

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 28, 2017

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday, November 28, 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, James Roodhouse, Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson, Sue Garlick and Bob Wachtel answered roll call. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Margaret Kostopulos, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Inspector Rick Mills and Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer.
A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

None

Discussion on adoption of Ordinance O-17-30 An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance O-16-178 and adopting a Utility Payment Policy and Ordinance O-17-31 An Ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances concerning Utility Services Billing.

These two ordinances were discussed at the last meeting and suggested changes were made. As discussion continued additional grammatical changes were suggested with the final document to be presented at the City Council meeting for approval. Primary points agreed upon included, charging the \$75 shut off fee with the first time being waived, no after hours reconnects and an increase in the communication on the policies and written materials outlining options for customers.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to recommend to the City Council adoption of Ordinance O-17-30 An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance O-16-178 and adopting a Utility Payment Policy and Ordinance O-17-31 An Ordinance amending the City Code of Ordinances concerning Utility Services Billing.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Garlick,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Wachtel

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Discussion on Resolution R-17-17 A Resolution adopting the 2018 Schedule of Meetings.

This is the annual disclosure of the 2018 City meeting schedule. There needs to be a few changes from what is presented in the packet including the time on the Police Pension Meetings will be 1:30pm, Plan Commission September meeting should be the 10th and the Zoning Board of Appeals December meeting should be the 17th.

Motion by Simosky, second by Roodhouse to recommend to the City Council adoption of Resolution R-17-17 which sets the 2018 City Meeting Schedule.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Garlick,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Wachtel

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Discussion on Ordinance O-17-34 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019.

Discussion was held and details reviewed at the last meeting. With the prior year adjustment there will be a 46% decrease in the tax levy.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Anderson to recommend to the City Council Ordinance O-17-34 the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2019.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Garlick,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Wachtel

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Discussion on 2017 Tax Levy Abatements including, Ordinance O-17-35 An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Water & Sewer Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2013 of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois; Ordinance O-17-36 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (alternate revenue source) Series 2014A of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois; Ordinance O-17-37 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (waterworks & sewerage alternate revenue source) Series 2014B of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois; Ordinance O-17-38 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bond (alternate revenue source) Series 2016A of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.; Ordinance O-17-39 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bond (waterworks and sewerage alternate revenue source) Series 2016B of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois. This was where the mistake was made last year. Administrator Kotter reported that she and Finance Director Wiesemeyer spoke to the County Clerk and verified the numbers and the ordinance's that should be abated this year.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to recommend to the City Council adoption of the following Ordinances:

Ordinance O-17-35 An Ordinance abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Water & Sewer Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2013 of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois,

Ordinance O-17-36 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014A of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois,

Ordinance O-17-37 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Waterworks & Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2014B of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois,

Ordinance O-17-38 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bond (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2016A of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois,

Ordinance O-17-39 An Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on General Obligation Refunding Bond (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2016B of the City of Geneseo Henry County, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Garlick,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Resolution R-17-18 A Resolution Establishing the 5-Year Plan for the Geneseo Police Pension Fund.

The Police Pension needs to be 90% funded by 2040, to achieve this goal of compliance the City is enacting a 5-year phase in Plan. The auditor's thought it would be best to have a resolution on file that the Council is adopting the five-year plan.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Robinson to recommend to the City Council adoption of Resolution R-17-18 A Resolution Establishing a Five-Year Plan for the Geneseo Police Pension Fund.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Garlick,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Resolution R-17-19 A Resolution allowing employees to receive a 2018 advance from the City to cover HSA Deductible costs.

This advance is to meet their deductible. Employees can request \$2600 to \$5200 in an advance and repayment is through payroll deductions over the annual 26 pay periods. The money is deposited into their HSA account in January. There haven't been any issues with getting the money paid back and 13 this year participated.

Motion by Johnson, second by Garlick to recommend to Council to adopt Resolution R-17-19 which provides for employees to receive an advancement of HSA deductible funds up to \$2,600 for Single plan employees and up to \$5,200 for Single Plus One, Single Plus Children and Family Plan.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Garlick,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Additional Bills handed out.

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

ROLL CALL

Ayes 8 Garlick,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Kathy Allen reported that she is so proud of the City and how civil they are to the residents and each other.

Motion by Wachtel, Rothschild to adjourn at 7:19 PM.

Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo

City Clerk