

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 28, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday June 28, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Alderman Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Brenda Johnson, Sue Garlick, Paula Simosky and Kent Anderson answered roll call. James Roodhouse and Jason Robinson were absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Dan Alcorn, Chief Piotrowski, Director's VanDeWoestyne and Opsal, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, HR Manager Lacey Billiet and the press.

A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

Kathy Allen commented on a good job on the last meeting and on the positives on the water and sewer needs of the community.

Swearing In of Sergeant

City Attorney Dan Alcorn swore in Jamison Weisser as Sergeant.

Consideration to purchase Active Shooter Armor Kits for all officers at a cost of \$6,749.91.

Chief Piotrowski reported that he would like to update equipment for the officers. Currently the department has 4 but it is the goal to issue one to each officer. This would enhance their safety in case of an active shooter event. The funds needed to purchase the kits would come from Shared Funds in the B Account. The total cost would be \$6,749.91.

Motion by Johnson, second by Garlick to recommend to Council that \$6,749.91 be allocated for the purpose of Active Shooter Kits and funds to come from the Police B Account.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Robinson

Motion Carried

Consideration of Health Insurance Broker for the Period of 2016-2019

Presentation from Brad Toone, Owner of Hanford Insurance and Marty Oliva from GBL who will provide additional support to Hanford Insurance on Benefits.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to recommend to Council the appointment of Hanford Insurance as the City's Health Insurance Agent and Broker from July 2016 to June 2019.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Consideration of Ordinance O-16-169 An Ordinance Regulating Food Trucks in the City of Geneseo and Consideration of Resolution R-16-157 A Resolution Setting fees for Food Truck Vendor License

Administrator Kotter reported that a month ago the Council expressed interest in further discussing a food truck ordinance. Attorney Alcorn drafted an Ordinance that was revised by staff. Other possible changes included a penalty, proof of insurance, staying 300 feet from an existing business or concession stand, background for manager/owner, public or private land and re-define vehicle. The fees for Food Truck Vendor License would be set by Resolution which is in the packet for review with the addition of the following language, a weekly fee of \$20 per week to allow vendors to "try out" the area and in the event that is annual is applied for within 30 days of paying the \$20 weekly fee the \$20 will be applied to the annual fee.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to recommend to Council ordinance O-16-169 An Ordinance Regulating Food Trucks in the City of Geneseo with amendments stated.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Robinson

Motion Carried

Consideration of Ordinance O-16-168 An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for all Corporate Purposes of the City of Geneseo, Illinois, in lieu of the appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of July 2016 and ending on the thirtieth day of June 2017 with changes as presented.

Finance Director Wiesemeyer reviewed a spreadsheet showing what the changes are to the budget.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to recommend to Council adoption of Ordinance O-16-168 An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for all Corporate Purposes of the City of Geneseo, Illinois, in Lieu of the Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of July, 2016 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of June, 2017.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Robinson

Motion Carried

Consideration of Resolution R-16-158 the lifting of setback limits on electric land deed at 504 E. Exchange Street

Through work being done on the Cell Tower Lease it was discovered that a setback requirement was recorded from the old building that were demolished. In order to facilitate continued work on the lease we would need to ask the Council to consider a document that City Attorney Alcorn prepared to lift these restrictions so that work can resume on the lease. If considered this item could be approved at the Special City Council meeting to be held immediately after the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 28, 2016.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Anderson to recommend to Council approval of Resolution number R-16-158 which lifts the restrictions on 504 East Exchange Street from 1985.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Discussion on water and sewer projects and rates

A list has been compiled by the Director of Public Works to show the routine items that need to be taken care of in the water and sewer departments and this is why the staff believes that we need to generate additional revenue to make the upgrades to the system and facilities. The upgrades listed in the first \$2.5 million borrowing is a great start but to be truly committed to our water and sewer systems it is critical to have the ability to generate the revenue in place to continue to make the necessary improvements. We are currently well below many communities. These two departments are the only ones without a dedicated funding source or a regular stream of funding for capital projects. Discussion was held on delaying the sewer project on First Street. Alderman Anderson is not in favor of borrowing for the water sewer project. Alderman Simosky and Rothschild expressed that they agree that we need to borrow the funding for this project and to raise rates to continue funding whatever is needed to bring our water and sewer system up to the level that it needs to be to function adequately.

No Action was taken.

Bond Decisions

Administrator Kotter reported that Ehler would like clarification on the requirements for the City to pay back the debt that they borrow. Revenue from the customer's water and sewer services should always be the intent for the pay back on debt for improvements on water sewer facilities and equipment. It is required to have a certain amount of money to back the debt that is borrowed. Another source of revenue should be committed to assure the bond

holders of the repayment of the debt. In the past the City has committed income tax revenue received from the State as a pledge toward the project. The City receives approximately \$650,000 per year in income tax from the State. The City's intention is not to ever need to use this commitment but it helps in the borrowing process. In addition we want to be sure that the Council is set on negotiating with Central Bank as discussed last month.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to recommend to Council that income tax revenue be pledged for the 2016 borrowing and to conduct a Direct Placement effort with Central Bank.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Robinson

Motion Carried

Discussion of Save-a-lot Utility Rebate

Administrator Kotter reported that in 2013 the City entered into an agreement with the future owners of Save-a-lot regarding a grocery store development. One of the incentive included in this agreement was utility rebates to a maximum of \$200,000. The agreement says that the first year they will receive back 90% of their utility bills paid. This agreement doesn't say where the funds are to come from when paid back by the City. Finance Director Wiesemeyer prepared a spreadsheet for the first six months. The rebate for this six month period at the agreed upon first 12 month percent is \$16,189.67.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Garlick to recommend to Council that the Save-a-lot utility rebate be paid for from Utility Funds.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Robinson

Motion Carried

Discussion of State Street and Oakwood Avenue walking bridge

Administrator Kotter reported that at the time the bridge was built on State Street and Oakwood Avenue it was decided to not build the bridge with a pedestrian walkway. There have been discussions on the City installing a walking pedestrian bridge in this area. Chad is working with bridge manufacturers and Missman on numbers for the bridge and extra work that it would take to install the bridge. It was decided that staff would look for possible grants that would be applicable to this type of project.

No Action Taken

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Motion by Simosky, second by Garlick to approve City and Utility bills as presented.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Robinson

Motion Carried

Executive Session

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to enter into executive session 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 at 8:13pm.

RE: Employee Performance

ROLL CALL

Ayes 6 Wachtel,Rothschild,Anderson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Robinson

Motion Carried

Motion by Garlick, second by Johnson to reenter open meeting at 8:45pm.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried

Public Comment

None

Motion by Wachtel, second by Simosky to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Voice Vote. 6Ayes. 2 Absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo
City Clerk