

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
April 11, 2017
6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met in a City Council meeting on Tuesday April 11, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:02pm. Aldermen Jason Robinson, Bob Wachtel, Martin Rothschild, Kent Anderson, Paula Simosky, Sue Garlick and Brenda Johnson were present. James Roodhouse was absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, City Clerk Loree K. Phlypo, City Attorney Margaret Kostopulos, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, Chief Piotrowski, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin, Douglas R. Lindstrum, Jr., Mary Lee Koehn and Bob Johnson.

There was a quorum.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda Ludwig reported handed out the Geneseo Entertainment Guide. The Chamber Spring Open House is in April and will include an Art Walk which will be hosted by the businesses. Music Fest Music has been confirmed and Quartermainia will be held at the Moose Lodge on April 29th. For a complete list of Chamber sponsored events please visit their website at www.geneseo.org.

City Engineering Report

Morgan Mays from Missman was in attendance and reported that the sidewalk project started on the 3rd and the First Street Sanitary Sewer project is on targeted timeline. The Green River Water Main Crossing will go out for a bid letting in April and the work will take place in the summer. The Turn Lane Project 's approval is in the works, plans will be submitted for a Highway Permit hopefully at the end of April and then bidding and letting can follow.

Recognition of Geneseo Garden Club – Mayor Carroll-Duda recognized the Geneseo Garden Club Members for their 19 years of service to the City of Geneseo Gardens. They maintained the boulevard flowers on State Street. Nadine Garbett was in attendance and is one of the originators of the Geneseo Garden Club.

Public Comment

Doug Lindstrom representing Mary Lee Koehn reported that the business owners involved weren't properly notified and he felt that if all parties involved were brought together and had a meeting this could probably be resolved.

MaryLee Koehn reported that she owns 102 and 104 N. State Street and has been in business in Geneseo for 40 years. She stated that she bought the building with back door use and uses the back doors for large displays. 102 N. State Street has double doors. If this alley is closed then heating/cooling and roof repairs will cost 30% more. She also feels that her property value will decrease and that she wouldn't be able to continue her business without the use of the alley. If the alley is closed then Storm pipes would need to be installed underground connecting the down spouts so that in the winter time the ice buildup isn't as bad and she would like pads poured for the dumpsters and resurface the alley. She stated that the City has never performed snow removal on the alley.

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 03/14/17
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 03/28/17

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried.

Mayor Carroll-Duda asked Council if there were any objections to moving item G. to the first item, there were none.

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-014 An Ordinance Closing an Alley to Vehicle Traffic (East of State Street, North of First Street).

Administrator Kotter reported that once the 1st Street Sanitary Sewer Project started and the street was opened up Nicor updated their mains, once their mains are updated then they were prompted to move the meters out of the basements and on

to the street. They couldn't place them on the front of the buildings so they were placed at the rear of the buildings. By law since the alley is open to vehicular traffic they have to put in posts 12" out from the meters. The alley is 7' on the North end and 7.5' in the middle. Staff feels that this is a safety hazard, they haven't plowed snow on this alley because the snow plow won't fit in the alley. The North end of the alley dumps out into Private Property owned by the Phone Company. Administrator Kotter showed pictures on the overhead of her truck attempting to go down the alley and if the posts were installed her tires would have not been able to pass the posts. Administrator Kotter stated that if the Council chooses to delay a vote on this and hold a meeting with Nicor, staff and business owners then the alley will have to be temporarily closed off to vehicular traffic so that Nicor doesn't go ahead and install the posts if they don't need to.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Johnson to delay the vote on Ordinance O-17-14 pending more information and a meeting held between Nicor, Staff and business owners.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration to approve Resolution R-17-02 A Resolution regarding the Henry County Humane Society Use of the City Dog Pound Building.

The City Administrator reported that the intent of the Resolution was to reinforce the fact the City wants to get into their building as soon as possible and will need to budget appropriately for building repairs. This will help the Humane Society to keep their contractor moving forward also. Bob Johnson volunteered to be their Project Manager and stated that he has now taken over getting workers in the building to finish up the project. Building Trades students weren't able to be at the job as much as they were needed, but if they choose to come out they can work alongside the contractors that will be in the building working on the project. Johnson reported that September may not be a realistic date but December probably is for being able to move into the new building. Administrator Kotter stated that if the Humane Society comes to the City and asks for a reasonable time extension the City would probably grant it. A line can be added to the motion stating, at which time rent and timing can be reviewed.

