

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
July 14, 2015
6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday July 14, 2015 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Nadine Palmgren called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Alderman James Roodhouse, Paula Simosky, Jason Robinson, Keith Kennett, Kathy Carroll-Duda, Martin Rothschild and Bob Wachtel answered roll call. Justin Snodgrass was absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Kotter, City Attorney Thurman, Deputy City Clerk Jill Laingen, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal and Inspector Rick Mills.

There was a quorum.

Public Comment

Resident Ann Parker commented that on July 11th for the Rock the Rail event the downtown streets were closed from 8 am and that businesses lost business due to inaccessibility to the store fronts. Administrator Kotter reported that due to having a Bags Tournament this year the fencing needed to be put up sooner due to earlier liquor sales. With the Chamber not having an Executive Director currently there was a lack of communication.

City Engineer Report

Greg Ryckaert reported that he is working on the Stoneview project.

Mayoral Comments

Mayor Palmgren asked to reserve her comments until the end of the meeting.

Consideration of the Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 6/9/15
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 6/23/15
- c. Special City Council Minutes 7/3/15

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve the minutes as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration of approval to renew Municipal Hearing Officer Ted Hamer's Contract for a 1 year term from 7/3/15 to 7/3/16

Administrator Kotter reported that currently Ted Hamer is the Municipal Hearing Officer and he has agreed to serve as the hearing officer for another year.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to approve the renewal of a 1 year contract with Ted Hamer for Municipal Hearing Officer Position.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Robinson,Roodhouse,Kennett,Carroll-Duda,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Snodgrass

Motion Carried

Consideration of Adoption of Resolution R-15-129 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code as required by IDOT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$106,000 for the Expenditure of MFT Funds.

Administrator Kotter reported that this is an annual resolution for use of MFT Funds.

Motion by Robinson, second by Carroll-Duda to Adopt R-15-129 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code as required by IDOT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 in the amount of \$106,000 for the Expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Robinson,Roodhouse,Kennett,Carroll-Duda,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Snodgrass
Motion Carried

Consideration of recommendation to City Council for approval of the preliminary plat of Stoneview Estates with the exception of a change in the size of the Cul-de-sac size from 100 feet to 80 feet. This is development of Lot 1 of the current Townview Estates into twelve new lots.

Administrator Kotter reported that the Plan Commission reviewed this request at the July 6 meeting and the only change for consideration was reducing the cul-de-sac diameter from 100 feet to 80 feet. This has been discussed with the developer and Commission. Seven residents were at the meeting and all their questions were answered. The requested change from a 100 foot cul-de-sac to an 80 foot with a 100 foot right of way was fine with the adjustment and with Council approval.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Carroll-Duda to approve the Preliminary Plat presented by Hazelwood Development for the City owned land at the end of Hanford Drive and to direct staff to prepare the documents for the transfer of land to Hazelwood. This approval includes an exception to the 100 foot paved cul-de-sac requirement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Robinson,Roodhouse,Kennett,Carroll-Duda,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Snodgrass
Motion Carried

Consideration of Approval of a recommendation to City Council for approval of a Zoning change from R-1 Residential to B-2 Business for property located at 420 West Main Street.

Administrator Kotter reported that there has been a request for a zoning classification change for a partial lot located at the Springfield Armory location. At this time Springfield Armory is combining all of the lots on the east side of the creek and this section of the parcel will be combined with them, with current zoning of B-2. The section of the parcel that remains on the west side of the creek will remain R-1. The Plan Commission is recommending to City Council to accept the zoning classification change for the east portion of parcel 08-21-301-010 from R-1 to B-2.

Motion by Carroll-Duda, second by Rothschild to approve the request for a zoning change from R-1 to B-2 for the eastern portion of Geneseo Parcel 08-21-301-010 owned by Springfield Armory.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Robinson,Roodhouse,Kennett,Carroll-Duda,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Snodgrass
Motion Carried

Consideration of a recommendation to City Council for approval of a Building Permit to construct a new warehouse in the Highway Corridor Overlay District at 420 West Main Street.

Administrator Kotter reported that there has been a request for a building permit for the construction of a new building and an addition to an existing building within the Highway Corridor Overlay District located at 420 West Main Street (Springfield Armory). The first building will be attached to the old Aldi's building with a cross walk connection to the existing warehouse. It will be 4,982 square feet in size facing Main Street with a walk through door and a overhead garage door. The second building will be built behind the bank building east of the old Aldi's building and will be 15,600 square feet. There will be a retention system added for this project to help with the storm water runoff. The Plan Commission has reviewed this request and has voted unanimously to pass on the recommendation to the City Council to accept the project and allow the new development. Carroll-Duda expressed concern over what would be stored in the building. Inspector Mills indicated that there would be no ammunition stored in this building.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Kennett to approve the request from Springfield Armory for a development permit to construct a new building and add on to an existing building at the property at 420 West Main Street.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Robinson,Roodhouse,Kennett,Carroll-Duda,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Snodgrass
Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Administrator Kotter responded to a question from Carroll-Duda about Miso purchase power. This is one of those bills that will be paid ahead of time due to the due date. The weekly withdraws are taken out automatically.

Motion by Kennett, second by Roodhouse to approve payment of City and Utility bills.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Robinson,Roodhouse,Kennett,Rothschild,Carroll-Duda
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Snodgrass
Motion Carried

Public Comment

Retiree Tom Daily asked that the issue with retiree healthcare insurance be fixed so that everyone can move on. The contracts were violated and that they are asking for it to be fair and give the retirees the benefits that they were guaranteed when they were hired. Mayor Palmgren stated that she is doing everything in her power as a Mayor to make this right with the retirees. She believes that the City should stand behind the Contracts and that the retirees should contact their respective Alderman and let them know how it is creating a hardship.

Executive Session

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Robinson to enter into Executive Session at 6:57 pm under the following statutes:

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 Rothschild, second by Simosky to return to open meeting at 9:01pm.

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

Motion Carried.

Actions after Executive Session

No Action Taken

Adjournment

Motion by Wachtel, second by Simosky to adjourn at 9:03pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk