

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
January 16, 2018
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 January 16, 2018 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Aldermen Kent Anderson, Bob Wachtel, Paula Simosky, James Roodhouse, Brenda Johnson and Martin Rothschild were present. Aldermen Sue Garlick and Jason Robinson were absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Margaret Kostopulos, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Chief Piotrowski, IT Garrett Griswold, Inspector Rick Mills and Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer. There was a quorum.

City Engineering Report

Morgan Mays from Missman reported that work is continuing on the design for the Chicago Lift Station and the Bike Trail over the Hennepin Canal.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda handed out a typed report with a list of upcoming events for Council members. She welcomed Loree Phlypo as the City Representative on the Chamber Board. Rhonda reported that there was a record crowd at the Christmas Parade and businesses would like to put more emphasis on 3rd Thursday this year so the Chamber did a live promo for it. Check out the 3rd Thursday Facebook page, 3rd Thursday helps to promote later shopping at local businesses every 3rd Thursday of the month. The Chamber has started planning for the 50th Annual Music Fest, the first meeting will be held next week to discuss the music lineup. For a complete list of Chamber events please go to www.geneseo.org

Proclamation – National Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring Month

Mayor Carroll-Duda read the proclamation. One of the participants in the program shared some details of the program. Participants parent stated that the child is visited by their mentor at lunchtime where they play games and then once they are in 5th grade they are aloud to go out to activities with the mentoring adult. The program is in need of male volunteers if anyone is interested they can contact the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

Public Comment

Lisa Hammer from the Dispatch asked Mayor Carroll-Duda if her house was gone that she couldn't find her house. She also commented that she is sure the residents of the City of Geneseo like the taxes that they pay. Mayor Carroll-Duda stated that her house was still there when she left home to come to the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 12/12/17
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 12/22/17

Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Consideration of an update to the Sexual Harassment Policy

Administrator Kotter stated that the City received notice from IML that the City Sexual Harassment Policy needed to comply with Public Act 100-0554. HR Magelin, Administrator Kotter and City Attorney Kostopulos worked to create a new policy that would be clear on the reporting process and comply with state law. Kostopulos stated that it is required adoption either by an ordinance or a resolution.

Motion by Johnson, second by Rothschild to adopt Resolution R-18-02 A Resolution Establishing an Updated Sexual Harassment Policy for the City of Geneseo in order to comply with Public Act 100-0554.

AYES: 6 Simosky,Johnson,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Garlick,Robinson
Motion Carried

Consideration of Garbage and Recycling Fees

The first managed private refuse service went from 2013 to 2017 with a set fee of \$12.95 for residential that would allow the City to recoup its costs over 5 years. The fee covered garbage pickup, recycling pickup, an electronic waste day, fall and spring cleanup and the wages to cover Saturday hours at the City burn pile. With the new 5-year contract not including yard waste the burn pile will probably see an increase in activity. In the packet there are 4 options for pricing. Any monies collected that are above the monthly fees for garbage pickup would go into a contingency fund to cover the electronic waste, fall and spring cleanup and wages to cover the Saturday hours at the burn pile, this fund is totally separate and is only used for the extra services provided to the residents.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to establish Exhibit A as the fee schedule to start March 1, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Consideration of the Augustana College Partnership

Michael Reisner a Professor at Augustana has brought classes out to tour the Wind Turbines and the Solar Fields. This opportunity would allow us to become a community partner with the college. This would be with the Electric Department. RFP's will be going out for this program and it is being discussed to make sure that you are supportive of moving forward with the application. The financial commitment isn't cutting a check to the college but in-kind donations from specific departments. We will also be looking into possible partnerships with Accounting and Law Enforcement in the future.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Simosky to direct City Staff to submit a Community Partner Proposal to Augustana College in 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

RE: Performance and Employment Reason

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to enter into Executive Session, 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 at 6:51pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion by Rothschild, second Roodhouse to return to open meeting at 7:47pm

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Simosky,Johnson,Roodhouse,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Garlick,Robinson
Motion Carried

Adjournment

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to adjourn the meeting at 7:48PM.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk