

**City of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**March 27, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Kathy Carroll-Duda called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm. Alderman Paula Simosky, Martin Rothschild, Brenda Johnson, Jason Robinson, Sue Garlick and Bob Wachtel answered roll call. Kent Anderson and James Roodhouse were absent. Others in attendance included City Administrator Lisa Kotter, City Attorney Derke Price, City Clerk Loree K Phlypo, HR Brandon Maeglin, Public Works Director Chad VanDeWoestyne, Lewis Opsal, Inspector Rick Mills, Officer Jamison Weisser, Dalton Whittington, Dennis Mallum, Chuck Croegaert, Vince Newton, Brett Barnhart and Sean Johnson. Quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

None

**Proclamation – Junior Achievement Day April 5, 2018**

Mayor Carroll-Duda read the Proclamation and proclaimed April 5, 2018 Junior Achievement Day in the City of Geneseo.

**Recognition of Employee Service Milestones**

Mayor Carroll-Duda recognized the following employees:

Colt Smith, 5 years of Service with the Electric Department; Dalton Whittington, 5 years of Service with the Water Department; Luke DeGrave, 10 years of service with the Electric Department; Chuck Croegaert, 15 years of service with the Electric Department and Vince Newton, 30 years of service with the Water Department.

**Discussion on Auditors Contract for FY 2018**

The current proposal is for one year and is increased \$800 over last year.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Simosky to recommend to the City Council to enter into an agreement with Carpentier, Mitchell Goddard and Company LLC in the amount of \$42,850 for the basic audit, \$1,250 for the Annual Financial Report for the State and \$3,000 - \$5,000 per major program for any single audit that may be required for the 2018 Fiscal Year.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Simosky,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Garlick,Johnson

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Anderson

**Motion Denied**

**Discussion on Ordinance O-18-03 An Ordinance Amending Regulations Governing Interconnections and Net Metering Programs for Renewable Energy**

This will allow for metering on private property where solar or wind equipment is installed. City power is not eliminated but the usage is reduced. The City will then be able to monitor the usage of alternative power and the volume that is being put back onto the grid. This will require an agreement with the equipment company and usage will be read through the City meter.

**Motion by Rothschild, second by Johnson to recommend to the City Council adoption of Ordinance O-18-03 An Ordinance Amending Regulations Governing Interconnection and Net Metering Programs for Renewable Energy.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky,Wachtel

Nays 0

Absent 2 Roodhouse,Anderson

**Motion Carried**

**Discussion on Ordinance O-18-04 An Ordinance on the hiring process for Chief of Police.**

This primarily cleaned up old wording referencing boards that no longer exist. Also included is an option of a search committee as the City Council sees fit. The Deputy Chief position would allow the Chief to bring a name forward to City Council for confirmation. Requested change to the presented document is in Section A of 31.143 change the first “may” to “shall” in the final document.

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Simosky to recommend to the City Council to adopt of Ordinance O-18-04 An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Section 31.143 of the City of Geneseo Municipal Code to Streamline the Process for Appointing A Chief of Police as amended.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky,Wachtel  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Roodhouse,Anderson  
Motion Carried

**Discussion on Police Department Chief and Job Description, Creation of Deputy and Job Description, Sergeant Positions (3-4), Investigator (1-2)**

#1 Chief Job Description – The first paragraph clarified and talks about advertising for position

#2 Deputy/Lieutenant Position – This person would be outside the Union and an internal promotion. The job description is in process.

#3 Sergeant Position – 3-4 positions so that each of the 4 Platoons has a Sergeant. The Board of Police Commissions ranks the Sergeant Candidates.

#4 Investigator – There are currently 2 acting Investigators with only 1 being compensated. Goal is to have funds approved to compensate both Investigator positions.

At the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting a selection committee and its structure will be discussed.

Sean Johnson suggested that the structure of the search committee be spelled out, whether the members are Council, business owners or department heads.

Alderman Wachtel felt that the City Council didn't want to determine future City Council processes by setting this in stone.

Alderman Garlick felt that by including an outside group it was good to get another viewpoint or opinion.

Police Commission Board Member Garlick felt that the Board of Police Commission should be involved.

City Attorney Price reminded all that the rules change with the Charter, that has to be followed and taken into account when looking at the State laws.

**Motion by Simosky, second by Rothschild to recommend to the City Council approval of the Police Chief's job description, the creation of a Deputy Chief position, to direct the filling of a third Sergeant vacancy and to approve funding for one additional Investigator.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Rothschild,Robinson,Johnson,Garlick,Simosky,Wachtel  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Roodhouse,Anderson  
Motion Carried

**Payment of City and Utility Bills**

Additional Bills handed out. Alderman Garlick asked if they could receive a revenue report. Administrator Kotter said they could but it would include about 60 pages because it would include all funds. She is looking into a one-page report off the system.

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

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Garlick,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Simosky  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Anderson,Roodhouse  
Motion Carried

Alderman Wachtel left the meeting at 7:26pm.

Alderman Wachtel returned to the meeting at 7:28pm.

**Public Comment**

None

**Executive Session**

**RE: Utility Bill Payment**

**Motion by Wachtel, second by Rothschild to enter into Executive Session under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Pursuant to Litigation Matters pursuant to: 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting at 7:39 PM.**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes 6 Garlick,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Simosky  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Anderson,Roodhouse

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Robinson, second by Johnson to return to open meeting at 7:57 PM.**

**ROLL CALL**

**Ayes 6 Garlick,Rothschild,Robinson,Wachtel,Johnson,Simosky**

**Nays 0**

**Absent 2 Anderson,Roodhouse**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion by Rothschild second by Robinson to adjourn at 7:58 PM.**

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

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted,

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Loree K. Phlypo  
City Clerk