

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 27, 2018

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Alderman Paula Simosky, Kent Anderson, Martin Rothschild, James Roodhouse, Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson and Bob Wachtel answered roll call. Sue Garlick was absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Margaret Kostopulos, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, HR Brandon Maeglin, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Inspector Rick Mills, Doug & Shelly Emerick, Joe Schwenker and Adam Templer from Bear Development and John Loucks.
A Quorum was present.

Mayor Carroll-Duda explained that there are 2 meetings tonight, first will be the Committee of the Whole and there are just a couple things on that agenda. The Special City Council meeting will be second and there will be a couple items voted on and then we will go into executive session with possible action after.

Public Comment

None

Discussion on Ordinance O-18-01 An Ordinance Declaring Bed Bugs a Nuisance.

Doug Emerick of Emerick Pest Control presented his opinion on putting an ordinance in place to cover bed bugs. Emerick communicated that you can't protect everyone, there are 1500 units throughout the Quad Cities that are treated for bed bugs. He stated that it would be pretty hard to force landlords to inform tenants if there is a problem. He stated that by the time some one moves out and the unit is cleaned they have eradicated any evidence of bed bugs. They look like a tick and are not easy to find, they come out to feed between 2 and 5 am and can be dormant for a year. They don't carry any disease and are not a dirty bug. It is hard to prove if a new tenant brought the bugs with them or if they were already there. It costs an average of \$1,500 to treat a 4-bedroom house. There are no communities that he knows of that have such an ordinance regulating bed bugs.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Roodhouse to recommend to the City Council adoption of Ordinance O-18-01 An Ordinance Declaring Bed Bugs a Nuisance.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 3 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Wachtel
Nays 4 Robinson,Johnson,Simosky,Anderson
Absent 1 Garlick

Motion Denied

Discussion on water department capital budget change, water tower cleaning to Scada System.

The current budget process includes a spreadsheet of capital expenses, this allows departments to finance such capital expenditures without coming back to Council. The water tower maintenance has to be postponed due to the new well not being on line yet so instead Chad would like to use those funds to update the Scada System that they currently have from radio transmission to fiber. This will bring online all the water facilities and wells which can be monitored by the water department instead of being monitored by the Electric Department and then being passed on to the water department employees. The water chemical controls would then be documented on the server for report use when needed.

Motion by Johnson, second by Robinson to recommend to the City Council 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 \$100,000.00.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky,Wachtel
Nays 0
Absent 1 Garlick

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Additional Bills handed out.

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

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Anderson,Simosky
Nays 0

Absent 1 Garlick
Motion Carried

Public Comment
None

Motion by Wachtel, Robinson to adjourn at 4:44 PM.
Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo
City Clerk