

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
Committee of the Whole Meeting
July 25, 2017

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday July 25, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Alderman Paula Simosky, Kent Anderson, James Roodhouse, Martin Rothschild, Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson and Sue Garlick answered roll call. Bob Wachtel was absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Derke Price, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, IT Manager Garrett Griswold, HR Generalist Brandon Maeglin, Finance Director Kara Wiesemeyer, Chief Piotrowski and Inspector Rick Mills. A Quorum was present.

Public Comment

Tim Wells reported that as the Henry County Treasurer that handles \$81 Million dollars in taxes that he recommends that the City of Geneseo process a Prior Year Adjustment to correct the Tax Levy overage that occurred. He appreciates the time that the City staff has spent on this and has heard the chatter that the Treasurer's office isn't working very well with the City and he would appreciate that the chatter stop and that the City not get caught up in it.

Francie Delp wanted to address the Face Book post on the Mayor's page stating that she had said that the Mayor had refused to put the tax levy on the prior meeting agenda. The Mayor made a presentation on the Tax Levy which was on the agenda at the prior meeting.

Discussion of Ordinance O-17-20 An Ordinance amending Title III of the City of Geneseo Code of Ordinances: Administrative Procedure to Determine Eligibility for Benefits Under the Illinois Public Safety Benefits Act.

Discussion was held on determining whether an injury was in the line of duty or not. When it is not clear this will allow for better record inclusion into the determining of an injury. This is the difference between it being a Worker's Comp case or Lifetime Benefits case. This sets up a process to review cases, the Police Pension Board determines whether or not the injury was in the line of duty or not and sometimes it is without all the facts. The Police Pension Board doesn't have to allow the City to submit a report on an injury, but with this process in place they would have to. The existing system has risks to the Municipality. If the PSEBA Ordinance is adopted then the City would have protection and be able to submit a factual report in the event an event happens. The Mayor would appoint an Administrator and there would be a Hearing Officer, they are only paid for events that they oversee.

Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild to recommend to the City Council the adoption of Ordinance O-17-20 An Ordinance Amending Title III of the City of Geneseo Code of Ordinances: Administrative Procedure to Determine Eligibility for Benefits Under the Illinois Public Safety Benefits Act.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson, Anderson, Simosky, Roodhouse, Rothschild

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion of Resolution R-17-07 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property.

There are several vehicles from the Public Safety, Electric and Public Works departments that need to be disposed of. The Public Works also has some miscellaneous items out of the Civil Defense building that need to be disposed of. These items are typically disposed of "with best means possible". Attorney Price suggested that any item of significant value should have the way they are going to be disposed of listed on the Resolution exhibit. Items have been disposed of through Craig's List, auction, sealed bids and trade in. The Mayor requested that a policy be brought to council on how items are disposed of.

Motion by Johnson, second by Garlick to recommend to the City Council as amended the adoption of Resolution R-17-07 Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson, Anderson, Simosky, Roodhouse, Rothschild

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion of Resolution R-17-08 A Resolution Adopting an Investment Policy

Administrator Kotter reported that the Auditors recommended that the discussion be held on the percentage of funds held at anyone bank. Banks typically only insure up to \$250,000 through the FDIC so with more pooled cash to get better interest rates the funds must be Collateralized. One requested change would be to section 9G, change it to 103% of amount of collateral provided.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Simosky to recommend to City Council the adoption of Resolution R-17-08 Approval of the City of Geneseo Investment Policy with the change stated.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson, Anderson, Simosky, Roodhouse, Rothschild

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Strategic Planning Session – Council and Department Heads

Administrator Kotter reported that an email was sent out asking for availability on Tuesday, August 15 in the evening and Wednesday the 16th all day. This session will include all elected officials and department heads. Mike Duda will facilitate at no cost to the City. Mike will speak to each attendee and gather some information to better assist in the direction that everyone wants to go in. Mayor Carroll-Duda reported that she feels like there is no focus and no working document for the future. She wants a clear vision and mission statement.

No Action Taken

Discussion on Abrogation of Land on the Northwest Corner of Chicago and Ogden Streets.

Attorney Price reported that the City doesn't own the land in question and the roadway is properly dedicated. Dr. Loucks is trying to clean up his title so the City needs to abrogate the land. This document only requires the Clerk's signature.

Motion by Johnson, second by Anderson to recommend to City Council approval of all documents necessary for the Abrogation of Land for Dr. John Loucks at the Northwest corner of Ogden and Chicago Streets and to direct Attorney Price to prepare all the documents for the August 8 Council meeting.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson, Anderson, Simosky, Rothschild, Roodhouse

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Discussion of Fiscal Year 2017 Preliminary Year End Review

Administrator Kotter reported that the Auditors will present revisions to the City Council in September. There will be variables to be added to the prior year and pulled to be included in the new year.

No Action Taken

Discussion on Richmond Hill Park Design Selection Committee Recommendation

Eleven firms submitted an RFP and on the site visit day nine attended, Administrator Kotter and Public Works Director VanDeWoestyne facilitated the visit. The group was then narrowed to 5 and then 2 by the Committee. Both firms are equal in ability. On Thursday, the Administrator and the Mayor will interview the two firms with costs. Costs have not been discussed as initially a firm was to be chosen on ability and presentation with cost being looked at after. Each elected official received a PDF on the five finalists. Alderman Rothschild will join the Mayor and Administrator at the 9:00 am interviews. The goal is to bring one firm to the City Council meeting in August to make a presentation. Discussion may be held with the School district to see if they would like to contribute to the [Park Design Study](#).

Motion by Rothschild, second by Robinson to invite one of the two recommended firms, Studio Bloom or Hitchcock Designs to attend the City Council meeting on August 8 for consideration.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson, Anderson, Simosky, Rothschild, Roodhouse

Nays 0

Absent 1 Wachtel

Motion Carried

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Additional sheets were handed out.

Motion by Robinson, second by Rothschild to approve City and Utility bills as presented with additional bills.

ROLL CALL

Ayes 7 Robinson, Garlick, Johnson, Simosky, Rothschild, Johnson, Roodhouse
Nays 0
Absent 1 Wachtel
Motion Carried

Public Comment
None

Motion by Rothschild, second by Robinson to adjourn at 7:21 PM.
Voice Vote. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. 1 Absent.
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K. Phlypo
City Clerk