

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
June 14, 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 14, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Aldermen Paula Simosky, Jason Robinson, Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Sue Garlick, James Roodhouse and Kent Anderson were present, Brenda Johnson was absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Kotter, City Attorney, Director of Electrical Operations Opsal, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Chief Piotrowski, City Clerk Phlypo, Finance Director Wiesemeyer, HR Manager Billiet.

There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda Ludwig handed out flyers for the upcoming Music Fest, Family Festival, River City 6 and Third Thursday. She reported that Third Thursday is a new event that the downtown businesses are trying for a year to see how it goes over, the businesses have committed to staying open later on the 3rd Thursday of each month until 7 PM. Family Festival is being held on June 18th from 10 to 4 featuring food crafts and Music for the entire family. River City 6 is a combination of Music, Great Food and a Wine Garden, it is also being held on June 18 from 6 to 8 PM. Music Fest starts on Thursday night with Girls Night out and goes all weekend with various activities. The parade is a 1PM this year and the weekend culminates with the Fly In/Drive In Pancake Breakfast at Gen-Air Park on Sunday.

City Engineering Report

Greg Ryckaert from Missman reported that the sewer project plans will be ready for a bid event in July and the plans for approval by the City Council will come to the August City Council meeting with a mid to late August start date and completion should be this year. The Permit application will be submitted tomorrow. When work starts half the street will be closed, this will be the south side of 1st street to Center Street.

Public Comment

Kathy Allen stated that she misses being able to make a comment before each item is voted on by Council.

Public Hearing – Proposal to sell General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks and Sewerage Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016B pursuant to the bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois

Administrator Kotter stated that this public hearing has to be held according to State Law. This gives any Citizens that want to an opportunity to comment on the City selling \$2.5 Million dollars in General Obligation Bonds. The Resolution that is on the agenda is to certify that the Public Hearing was held and we are in compliance with State Law.

No Action

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 5/10/16
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 5/24/16
- c. Special City Council Minutes 5/24/16
- d. Special City Council Minutes 6/1/16

Mayor Carroll-Duda requested the following changes:

1. Allied is referenced in 5/10/16 minutes page 3 and it should be Republic.
2. City Council Minutes from 6/1/16 City Attorney should be removed as he wasn't in attendance.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Simosky to approve minutes with changes.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration to approve Resolution R-16-156 Concerning a hearing required to be held pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois prior to the sale of General Obligation Bonds (waterworks and sewerage alternate revenue source) Series 2016B of the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois.

Administrator Kotter reported that this is the resolution indicating that the hearing was held and the Clerk will fill in names and dates.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Garlick
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Johnson

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve O-16-166 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.

Administrator Kotter reported that this is our standard obligation to show our commitment to the paying of prevailing wage rates.

Motion to adopt ordinance O-16-166 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 VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Johnson

Motion Carried

Consideration of O-16-170 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Title XV, Chapter 151, Appendix A, Section (D) of the City Code, Regarding Building Permit Fees

Administrator Kotter stated that there are 2 changes to this ordinance, one is the 20% reduction for Schools, Other Governmental entities and Churches is going to be charged at a rate of 80% of the fees charged, this way they don't have to come back to Council to ask for the 20% reimbursement. The staff will be able to identify which organizations qualify under this definition and no fees shall be charged for permits issued for non-profit organizations that are primarily engaged in providing home repairs free of charge to low income homeowners. Kotter stated that Rick would come to her and have her sign off when a discount or no charge occurs. Alderman Garlick asked if a Church repairs a home for someone do they not get charged for their permit. Kotter stated that they would have to pay the 80% because that is not their primary function. Alderman Robinson requested if it would be possible to have an end of fiscal year report on reductions in permit fees, Kotter said that an annual report can be provided. Inspector Mills stated asked if this is retroactive to this year's application, Kotter said yes.

Motion to approve Ordinance O-16-170 An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Title XV, Chapter 151, Appendix A, Section (D) of the City Code, Regarding Building Permit Fees for Churches, Taxing Bodies, schools and Non-profit Organizations.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Johnson

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the purchase of 8 electronic tablets and covers for the City Council in the amount up to \$2,100 and to transfer funds from the Council Newsletter/Brochures Account #01-5-011-450-6200 into Council Office Account #01-5-011-440-2350

No Discussion

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Wachtel to approve the purchase of 8 Tablets and Covers for the City Council in the amount not to exceed \$2,100 and to transfer funds from the Council Newsletter/Brochures Account #01-5-011-450-6200 into Council Office Account #01-5-011-440-2350.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Johnson
Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the 2016 road construction contracts with Henry County for Blacktop and seal coating in the amount of \$262,825.90 and Brandt Construction for milling in the amount of \$70,325.20 with the funds coming from the Perpetual Care Fund for the Cemetery in the amount of \$14,439.46 and the remaining balance coming from the Capital Fund 60

Administrator Kotter reported that the City obtained bids for Seal Coating and Blacktop from Henry County with milling coming from the private sector. The work will be done between July 5 and the 29th, County work will follow. The bid this year came in more favorable so we are adding some additional quantities to accomplish more road surfacing. Alderman Simosky asked if this was for the current budget year, Kotter replied no it will be included in the 2016-2017 budget, so essentially you are preapproving the expense with the Budget approval in 2 weeks. The map of the projected streets to be worked on was emailed to the Council, this is the normal amount for the year.

Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild to approve the 2016 road reconstruction contracts with Henry County for blacktop and seal coating in the amount of \$262,825.90 and Brandt Construction for milling in the amount of \$70,325.20 with the funds coming from the Perpetual Care Fund for the cemetery in the amount of \$14,439.46 and the remaining balance coming from the Capital Fund 60.

Consideration to approve the number correction of Ordinance O-16-164 to O-16-165 An Ordinance amending Chapter 110 pertaining to alcoholic beverages.

This is to amend the number due to the original number is already in use.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Johnson
Motion Carried

Discussion on future water and sewer projects

Administrator Kotter emailed information on discussion that were held in the past on a new well and the need for another river crossing. We have 3 wells that supply the City with water, 2 on the North and 1 on the South. If the one on the south goes down we have no way to get water across the river to Geneseo. The EPA in a recent report, stated that this was not an adequate situation. So we have to decide if we wait for the EPA to give us a timeframe to get this deficit resolved or do we be proactive and resolve it before it is an issue. We have had Missman drill test sites on the South side and there weren't any sites that produce enough water. The best site would be on the North with a second river crossing. We draw our water from the Green River Low Land Aquifer. This new well would be near Well #26. In 2013 we were granted a 3 year permit from the DNR. We received a 1 year extension on our permit, if the work is not started prior to March of 2017 we may have to start the permit process over again.

No Action

Discussion of future water, sewer and refuse rates

Administrator Kotter reported that currently the water rates are a flat \$5.48 as a monthly user fee no matter what size your meter is. The Hospital pays the same fee as a small house. The proposed rate schedule would bring into line the rate based on the size of your meter. Sewer rates would go from \$5.80 to \$11.00, the average increase with water and sewer would be about \$120.00 annually, so about \$10.00 a month. Alderman Roodhouse and Wachtel asked how much the rates would have to be raised to just cover the payment on the \$2.5 Million dollar loan, Kotter responded to about \$8.00. At \$11.00 we are some of the lowest sewer rates and if we only increase the rates to cover the current work that is scheduled then we aren't building anything for the multitude of other areas of sewer that need to be worked on. Another option that was discussed was a phase in of an increase. Alderman Simosky reported that she hasn't heard any comments on the City borrowing the money and wants to see that the money goes into the water/sewer account and the City Council moves the money out for the project.

Administrator Kotter reported that Refuse rates currently are \$12.95 a month, when this contract was signed it was designed to keep the rates at \$12.95 for the contact period by having a higher rate at the beginning and then at the end of

the contract we are actually paying more to Republic than we are bringing in but because we have a cushion from the early years of the contract we don't have to increase rates. If we increase the customer rate by \$1.00 we don't have to dip into our cushion for the shortfall of \$24,000 that we will have. The increase would give us \$36,000 extra for our cushion. When we negotiate a new contract our rate will probably go up substantially. We will bid out our contract in February 2017.

No Action

Discussion on 2016-2017 Budget

Finance Director Wiesemeyer handed out budgets. The final copy will be given out in 2 weeks. There was a brief discussion and if anyone has any questions they are to call or email Kara or Lisa.

No Action

Consideration of Zoning Board of Approval Appointment

Mayor Carroll-Duda reported that she had a candidate for the appointment but they backed out at the last minute.

No Action

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Question on the bills:

- a. What is upgrade Curio Connect? It is our Mail Server
- b. What is Big Ten Rentals? Deposit on Tent for July 3rd Event

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Johnson

Motion Carried

Executive Session – Re: Discussion of Non-Union 2016-2017 Wages, Employee Residency, HR Training

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 Wachtel, second by Rothschild to enter into Executive Session under statute 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 7:59 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Simosky,Wachtel,Roodhouse,Anderson,Garlick,Robinson,Rothschild

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Johnson

Motion Carried

Motion to Return to open session at 9:18 PM by Roodhouse, second by Simosky.

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

Motion Carried.

Public Comment

None

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:19PM.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk