

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**August 22, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday August 22, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Alderman Paula Simosky, Kent Anderson, Martin Rothschild, Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson and Bob Wachtel answered roll call. Sue Garlick and James Roodhouse were absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Margaret Kostopolous, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin, Inspector Rick Mills IT Intern Kyle Mack and City Engineer Greg Ryckaert.

A Quorum was present.

**Proclamation – Equality, Inclusion, Respect and Safety for all persons is a core value of the City of Geneseo**

Mayor Carroll-Duda reported that considering what happened in Charlottesville the City felt that we should take a stand on this subject. Mayor Carroll-Duda read the proclamation.

**Public Comment**

IT Intern Kyle Mack made a presentation on his work progress while he has been interning at the City of Geneseo. His primary work has been GIS Mapping of City systems to include; Electrical equipment within the City, Sanitary Sewer systems, Street Signs, Water/Sewer system and Customers. Administrator Kotter reported that while the City continues to use the Co-op program through the High School sometimes you need someone that has a little more experience and a College Intern from one of the local colleges has been a good addition to our pool of help.

Resident Jim Benhart stated that with the property tax situation if your property is sold how does the seller recoup the refund next year. Administrator Kotter reported that this is the negative side to a prior year adjustment and that the Seller would need to make sure that a credit allowance is made on the seller's side at closing.

**Discussion of Full Time Henry County Economic Development Director and Intergovernmental Agreement.**

The Henry County Board met and approved moving forward with the full time Economic Development Director position. The City would commit to this project for 3 years at a \$1 per capita. This person would be a County employee. The County has asked that each municipality involved sign an intergovernmental agreement. A discussion on the selection process will take place to set the parameters and make sure that the person chosen has economic development experience. The County is working on a final draft of the intergovernmental agreement which we should have by the September 12 City Council meeting.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to recommend to the City Council the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County to provide three years of funding for the County Economic Development position.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Robinson,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Wachtel,Rothschild

Nays 0

Absent 2 Garlick,Roodhouse

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion on Water/Sewer Extension to Condominiums and Final Condominium Plat for Construction Group LTD on East 1600 Street.**

There has been a request for Sanitary Sewer and Water to be run out to the development of 22 condominiums. Sanitary Sewer would be run to the Pro Shop and Restaurant at Sugar Maple Golf Course and water would be run to the southern edge of his 5-acre condo parcel. Construction Group LTD is qualified to perform this work so they will do the work with a City Water employee overseeing the project. A variance would need to be granted to decrease the side yard setback to 15' instead of the permitted 20'. A zoning change was approved at the Plan Commission so that condos can be built. The final plat still needs to be approved. This would be running water and sewer 3300 feet with the City paying for 2200 feet and the remainder the developer will pay for. The funds would come out of Operating Capital and City electrics will be put in at developers cost. The City would have a development agreement to ensure that the project is completed. This item is being moved to the Special City Council this would allow City staff to proceed with the EPA permitting which takes about 60 days.

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to recommend giving permission to City staff to proceed with the application for water and sewer installation with the EPA, to prepare a development agreement, and to place an Ordinance approving the preliminary plat of condominium and granting variances on the next Council agenda.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Rothschild

Nays 0

Absent 2 Garlick,Roodhouse  
Motion Carried

**Discussion of Ordinance O-17-22 An Ordinance Restricting Parking around school facilities.**

Administrator Kotter, Chief and Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne met with the school district to improve street parking around the schools. Changes if approved by Council would be made public through signage.

**Motion by Simosky, second by Robinson to recommend to City Council to adopt an Ordinance that includes these school area parking restrictions and direct Attorney Price to prepare the Ordinance for the September 12 Council Meeting.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Rothschild  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Roodhouse,Garlick  
Motion Carried

**Discussion of an RFP – Solid Waste & Recycling Contract 2018-2022**

Administrator Kotter reported that the 5 year contract with Republic ends in 2017. The Council needs to decide if they want to bid the service out or extend Republics contract. It is hard to change contractors this close to expiration so an extension would be the better option at this point of the year. The City would incorporate resident education on problems that exist with placement of cans and making sure that your trash is out when it needs to be. The trucks would be equipped with a camera so that a picture is taken if a can isn't out or is inappropriately at the curb so that complaints can be minimized.

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Simosky to recommend to the City Council to put a Request for Proposals from solid waste and recycling firms for a future contract.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Rothschild  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Roodhouse,Garlick  
Motion Carried

**Discussion of 206 North Stewart Street land sale – 2 Brothers**

City Administrator Kotter reported that the City took bids on two pieces of property, one was a vacant lot and the other had a metal building on it. Mc Auto bid \$88,000 and 2 Brothers bid \$95,800 on the lot with the building. The City recommends 2 Brothers to purchase. An Ordinance will be prepared for the sale and 2 Brothers has asked to close on September 30. They also understand that they are to supply an egress to the Electric substation.

**Motion by Johnson, second by Anderson to recommend to City Council the sale of the property at 206 North Stewart Street to 2 Brothers Tree Service Inc in the amount of \$95,800 and direct the City Administrator and City Attorney to prepare all documents for the final approval and sale.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Rothschild,  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Garlick,Roodhouse  
Motion Carried

**Discussion of Wastewater Capital Projects Donahue Report and hiring for UV Disinfection Project**

Administrator Kotter reported that the requirement to chlorinate is ordered by the EPA. When the water is over 2.6 feet deep in the Green River the City would be required to chlorinate what is dumped out of our system. We have been given a 36 month time frame in which to become compliant. It would take 2 years for construction and a year to tweak the system to get it into compliance so we need to get started on the engineering. The fee for the engineering from Donahue is \$89,800. If we are prepared to move forward with the Dewatering design and concept we could have it done at the same time and then we can decide if we can proceed with it or not and in the event that we don't then we have the design and concept work done making this project shovel ready for the future.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to recommend to the City Council to hire Donahue to complete the UV Disinfection project based on an order form the Illinois EPA in the amount of \$89,800.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Rothschild,  
Nays 0

**Absent 2 Garlick,Roodhouse**  
**Motion Carried**

Chief arrived at 7:20 PM.

**Payment of City and Utility Bills**

Additional sheets were handed out.

**Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild to approve City and Utility bills as presented.**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Nays 0**

**Absent 2 Garlick,Roodhouse**

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

**Kathy Allen suggested that the City talk to the Fire Marshall on safety if development is allowed to build condos closer together and the City should charge people extra for spring and fall clean up.**

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Robinson to adjourn at 7:33 PM.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loree K. Phlypo  
City Clerk