Motion by Johnson, second by Wachtel to adopt Resolution R-17-02 that sets a December 1, 2017 departure date at the City's Dog Pound for the Henry County Humane Society and to direct staff to include a letter with the Resolution that if a reasonable extension of time is needed one can be requested in the Fall of 2017.

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

Motion Carried.

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-11 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the City Code of Ordinances and Repealing Ordinance No. 1805.

Administrator Kotter reported that this would eliminate the Personnel Policy being an Ordinance. It is just as enforceable as an Ordinance, but easier to update and expand.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to adopt Ordinance O-17-11 that repeals previous Ordinance 1805 which is the Personnel Ordinance.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-12 An Ordinance Creating Chapter 120 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Annual Business Registration.

Administrator Kotter reported that this Ordinance was drafted by City Attorney Price and he had reported that most municipalities are charging \$20, but I think that we should reduce it back to \$10. A couple other changes would be remove the City "Lisle" and put in Geneseo and the penalty phase doesn't go into effect until after the business has received a 30 day notice. This would be if notification to register has been ignored. Notification to businesses that have to register would be through the Chamber, Direct Contact, Newspaper or Utility Bill insert.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Simosky to adopt Ordinance O-17-12 An Ordinance Creating Chapter 120 of the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Annual Business Registration with amended changes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve the purchase of new playground equipment for City Park not to exceed \$125,000 from Play Illinois Park & Playground Solutions and to direct staff to work on a Capital Campaign to rise the remaining \$50,000 for the extra pieces.

Administrator Kotter reported that the additional adult swings ordered are an additional \$2,000 so when the motion is read it needs to read \$118,773. The City has already raised \$37,300 additional funds and there will be a Press Release and a check presented to the Mayor soon. There is a 4 week lead time once ordered and installation dates are the week before and of Memorial Day. So the City will be looking for volunteers to help with this, the company does only a minor part of the installation. Mayor Carroll-Duda stated that the Girl Scouts would like to put in a Gaga ball pit and they would donate all the materials and build it, but we are still getting information on that.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to recommend to the City Council to purchase the new playground equipment for City Park in the amount of \$118,773 from Play Illinois Park and Playground Solutions and to direct staff to work on a capital campaign to raise the extra \$50,000 for the extra pieces that is above the \$75,000 budgeted for in the 2017 Fiscal Year Capital Budget.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-13 An Ordinance Adopting Regulations Governing the Placement of Telecommunications Antennas in the Right-of-Way.

Administrator Kotter reported that the City cannot deny the antennas being put up but we can regulate them. If they are attached to a standard pole then it will fall under a Pole Attachment agreement and would be charged the \$12.00 a year that we currently charge for that. The fee for the permit will be \$500. They are asking for a 100 feet and standard poles are 35 feet, our regulations will be 10 feet over the pole height or 10% of the average height of poles in the area. These rules apply to the right-of-way in the event that they request a location that is on City property then that is private property and would be negotiable. A couple amendments to the Ordinance, \$500 is the fee and Electrical Superintendent should read Director of Electrical Operations.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Garlick to adopt Ordinance O-17-13 An Ordinance Adopting Regulations Governing the Placement of Telecommunications Antennas in the Right of Way with amendments stated.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Consideration to waive competitive bidding for Waste Water Treatment Plant roof repairs.

Administrator Kotter reported that this is the original roof from the 1980's and is in need of repair. Staff is asking to waive the competitive bidding process and follow the purchasing policy. Public Works Director reported that this will save on engineering costs and the timeline to complete the project by getting quotes instead of competitive bidding. Anything above \$50,000 will come out of the Waste Water Capital Fund.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the wastewater treatment plant roof replacement and have staff obtain three quotes as required in the purchasing policy.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Extra bills were handed out. Police Grant Expense was for Training \$4,000, Disc Golf and Historic Museum signs \$2,300.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve payment of City and Utility bills as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1 Roodhouse
Motion Carried

Public Comment

Alderman Wachtel complimented Lisa Hammer from the Dispatch on the nice article on the City.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to enter into Executive Session at 8:06 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 and Pursuant to Collective Negotiating matters pursuant to: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective Negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

RE: Personnel Benefits

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Simosky, second by Johnson to enter open meeting at 8:37 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1 Roodhouse

Motion Carried

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to adjourn the meeting at 8:39PM.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk