

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
March 13, 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 March 13, 2018 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Aldermen Kent Anderson, Bob Wachtel, Paula Simosky, Brenda Johnson, Sue Garlick, Martin Rothschild and Jason Robinson were present. Aldermen James Roodhouse was absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Margaret Kostopulos, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Sergeant Jamison Weisser, Sergeant Casey Disterhoft, Acting Chief Steve Whittington, IT Garrett Griswold, Inspector Rick Mills and Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer.

There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda handed out a short list of happenings for the Chamber, including Spring/Summer issue of the Geneseo Magazine with a release date of mid-April, 11 high school candidates for its annual scholarships and the Gathering of the Green will have a bus trip coming in to Geneseo on March 22. For a complete list of Chamber events please go to www.geneseo.org

City Engineering Report

Public Works Director reported that the Chicago Street Lift Station design plans are progressing.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 2/13/18
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 2/27/18
- c. Special City Council Minutes 2/27/18

The February 13, 2018 minutes had the following corrections, added Ray "Rogers" and Arnie "Taube" last names and changed wording to "Taube Family" in City Council 2/13/18 minutes.

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

AYES: 7 Robinson, Garlick, Simosky, Johnson, Rothschild, Wachtel, Anderson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Roodhouse

Motion Carried

Consideration of water department capital budget change, water tower cleaning funds to SCADA System in the amount of \$100,000.

No Discussion

Motion by Johnson, second by Simosky to approve a capital purchase transfer in the Water Department from Water Tower Cleaning and Painting to a new SCADA System for the Fiscal Year 2018 in the amount of \$100,000.

AYES: 7 Garlick, Robinson, Simosky, Johnson, Rothschild, Wachtel, Anderson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Roodhouse

Motion Carried

Consideration of a Resolution R-18-06 A Resolution supporting the upcoming March 20, 2018 Henry County Public Safety Sales Tax Referendum Vote.

It was reported that another way of getting funds would be to raise property taxes. Alderman Wachtel reported that he attended the meeting regarding this tax and he believes that they are spread way to thin. Alderman Johnson communicated that she is going to abstain from the vote. Brian Harris spoke.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to approve Resolution R-18-06 A Resolution Supporting the upcoming March 20, 2018 Henry County Public Safety Sales Tax Referendum Vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

There were additional bills handed out.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Simosky to approve the bills as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Executive Session

RE: Review and Release of Executive Session Minutes

RE: Employee Performance

Pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21): Discussion of minutes of meeting lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 and 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.

Motion by Johnson, second by Robinson to enter into executive session Pursuant to: 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21):

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to return to open meeting at 8:31 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Actions after Executive Session

- a. Consideration of Resolution R-18-05 A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes
Motion by Johnson, second by Rothschild to approve Resolution R-18-05 A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

b. Consideration to accept the report from Consultant Larry Jones relative to his external review of the Police Department.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to accept the report from Consultant Larry Jones relative to his external review of the Police Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Francie Delp – Are there copies of the report available, Kotter communicated that anyone can submit a FOIA for a copy.

Paxton – Thank you to the Council for helping him be well informed, be mindful of not attacking a specific person.

Kathy – Thank you

Stoneberger – Next to the Art League at 127 Exchange and State the building is unsafe, you can push your way into the building.

Adjournment

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM.

Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 1 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk