

City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois
City Council
November 14, 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 November 14, 2017 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Aldermen Jason Robinson, Kent Anderson, Bob Wachtel and Martin Rothschild were present. Paula Simosky, James Roodhouse, Sue Garlick and Brenda Johnson were absent. Others in attendance included, Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, City Attorney Derke Price, Director of Public Works Chad VanDeWoestyne, Director of Electrical Operations Lewis Opsal, Chief Piotrowski, IT Griswold, HR Maeglin and Finance Director Wiesemeyer.

There was a quorum.

City Engineering Report

Morgan Mays from Missman reported that the IL 82 Widening Project is complete, First Street Project is in the finalizing paperwork stage, the Green River Crossing has a couple things left to finalize and the Well Project is in the Final Design stage.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Rhonda asked the public to share the Chamber event pages on social media. Each event has its own page and there is a U-Tube page set up that highlights the City/Chamber commercials. The Geneseo Magazine will come out twice a year, in it there will be a collaboration with the City on the amenities that are offered in Geneseo compared to other Cities. This magazine is distributed to 5 different Welcome Centers in Illinois. For a complete list of Chamber events please go to www.geneseo.org

James Roodhouse arrived at 6:10pm.

Public Comment

Eugene O'Brien a citizen asked that the City put an ordinance in place that requires landlords to report to tenants when there is a bedbug infestation. He and his family live in a multi-unit building and the apartment next to his has bedbugs and he wasn't told and neither was the next tenant. He stated that he can't even get a moving company to move them due to the bedbug infestation and they can't find another place to move to locally. City Attorney Price stated that because we are non-home rule there really isn't anything that the City can do, there would have to be a State Statute change allowing us to have that kind of power over landlords. The City could declare the building uninhabitable under the building code. Mr. O'Brien stated that he is currently in court fighting this issue with his landlord.

Consent Agenda:

- a. City Council Minutes 10/10/17
- b. Committee of the Whole Minutes 10/24/17

Change adjournment total on City Council minutes from 78 to 8.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to approve Consent Agenda with the change noted.

AYES: 5 Roodhouse, Rothschild, Robinson, Wachtel, Anderson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3 Simosky, Garlick, Johnson

Motion Carried

Consideration to hire Azavar Government Solutions – three-year Revenue Collection

This was discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting it could be an additional revenue source.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to approve a three-year contract with Azavar Government Solutions to assist the City in revenue recovery.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5 Roodhouse, Rothschild, Robinson, Wachtel, Anderson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3 Garlick, Johnson, Simosky

Motion Carried

Consideration of Ordinance O-17-32 An Ordinance Amending Section 53.36 Concerning Groundwater.

This item was brought to our attention because the Condominium project out at the golf club asked about private wells, that is when we discovered that the City doesn't allow private wells in the City limits. This ordinance would amend that allowing a private well within the City limits if you are further than 500 feet from a water source. Properties currently with wells can continue using them but in the event the well fails they will have to hook up to City water. Water must be potable.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Robinson to adopt Ordinance O-17-32 An Ordinance Amending Section 53.36 Concerning Groundwater ~ That permits installation of private wells as long as a water main is more than 500 feet away from the impacted property.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Anderson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3 Garlick,Johnson,Simosky

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Resolution R-17-15 A Resolution granting an extension to the Henry County Humane Society for use of the City of Geneseo's dog pound building.

This was discussed last March and a date was agreed upon to vacate or rent would start. A request letter was received by the City asking for an extension to February 1, 2018. It sounds like they will be moved out sooner but this gives them a cushion and the outdoor kennels would be moved in the Spring after the weather is better, Chief Piotrowski is ok with that.

Motion by Robinson, second by Anderson to adopt Resolution R-17-15 that sets a new date of February 1, 2018 departure date at the City's Dog Pound for the Henry County Humane Society.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Anderson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3 Simosky,Garlick,Johnson

Motion Carried

Consideration to approve Resolution R-17-14 Resolution in support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations.

This was a request by the State, the City will receive a flag to display.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to adopt Resolution R-17-14 a Resolution in Support of the Illinois Bicentennial Celebration.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Anderson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3 Simosky,Garlick,Johnson

Motion Carried

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-29 Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum contribution Agreement.

This arrived after the October COW and must be addressed before the next set of meetings. Our history on choosing the Min/Max option is that 8 out of the last 10 years we have stayed below the threshold of claims. The Mayor is on the board at IML and is planning to have a discussion on getting this mailed out sooner to allow for more processing time.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Anderson to approve Ordinance O-17-29 authorizing the execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum contribution agreement and to choose Payment Option #1 The Early Pay 1% Discount Option in the amount of \$293,883.31.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 5 Roodhouse,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Anderson
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3 Simosky,Garlick,Johnson

Motion Carried

Paula Simosky arrived at 6:42pm.

Discussion on adoption of Ordinance O-17-30 An Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance O-16-178 and Adopting a Utility Payment Policy.

Administrator Kotter stated that it is not her intention to have this voted on tonight. This would take these rules out of an ordinance and make it a policy attached to an ordinance. We have local agencies that will help residents with payment on their utility bills and if the organization calls and tell us that they are going to pay the bill but the check won't be there before the shut off date then we will not shut the resident off. They will still get the \$75 charge because they have had plenty of time to get in touch with the City to avoid being at the shut off point. We also forgive the \$75 fee the first time. Any new service has a \$200 deposit upon signing up for service. The deposit can be paid in 4 installments. The City doesn't process shut offs on Friday and in the past customers have been told that if they call in then an employee will come out over the weekend and turn them back on, this is without the payment being made and with the City paying 2 hours of overtime for this service. Some possible options for this are: No Night time/weekend reconnect or larger fees to cover costs. This happens from 3 to 5 times a year. Currently you are aloud to have 3 NSF's before you are dropped off of ACH payments, staff suggests that this be lowered to 2 NSF's and you are off of ACH. Currently you must come in person to sign up for service and staff would like to move more towards an online application for service. There is Council Consensus on policy guidelines including, agencies that help customers with bills can stop the shut off process, \$200 deposit for all initial property service, \$75 shut off fee and no reconnections at night.

No Action Taken

Discussion on adoption of Ordinance O-17-31 An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Ordinances Concerning Utility Services Billing.

Included in the discussion of O-17-30.

No Action Taken

Consideration to adopt Ordinance O-17-33 for An Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone in the City of Kewanee, Illinois, the City of Galva, Illinois, the City of Geneseo, Illinois, the Village of Atkinson, Illinois, the Village of Annawan, Illinois, the Village of Cambridge, Illinois, the Village of Orion, Illinois, the Village of Woodhull, Illinois and Henry County, Illinois.

The City applied last year and was number 8 out of 6 selected. On this resubmission 3 will be selected. This must be adopted before December 1. Decca met with the City and went through our scores to determine where we could score more favorably. This Enterprise Zone has an 18-year lifespan.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve Ordinance O-17-33 which is required to resubmit the application for the Henry County Enterprise Zone with the City of Kewanee, Illinois, the City of Galva, Illinois, the City of Geneseo, Illinois, the Village of Atkinson, Illinois, the Village of Annawan, Illinois, the Village of Cambridge, Illinois, the Village of Orion, Illinois, the Village of Woodhull, Illinois, and Henry County, Illinois.

Recorded by the City on City Property in Document 20-1702233.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Discussion on approval of Resolution R-17-16 A Resolution temporarily adjusting December/January Committee of the Whole/City Council meeting dates.

The current meeting schedule has the December Committee of the Whole on December 26th, City Hall is closed on that day due to Christmas falling on the weekend this year. Staff is requesting that the December Committee of the Whole be cancelled and the January Committee of the Whole and City Council be moved out a week from their regularly scheduled date. The January City Council would be changed from the 9th to the 16th and the Committee of the Whole would be changed from the 23rd to the 30th. The Auditors will be asked to present what they have finished of the audit at the December 12 City Council meeting. This change for December 2017 and January 2018 would be a onetime change.

Motion by Rothschild, second by Wachtel to adopt Resolution R-17-16 changing the regular dates of the Committee of the Whole and City Council in December 2017 and January 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried

Discussion of the 2017 Tax Levy

Discussion was held and an overhead was shown. The tax levy will have a reduction of 46% and will be on the Committee of the Whole Agenda in two weeks.

No Action Taken

Payment of City and Utility Bills

Additional Bills were handed out.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to approve the bills as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Roodhouse,Simosky,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Anderson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Garlick,Johnson

Motion Carried

Public Comment

Kathy Allen reported that with our branding of the City we are looking to welcome diversity. There is diversity in the members of some of the churches our here in Geneseo. We need to think of ways that we can welcome the diversity that we have and attract more.

Executive Session

RE: Training/Performance Evaluations

Motion by Wachtel, Robinson to enter into executive session under the following exception: 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 7:28pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Roodhouse,Simosky,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Anderson

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Garlick,Johnson

Motion Carried

Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to return to open meeting at 8:12pm.

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

Motion Carried.

Motion by Wachtel, second by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM.

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

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Loree K Phlypo
City Clerk