

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois**  
**City Council – First Session**  
**April 10, 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 April 10, 2018 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Aldermen Kent Anderson, Bob Wachtel, Brenda Johnson, Sue Garlick, Martin Rothschild, James Roodhouse and Jason Robinson were present. Aldermen Paula Simosky was absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K. Phlypo, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Acting Chief Steve Whittington, IT Garrett Griswold, Inspector Rick Mills, HR Brandon Maeglin, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer. Newly Elected Officials Brett Barnhart and Craig Arnold.

There was a quorum.

City Attorney Margaret Kostopulos joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.

**Public Comment**

Geneseo FFA Presented their Annual Report. Taylor Mills and Aaron Zobrist were in attendance. The Council had approved a refund every year contingent upon the FFA presenting an Annual Report. The City's part of their profit this year is \$535.19.

**Chamber of Commerce Report**

Rhonda distributed the Chamber Magazine and reminded all that the Spring Open House and the Art Walk are on April 21 this year. For a complete list of Chamber events please go to [www.geneseo.org](http://www.geneseo.org)

**City Engineering Report**

Morgan Mays from Missman reported that they are working on several drainage projects and the Sanitary lift station on Chicago Street is progressing with the EPA permit process dragging.

**Swearing in New Police Officer**

Mayor Carroll-Duda swore in Gene Karzin as the newest Geneseo Police Officer. Mr. Karzin recently retired from the Rock Island Police Department with 30 years of service. Mayor Carroll-Duda commended the Board of Police Commission for the great job that they did with recruiting.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. City Council Minutes 3/13/18
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 3/27/18
- c. Special City Council Minutes 3/27/18

March 13, 2018 minutes had the following correction, correct Sergeant Whittington to "Acting Chief" and Officer Weisser and Disterhoft to "Sergeant".

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve Consent Agenda with noted additions.**

**AYES: 7      Robinson, Garlick, Roodhouse, Johnson, Rothschild, Wachtel, Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1      Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration for Approval of the filling of a third Sergeant vacancy and to approve funding for one investigator.**

Prior discussions were to fill a 3<sup>rd</sup> Sergeant position due to Whittington moving into the Acting Chief Position and that he is retiring. Also, a possible 4<sup>th</sup> Sergeant to be discussed at a later date, without this 4<sup>th</sup> one 1 platoon doesn't have a lead. There are 2 current investigators and only one is being compensated according to the Union Contract, so this is to fund the other position appropriately.

**Motion by Robinson, second by Johnson to direct the filling of a third Sergeant vacancy and to approve funding for a second investigator position.**

**AYES: 6      Robinson, Roodhouse, Johnson, Rothschild, Wachtel, Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 1 Garlick**  
**ABSENT: 1 Simosky**  
**Motion Carried**

**Consideration for approval of Resolution R-18-10 A Resolution Allowing a Search Committee to be formed to assist in the search for a Police Chief.**

The current ordinance appoints by a committee that no longer is in existence. There are 8 names that the Mayor is recommending for Council approval to be on the search committee, they consist of the Mayor, 2 Aldermen, Mr. Gronski is a representative from the School District, Gary Joyner was on the Admin Service Board and has military experience, Mr. Urquiza is retired from law enforcement, City Administrator and an Ex-Officio member HR Brandon Maeglin will attend the meetings but won't have any voting power.

**Motion by Johnson, second by Roodhouse to approve Resolution R-18-10 which approves a search committee for the position of Police Chief.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Roodhouse,Robinson,Johnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 1 Garlick**  
**ABSENT: 1 Simosky**  
**Motion Carried**

**Consideration to hire Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police to assist in the hiring process**

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police offer 2 different programs to assist Communities in the selection of a Chief. A greater fee offers the IACP to facilitate the entire process to hire a Chief, for a lesser fee they will assist in the process. It will start with 10 questions presented to the top 10 candidates and will require written responses. All documents will be collected and sent to the City, the City then the top 5 and 3 retired Police Chiefs will spend the day evaluating the candidates in 6 areas, including strengths and weaknesses, situational questions and of those 5 2 to 3 names will be backgrounded and brought to the Council for a decision.

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Johnson to hire the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police in the amount of \$5,000 to assist in the selection of a Police Officer.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 6 Roodhouse,Robinson,Johnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 1 Garlick**  
**ABSENT: 1 Simosky**  
**Motion Carried**

**Consideration for approval of the contract for Fiscal Year 2018 Audit with Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard and Company LLC in the amount of \$42,850.00.**

The City's last four audits have been performed by the same firm. Last year the price stayed the same and this year it is increased \$850.00.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to enter into an agreement with Carpentier, Mitchell, Goddard and Company LLC in the amount of \$42,850 for the basic audit, \$1,250 for the Annual Financial Report for the State and \$3,000-\$5,000 per major program for any single audit that may be required for the 2018 Fiscal year.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Garlick,Roodhouse,Robinson,Johnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Simosky**  
**Motion Carried**

**Consideration for approval Ordinance O-18-03 An Ordinance amending regulations governing interconnection and net metering programs for renewable energy.**

This would apply to a property owner that wants to install wind or solar power. They would still be on City power so we have to have a way of metering the power that they put back onto the grid. The company that is hired to install the equipment would fill out the application for metering for the property owner. Amendment to Section G 55.03 (F) change to, "Distribution Utilization Fee as approved annually through City Council.

**Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild to adopt Ordinance O-18-03 An Ordinance Amending Regulations Governing Interconnection and Net Metering Programs for Renewable Energy.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Garlick,Roodhouse,Robinson,Johnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Consideration to approve an increase in the budgeted amount for the 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor purchase in the amount of \$530.13.**

Additional installation of required equipment put the total cost of this vehicle over the budgeted amount. The Purchasing Policy requires that it be brought back to Council in the event it goes over the budgeted amount.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to approve an increase in the budgeted amount allocated for the 2017 Ford Interceptor to the new amount of \$42,330.13 which is an increase of \$530.13 which is in account 01-5-030-800-1223.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Garlick,Roodhouse,Robinson,Johnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Payment of City and Utility Bills**

There were additional bills handed out.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Garlick to approve the bills as presented.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: 7 Garlick,Robinson,Roodhouse,Johnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Anderson**  
**NAYS: 0**  
**ABSTAIN: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 Simosky**

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.**

**Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 1 Absent.**

**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loree K Phlypo  
City Clerk