

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
December 13, 2016
Following Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met in a City Council meeting on Tuesday December 13, 2016 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Aldermen Jason Robinson, Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Kent Anderson, James Roodhouse and Brenda Johnson were present. Paula Simosky and Sue Garlick were absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, City Clerk Loree K. Phlypo, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, Chief Piotrowski, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin, Inspector Rick Mills, Shelly Anderson, Wayne Anderson and Jim Burke.

There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda Ludwig was not in attendance but submitted a written report thanking the City who worked on the Christmas Walk and helped to make it a huge success. The lighted parade was safer due to the roped barricades. For a complete list of Chamber sponsored events please visit their website at www.geneseo.org.

City Engineering Report

Greg Ryckaert reported that the well project permits were submitted and will have a January letting, the river crossing has all its permits and will have a March letting, Route 82 revised study was submitted to IDOT, Oakwood sewer project permits and plans are complete and it will have a February or March letting, Nicor gas has been a hold up on this project. The detention pond will have an early spring start date and the final plans for the turn lane are finished.

Presentation of FY 2016 Audit

Jim Taylor and Dave Gosse of Carpentier, Mitchell and Goddard presented an overview of the FY 2016 Audit for the City of Geneseo.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 11/08/16
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 11/22/16
- c. Spec. CC #1 Minutes 11/22/16
- d. Spec. CC #2 Minutes 11/22/16

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Anderson to approve minutes as presented.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Consideration of appointment of Plan Commission Member

Mayor Carroll-Duda reported that Rick McDaniels has moved out of town. Keith Kennett is recommended to complete Rick McDaniels term which ends June 2017.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Johnson to appoint Keith Kennett to fill the remaining term of Rick McDaniels that expires in June of 2017.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Consideration to accept and approve FY 2016 Audit, including July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

City Attorney Price reported that the Audit has to be filed by December 27, 2016, so it can just be accepted and approved at a later date or accepted and approved together.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Robinson to approve the independent audit for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and to direct the City Auditors to submit the appropriate documents to the State of Illinois.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson, Wachtel, Anderson, Robinson, Rothschild, Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky, Garlick

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District, Park District, Library District, Town and Road District, Fire District and Hammond Henry Hospital and to finalize the Development Agreement with Mel Foster/Maple Leaf Farm LLC.

Administrator Kotter reported that the Fire District, Town and Road Board, Library District have all approved the Agreement. The School Board will vote one more time and want to see the agreement before the final vote and the Park District meets tonight and will vote. Alderman Wachtel reported that in 2010 this was defeated because the funding was a mess. The districts that have already approved the agreement are going to budget for the funds and the City will not charge any interest on the payments.

Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Construction of Turn Lanes on Highway 82 adjacent to the Maple Leaf Farm Development with the School District, Park District, Library District, Town and Road District, Fire District and Hammond Henry Hospital, giving permission to Administrator Kotter to finalize the payment arrangements with each taxing jurisdiction and report the final terms back to the Council as information and to direct staff to finalize a proposed development agreement with Mel Foster/Maple Leaf Farm LLC for approval by the City Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5 Wachtel, Anderson, Robinson, Rothschild, Johnson
NAYS: 1 Anderson
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky, Garlick

Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-16-187 An Ordinance Amending Section 92.55 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning the removal of snow.

City Administrator reported that this ordinance defines areas that the City will clear of snow. Snow will need to be cleared of sidewalks 24 hours after snow event ends. CSO doesn't go out on weekends to cite residents who haven't cleared their sidewalks, it is usually longer than 24 hours before any action is taken against violators. There is also a resolution that designates which sidewalks the City will continue to clear, a resolution offers the advantage of adding additional areas if needed. Alderman Roodhouse asked that it be more defined in the ordinance as to the amount of snow, such as 24 hours after 1" of snow it must be cleared. City Attorney Price to add this to the Ordinance.

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Wachtel to adopt Ordinance O-16-187 as amended and Resolution R-16-182.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson, Wachtel, Anderson, Robinson, Rothschild, Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky, Garlick

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Resolution R-16-180 A Resolution allowing employees to receive a 2017 advance from the City to cover HSA deductible costs.

