amount is over what is was presented on the Capital Spreadsheet then it must be brought back to Council for approval of the increase of \$465.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to approve a change in the amount listed on the Capital Spreadsheet for the purchase of a Park Department Pick Up Truck from \$25,000 to \$25,465 from Crowe Ford in account number 60-5-020-945-3704.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Johnson,Roodhouse,Robinson,Anderson,Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Rothschild,Simosky

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Additional bill list handed out. Administrator Kotter reported that the numbers aren't finished on the fireworks event but will be soon. The fireworks were paid for before the show by donations with about \$1,000 extra. Questions on the recloser, Director Opsal reported that was hit by lighting on Frank Street and was turned in to the insurance. Guardian is the new antivirus for the City.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve payment of City and Utility bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Johnson,Roodhouse,Anderson,Robinson,Garlick

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Rothschild,Simosky

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Francie Delp gave the City Clerk a petition signed by residents from each ward that want a refund of the overage. She also requested that this be put on the Committee of the Whole as an agenda item for discussion and a decision. She wants the City to use the funds that were to pay the bond payment and send the residents a check to correct this.

Nadine Palmgren reported that she feels that the Truth in Taxation hearing that was held was not correct due to the mistake made on the Tax Levy and it is the City's burden to correct. The truth in taxation hearing showed the increase would be at 22.64% and it ended up being 74%. She requested the overage be refunded to the property owners and a true and correct Truth in Taxation hearing held. Assessment and exemption information for each parcel taxed is public record and could be used to calculate payments.

Kelly Vincent reported that she is the Deputy Treasurer for Henry County and that this would be a nightmare to refund property taxes this is a collaborative process with 155 taxing districts 3 offices come together to complete this process. The difficulty in refunding everyone is because each property could have several different deductions and if you have to go through each individual public record would be a lengthy process.

Resident reported that if this happened at her work it wouldn't fly and the levy will have to be reduced by \$640,000 to correct it.

Resident requested that the presentation be put on the City's Face Book page. It is an oversight but we need to focus on the future correction.

Resident asked why it wasn't caught with so many eyes looking at it.

Alderman Robinson stated that it affects him also he has 4 children and the motive from the beginning was to save the City money, there were no bad intentions, we need to move on and discuss it in the fall.

Executive Session

RE: 911 Center Staffing, Performance of Employee

City Attorney Price asked that Collective Bargaining be added to the Executive Session.

Motion by Robinson, second by Wachtel to enter into Executive Session under 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 and Pursuant to Collective Negotiating matters pursuant to: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees at 7:39 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Johnson,Roodhouse,Anderson,Robinson,Garlick

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Rothschild,Simosky

Motion Carried

Return to Open Meeting

Motion by Wachtel, second by Garlick to return to open meeting at 8:21 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Johnson,Roodhouse,Anderson,Robinson,Garlick

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Rothschild,Simosky

Motion Carried

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:22PM.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk