

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 22, 2018

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Alderman Paula Simosky, Martin Rothschild, Sean Johnson, Jason Robinson, Craig Arnold, James Roodhouse and Brett Barnhart answered roll call. Bob Wachtel was absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Derke Price, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, HR Brandon Maeglin, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, Lewis Opsal, Inspector Rick Mills, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer and Jamie Matthews and **Sergeant** Casey Disterhoft. A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mayor Carroll-Duda thanked Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer for her service and welcomed the new Finance Director Jamie Matthews.

Proclamation – John Deere Classic Birdies for Charities

Mayor Carroll-Duda read the proclamation.

Discussion on Development Agreement with Design Group LLC

The Developer will reimburse the City for the cost of materials and supplies that are installed adjacent to Developers 5-acre Condominium Parcel. The Developer is providing labor and equipment to install water main, the City will provide a laborer to inspect installation and install technical equipment such as fire hydrant and main valves. City is responsible for sewer main extension.

Motion by Barnhart, second by Robinson to recommend to the City Council approval of the development agreement between the City and Design Group LLC which outlines a cooperative project between the two parties that will extend sewer 600 feet west on Highway 6 and water 3400 feet on 1600 Street to the south end of the 5-acre parcel owned by Design Group LLC.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Barnhart

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion on Chamber of Commerce Lease at City Hall

2 years ago the Chamber of Commerce started occupying several offices at City Hall, their rent was \$300 the first year and \$400 the second year. Staff recommends extending the lease another 2 years with the third year's rent being \$400 and the fourth year's rent being \$425. Also, an addition of a 60 day out clause.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Barnhart to recommend to the City Council an extension to the current Chamber of Commerce lease for the City Hall office space with the rent being \$400 per month from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 and \$425 per month from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion on Smoking in the City Parks.

Discussions were started last month on this due to parents calling City Hall with concerns about smoking around the play equipment. The Council can regulate it by heavy regulation, courtesy signs or do nothing. Alderman Rothschild expressed concern over regulating this and the ability to enforce the regulation. Alderman Barnhart would like to see smoking not allowed around the play equipment. Mayor and Alderman Johnson agreed with Rothschild. Staff can put up the courtesy signs without Council intervention if that is what is decided.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Johnson to table this item.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse

Nays 1 Barnhart

Absent 1 Wachtel
Motion Carried

Discussion on items allowed in easements

The City Zoning Code prohibits accessory building in easements and no process to ask for a variance. An ordinance must be in place to allow variances with criteria. This would be a text amendment to the Zoning code which would need to go through the Plan Commission and a Public Hearing. An actual variance would have to go through the Zoning Board of Appeals and a public hearing with notification to property owners within 250 feet. Criteria for a variance could include topography and drainage issues to name a few. City Attorney Price stated that the easement is specifically for the protection of utility service. Anything that is put in a utility easement can be destroyed and everyone needs to understand this. The Zoning Board of Appeals has the final decision on variances. Resident John Seei was present and asking for a 3-foot variance to put up a storage shed due to the waterway that runs through his backyard he has no other option for placement. He plans on putting it on a concrete slab due to wild life that will dig underneath and live. It was a consensus to change the text adding a process for requesting a variance to allow an accessory building in an easement.

No Action

Discussion on Stewart Street speed limit

Streets that have no posted speed limit are 30 mph, currently Stewart Street is 25 mph. Staff is requesting a Resolution to take the speed limit to 30mph on Stewart Street. Some had requested 35 mph but that would require traffic studies and is more difficult.

Motion by Robinson, second by Roodhouse to recommend to the City Council to raise the speed limit to 30 mph on Stewart Street from Main Street South to the point 470 feet north of Stone Church Lane.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart
Nays 0
Absent 1 Wachtel
Motion Carried

Discussion on Intergovernmental Agreement with Geneseo School District for recreational facilities at Richmond Hill and GHS

The school district committed to \$60,000 paid over a 10-year agreement to maintain the tennis courts at Richmond Hill Park. The School District has decided that they would like to have the tennis courts on the school grounds. This agreement would include 5 of the 10 courts at the school be left open to the public with an option to rent the other 5 from the school district. In the agreement presented Section 7 would have the word “pay” removed and Section 5 would include the words “open to the public”. This agreement would insure that there are tennis courts available for public use.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Arnold to recommend to the City Council to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Geneseo Public Schools for Recreational Facilities at Richmond Hill Park and the Tennis Courts at GHS.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart
Nays 0
Absent 1 Wachtel
Motion Carried

Discussion of an Increase of Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals from \$150 to \$200.

The last time the fees were addressed was in 2000 in which the fee went from \$50 to \$150. The fee needs to cover the cost of a notice in the paper, mailed notice to property owners and the current fee doesn't cover the expenses.

Motion by Arnold, second by Barnhart to recommend to the City Council to increase the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals fee from \$150 to \$200 effective July 1, 2018 and direct staff to prepare an ordinance for approval.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart
Nays 0
Absent 1 Wachtel
Motion Carried

Discussion on Ordinance O-18-06 An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates to be paid to Laborers, Mechanics and Other Workers performing Construction of Public Works in the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.

This is an annual ordinance that is required by the State committing to require prevailing wage rate to be paid on construction jobs performed on City property.

Motion by Barnhart, second by Johnson to adopt Ordinance O-18-06 An Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Rates to be paid to Laborers, Mechanics and other workers performing Construction of Public Works in the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart

Nays 1 Arnold

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion on Resolution R-18-13 A Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

The State annually shares a portion of the revenue generated by the Motor Fuel Tax based on the population of the City. The City receives \$161,000 in MFT funds. These funds can be spent on salt for the winter, street lighting or paving of streets.

Motion by Robinson, second by Arnold to recommend to the City Council adoption of Resolution R-18-13 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway code as required by IDOT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$161,000 for the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax Funds and approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County for the Paving Contract.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion on Intergovernmental Agreement with Henry County for paving.

Henry County provides paving and sealing of the road work, while a private company through lowest bid process performs the milling. This bid opening will take place on June 5.

Motion by Arnold, second by Robinson to recommend to Council to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Henry County for the 2018 seal coating and paving in the amount of \$234,230.96 with funds coming from MFT for \$77,000 and the remaining balance coming from the Capital Fund 60.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Motion by Barnhart, second by Arnold to recommend to Council to approve the 2018 road milling contract with the lowest qualified bidder from those submitted on June 5 with the funds coming from the Capital Fund 60.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion on Ordinance O-18-05 An Ordinance Amending Regulations Governing Utility Billing.

As was discussed last month it has been recommended to go with an added fee if you choose to not let us install the smart meter. If you elect to keep your existing meter and it fails then you will be disconnected if you don't let the Staff install the smart meter. There will be no back stock of meters for meter failures. The standard additional fee is \$20 extra a month for a manual read meter.

Motion by Robinson, second by Barnhart to recommend to City Council adoption of Ordinance O-18-05 An Ordinance requiring installation of new electric meters or extra fees will be charged as amended by the City Attorney.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart

Nays 1 Arnold

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion on Wastewater Plant Improvements.

The order of improvements that the wastewater plant needs are UV Disinfection, Dewatering System and Safety Regulations None Compliance issues. These 3 items are all interconnected and total approximately \$6.6 million dollars. We have \$300,000 to put towards these projects that is already budgeted for and \$100,000 of that has to be spent by 2019. There is an opportunity for the City to apply for an I-EPA loan which would give us a 1.83% interest rate for 20-30 years. This loan application requires a Facilities Plan which can be performed by Donahue for \$10,500.00. The rate structure and an increase will have to be reviewed but first confirmation of what the Council wants to do is needed because the rate structure review process is quite time consuming. Alderman Johnson expressed concern over a rate increase that doesn't include anything in case of an emergency within the distribution system.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Barnhart to recommend to the City Council to proceed with planning for the Top 3 Priorities of UV Disinfection, Dewatering and New Building, Headworks, Influent Pumping, Grit Removal, Converting Aerobic Digestion and a new electric building and generator. This will include hiring Donahue Engineers to prepare a facilities plan in the amount of \$10,500 as this is a requirement to apply for a low interest I-EPA loan. Staff is also directed to bring back to Council information on a rate structure that would include enough income to pay back this new debt.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Arnold,Simosky,Roodhouse,Barnhart

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

Discussion and hand out of final balanced budget. This can be approved on June 12, 2018.

No Action

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Additional Bills handed out.

Motion by Robinson, second by Arnold to approve City and Utility bills as presented.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Arnold,Rothschild,Robinson,Barnhart,Roodhouse,Johnson,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Mayor Carroll-Duda reminded Aldermen that Memorial Day in the Park is on Monday and if they are planning on attending they should be there at 9am.

Executive Session – Union Negotiations

Motion by Arnold, second by Robinson to enter into executive session Pursuant to Collective Negotiating matters pursuant to: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees at 8:27pm.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Arnold,Rothschild,Robinson,Barnhart,Roodhouse,Johnson,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Motion by Rothschild, second by Arnold to return to open session at 9:48pm.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Arnold,Rothschild,Robinson,Barnhart,Roodhouse,Johnson,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Motion by Rothschild second by Arnold to adjourn at 9:49 PM.

Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo
City Clerk