

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois**  
**Special City Council**  
**June 1, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met in a Special City Council meeting on Tuesday June 1, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Aldermen Paula Simosky, Brenda Johnson, Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild and Sue Garlick were present. James Roodhouse, Jason Robinson and Kent Anderson were absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Kotter, Director of Electrical Operations Opsal, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Chief Piotrowski, City Clerk Phlypo, Finance Director Wiesemeyer and HR Manager Billiet, IT Griswold and Officer Wise.

There was a quorum.

**Public Comment**

None

**Discussion of July 3<sup>rd</sup> event**

Mayor Carroll-Duda expressed concerns from citizens in the Richmond Hill area with regards to the alcohol in the park, a band playing close to homes and fireworks being shot off close to homes. Administrator Kotter stated that the new site for shooting off fireworks is 250' from the freeway and it follows the National Fire Protection Standards of 75' per inch of diameter of the shell. The Fire Chief has to sign off on the permit and he is comfortable with the proposed area. There will have to be extensive advertising and education to the public to let them know that to have the optimal view of the fireworks show they will need to be in the park. Kotter stated that a letter could be sent to residents advising that there will be live music in the park. Public Works Director VanDeWoestyne reported that the JayCees used to put the fireworks show on and the use of bigger shells and 911 forced it to be moved across the freeway and they could no longer shoot them off. Mayor Carroll-Duda asked if the band is family friendly, no swearing and is it a band that you would take small children too. Kotter reported that the band is family friendly. Kotter reported that the alcohol will be confined to a tent and you would be issued a wrist band and carded and would not be able to take alcohol out of the tent. Food sales would be in shelter 4 and the stage would be situated right in front of the beer tent and food area. Aldermen asked for an estimate of costs. Kotter reported that the band is a couple thousand and the tent is a couple thousand. She reported that Lionstone has agreed to serve all the beer under their Bassett certified servers. Mayor Carroll-Duda expressed the fear of someone getting run over in the mad rush to exit out of the park after the show. Kotter stated that the police department provide a good traffic control process and auxiliary and possibly County law enforcement can be utilized. The beer tent will hold Lionstone brewery with the City bringing in domestic beer that Lionstone will serve for the City and share in the sales and Genevino will have an area in the tent for wine sales. Mayor asked how many people will be required to help work this show. Kotter reported that she feels that 12 would be needed and then if any elected officials can help along with any Chamber board members that would like to help. Salaried City employees would be asked to work as well as summer help. Kotter reported that before the fireworks begin the National Anthem would be played and patriotic music would be piped in. Kotter reported that the City will meet with servers from Lionstone and Genevino to discuss practices to make sure no one is over served.

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Johnson to recommend to the Mayor/Liquor Commissioner to allow a beer tent in Richmond Hill Park, Live Music, the new site for the firing off of fireworks and food sales, with a budget for education and advertising of the event to the public.**

**Voice Vote. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. 3 Absent.**

**Motion Carried**

**Public Comment**

None

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM.**

**Voice Vote. 5Ayes. 0 Nays. 3 Absent.**

**Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loree K Phlypo  
City Clerk