No Discussion

Motion by Johnson, second by Rothschild to adopt Resolution R-16-180 which provides for employees to receive an advancement of HSA deductible funds up to \$2,600 for a single plan employees and to \$5,200 for Single Plus One, Single Plus Children and Family plan members.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Roodhouse,Robinson,Rothschild
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Garlick
Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the contract for construction of a detention pond in Stoneview Estates with V.O. Excavating in the amount of \$66,889.

No Discussion

Motion by Roodhouse, second by Robinson to approve a contract for the construction of a detention pond in Stoneview Estates with V.O. Excavating in the amount of \$66,889 with the \$40,000 coming from Public Works Capital and \$26,889 coming from the remaining Fiscal Year 17 road paving funds.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Garlick
Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt ordinance O-16-188 an ordinance amending sections 50.31 and 50.32 of the City code of ordinances concerning yard waste and brush pickup.

Administrator Kotter reported that there have been conflicts between the Republic Contract and the Ordinance, those were cleaned up and made the ordinance more generic so it is not company specific, such as days of the week for pickup or color of totes. Use of only bags or totes will be in effect, no other containers will be allowed, as an example boxes set out would get wet and then fall apart and it would become an issue with a pickup.

No Discussion

Motion by Rothschild, second by Anderson to adopt Ordinance O-16-188 An Ordinance Amending Sections 50.31 and 50.32 of the City Code of Ordinances concerning Yard Waste and Brush Pickup.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Garlick
Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-16-189 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance for the City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Administrator Kotter reported that this item is the tax levy ordinance and there are also 5 Tax abatement ordinances. The abatement ordinances tell the County Clerk not to levy taxes for the stated bonds, they will be paid with other revenue sources. Abatement ordinances are filed annually. The 3 funds that the tax levy increase will cover are Social Security, IMRF and the Police Pension Fund. The percentage increase is the difference between last year's levy and what is needed this year.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Roodhouse to adopt Ordinances O-16-189 through O-16-194.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Garlick
Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-16-195 An Ordinance establishing a travel reimbursement policy in accordance with the local government travel expense control act (public act 099-0604).

Administrator Kotter reported that this is a State required ordinance for travel reimbursement. A roll call vote will be required in the event that they exceed the set amounts. The total payable in a day is \$400 and \$30 a day for food, there

will be an exception if you are in a larger metropolitan area then it will be \$50. This didn't go before the Committee of the Whole but has to be passed before January 1, 2017 or no one can be reimbursed.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Johnson to adopt Ordinance O-16-195 Establishing a Travel Reimbursement Policy in Accordance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Garlick

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve hiring Tallgrass Restoration to conduct a prairie grass burn in the Prairie View subdivision in spring 2017 in the amount of \$5,005.

Administrator Kotter reported that this is a good solution to take care of the prairie grass through a professional company. It was not budgeted for but will come out of the Public Works Operating Budget.

No Discussion

Motion by Johnson, second by Rothschild to allocate \$5,005 from the Public Works Operating Budget from Fiscal Year 2017 to hire Tallgrass Restoration to conduct a prairie grass burn in the Prairie View subdivision in Spring 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Garlick

Motion Carried

Consideration to direct the City Clerk to post the December Committee of the Whole meeting regularly scheduled for December 27, 2016 to January 3, 2017.

No Discussion

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to direct the City Clerk to post the December Committee of the Whole meeting for January 3rd instead of December 27th.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Mayor Carroll-Duda asked for clarification of a bill for Baum Farm in the amount of \$2,000, it was a fee paid for the use of a farmers land to dump sludge.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to approve City and Utility bills as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Johnson,Wachtel,Anderson,Robinson,Rothschild,Roodhouse
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2 Simosky,Garlick

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Kathy Allen stated that sidewalk's should be shoveled in a reasonable amount of time.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:22PM.

Voice Vote. 6 Ayes. 0 Nays. 2 Absent.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk