

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
May 8, 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 May 8, 2018 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Aldermen Brett Barnhart, Bob Wachtel, Sean Johnson, Craig Arnold, Martin Rothschild, James Roodhouse, Paula Simosky and Jason Robinson were present. 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, Sergeant Jamison Weisser, IT Garrett Griswold, Inspector Rick Mills, HR Brandon Maeglin, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer and Gary Joyner. There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda was not at the meeting but had a report distributed to Council Members. For a complete list of Chamber events please go to www.geneseo.org

City Engineering Report

Morgan Mays from IMEG reported that they are reviewing the sanitary sewer and storm water on the NE side of town. We are still waiting on the Chicago Street Lift Station permitting from IDOT. Drainage and water runoff plan from the new edition and the proposed Senior Center will be reviewed.

Public Comment

None

Plan Commission Appointment

Mayor Carroll-Duda recommended Sue Garlick for the vacancy 1-year term on the Plan Commission.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve the appointment of Sue Garlick to fill the vacancy for Brett Barnhart's term on the Plan Commission which expires in May of 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse,Johnson,Barnhart,Wachtel,Arnold,Simosky
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council First Session Minutes 4/10/18
- b. City Council Second Session 4/10/18
- c. Committee of the Whole Minutes 4/24/18

Motion by Rothschild, second by Arnold to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

AYES: 8 Simosky,Robinson,Arnold,RoodhouseJohnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Barnhart
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Resolution R-18-12 A Resolution Setting Net Metering Distribution Utilization Fee.

Discussion was held at the Committee of the Whole and is a follow up to the Ordinance. The fee will be set by this Resolution.

Motion by Simosky, second by Arnold to adopt Resolution R-18-12 A Resolution Establishing the Fee for Net Metering in the Electric Department.

AYES: 8 Robinson,Roodhouse,Johnson,Rothschild,Wachtel,Barnhart,Simosky,Arnold
NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Resolution R-18-13 A Resolution Establishing a Fee for Refusal to Install a Smart Reader or to change the City Ordinance for Disconnect if Refusal to switch meters.

City Administrator communicated that the City is currently moving to a different electronic read software and due to this the meters have to be changed out for electric customers. We have had a customer that has refused to let the staff install the new meter on their house. The resident cited that they didn't want the radio waves in their house, the current meter that is installed is the same type meter just different software so they currently have same. The City can impose a monthly fee for not allowing the staff to install the new smart meter, this fee would cover an employee having to come out and manually read the meter due to the change in the software it wouldn't be able to be read electronically any more. Getting all the meters in town changed out to this system will also allow the City to move to one billing cycle which will save staff time and manpower in the field. We can pass an ordinance to establish a fee or it could be set up like the Water meters and you can be shut off if you don't let us install the meter.

Motion by Arnold, second by Wachtel to adopt Ordinance O-18-05 An Ordinance requiring installation of new electric meters removing the water service wording.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 2 Robinson, Barnhart
NAYS: 6 Simosky, Rothschild, Johnson, Wachtel, Roodhouse, Arnold
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Denied

Consideration to approve the hiring of a Police Officer.

City Administrator communicated that a current employee has a high probability of moving on to the State Police and one employee is retiring. There is guaranteed one spot that needs to be filled with a possible three others. We have one officer out on a work comp injury and two in training. This officer will be the third new lateral hire. This position is budgeted for and in the end, there will be fourteen sworn Officers. Alderman Johnson commended the current Officers.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Arnold to direct staff to hire a third new lateral hire officer and to only proceed with future hires when the vacancy is created from a resignation or promotion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Barnhart, Arnold, Roodhouse, Robinson, Johnson, Rothschild, Wachtel, Simosky
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Carried

Discussion on Wastewater Projects

City Administrator communicated that the EPA has mandated that we have UV Disinfection in place by 2019. We also need to address our sludge truck and whether we want to move forward with the Dewatering system or buy a new sludge truck. The Dewatering system would not only solve the issue with disposal of our sludge but would also take care of the electrical improvements that need to be performed in the area where the Dewatering system would be installed. The Dewatering system was already budgeted for. After discussion it was agreed upon to come back in 2 weeks and have a further discussion on the Dewatering System and have Terry come back from Donahue to further discuss the Dewatering plans.

No Action

Alderman Wachtel left the meeting at 6:57pm and returned at 6:59pm.

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Discussion and explanation was held on the General Fund of the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.

No Action

Payment of City and Utility Bills

There were additional bills handed out.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Simosky, Robinson, Roodhouse, Johnson, Rothschild, Wachtel, Barnhart, Arnold

NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Brenda Johnson communicated that she would like to thank Mayor Carroll-Duda for her handling of the negative press in such a professional way and to Congratulate Sean Johnson for his election to Alderman.

Pastor communicated that he was thankful for all the City staff that was at the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

Kathy Allen thanked everyone for their service.

Adjournment

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

Voice Vote. 8 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk