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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER

Geneseo resident Kathy Allen offered a word of prayer for the Geneseo City Council and the community as a whole.

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Geneseo met Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at the Council Chambers, 115 South Oakwood Avenue. Mayor Linda Van Der Leest called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. Aldermen Bob Wachtel, Lowell Ewert, Jeanne Hartsock, Howard Beck, Keith Kennett, Doug Crowe, Derek Betcher and Justin Snodgrass, answered roll call. Also in attendance was City Attorney Virgil Thurman, City Administrator Jim Hughes, City Clerk Loree K. Phlypo, Superintendents Opsal, Rice, Building Inspector Mills, and Chief Piotrowski were present. Also in attendance Brian DeJohn from the Chamber of Commerce, Greg Rychaert City Engineer and audience members including residents and retiree employees.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT

Brian DeJohn submitted a written report to all Council members for their review. Brian stated the Karen Mower's last day will be tomorrow as she has accepted a new position with Blackhawk College. Erica Burgett has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant at the Chamber of Commerce and will begin effective January 4, 2012. The Christmas Walk was a big success this year. The Chamber will be closed for the period of December 29, 2011 through January 3, 2012.

CITY ENGINEERING REPORT

Greg Rychaert said that he will wait to discuss the State St project during the Committee of the Whole meeting.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

There were no mayoral comments at this time.

AUDIENCE REQUESTS

There were no audience comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED BY OMNIBUS VOTE

1. Approval of minutes from City Council meeting November 8, 2011.
2. Approval of minutes from Committee of Whole on November 8, 2011
3. Consideration to declare 2 Electric Department generators as surplus and allow Superintendent Opsal to dispose of.
4. Consideration to allow Department Supervisors to give permission for future/special event road blocks.

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5. Consideration to allow Public Works Superintendent Rice to post internally and if needed externally for Public Service Laborer position.
6. Consideration to approve to allow the Moose Lodge to serve alcoholic beverages with their New Year's Day Brunch starting at 10am on January 1st, 2012.

Consent agenda items 1-5 are accepted with a Motion by Betcher with a second by Beck

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda item 6 was separated out due to the fact that Alderman Ewert and Hartsock are members. Motion to pull # 6 by Wachtel with a second by Betcher.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 2 Ewert,Hartsock
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Motion to pass agenda item 6 with a motion by Wachtel with a second by Snodgrass.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 6 Wachtel,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 2 Ewert,Hartsock
ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Proclaimed National Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month December 2011.

Motion by Betcher, second by Kennett.

Voice Vote, All Ayes, Motion Carried

Mayor recognizes January as National Mentoring Month for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization. City Attorney Thurman stated that he has been a long time participant in the program and it is a great organization

Motion by Crow with a second by Ewert.

Voice Vote, All Ayes. Motion Carried

ORDINANCES

Consideration of An Ordinance O-11-027 Amendment to the Personnel Ordinance regarding retiree health insurance.

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Alderman Ewert asked if there were any changes, Mayor Van Der Leest answered no and the retirees were given a copy of the amendment.

Motion by Wachtel with a second by Kennett

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Wachtel,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

PRESENT: 1 Ewert

Motion Carried

Consideration of an Ordinance O-11-029 Amendment to the Raffle License Ordinance 1518. Administrator Hughes and City Attorney Thurman advised the Council that this was a language cleanup to allow for clarification.

Motion by Betcher with a second by Beck.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

R-11-030 Consideration to renew annual Health Insurance through Lohman Companies. Brett Lohman stated that the employee meeting went very smoothly; everyone had a choice of plans. He thinks that it is a good idea to have a Health Advisory Committee Formation. Election to have a retiree is up to the Council.

Motion by Beck with a second by Hartsock.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

R-11-031 Consideration to renew franchise agreement with Mediacom Illinois, LLC. Alderman Kennett recuse himself from discussion and vote. Administrator Hughes stated that the only thing different in the agreement is the section that was added stating that Mediacom needed to maintain an office with a full time employee to service the community.

No further discussion.

Motion by Hartsock with a second by Wachtel

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

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R-11-032 Mayor to sign a support letter and a community impact letter for Geneseo Senior Housing. Administrator Hughes led the discussion on the potential for this senior housing. This will be single story homes across from St. Malachy's Church. There will be 40 to 45 units and these will receive a tax credit and be eligible for rent subsidy housing. Several Aldermen expressed a concern as to whether or not it is for seniors only, Hughes confirmed that it is senior housing. Alderman Wachtel recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Motion by Beck with a second by Hartsock.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 7 Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of an agreement with development advisory consulting services between SB Friedman and the City of Geneseo. Administrator Hughes stated that the Mayor will meet at the end of the month and get an idea of the development plans. The City's Project Manager is Jewel Walton.

Motion by Wachtel with a second by Beck

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

Memorandum of Understanding between Henry County, Robert Young Center and the City of Geneseo. This is updated each year; they utilize the Chamber facilities one night a week.

No Discussion

Motion by Ewert with a second by Betcher

VOICE VOTE, ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED

Quotes for portable radios for police, public works, and utilities. Chief Piotrowski led the discussion and said that he would like to have another month so that he can look at other equipment options. There is a rebate available with Motorola radios that expires the end of the month. Motion to allow Chief, Superintendent Opsal and Rice to obtain appropriate bids and then contact Alderman Ewert and Crow to let them know what their decision is and proceed with the purchase up to \$20,000.00 per department.

Motion by Wachtel with a second by Crow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Carried

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2011 Tax Levy Request Letter for the Police Pension Fund. This letter is to let the elected officials know the status of the Police Pension Fund. Jim Hughes explained that this was processed a few months ago; the levy was for \$212,234.00, less replacement tax at 8.80%/ \$18,677 makes the total Police levy \$193,557, with a net change of \$51,642. The Municipal Compliance report will be provided when it is received.

For Informational Purposes: Street closings for Faithful Feet 5K Charity Run/Walk to be held on 5/12/12. Dan Schaaf, is the new race director for the 2012 race. He reported that there were over 500 entrants last year and raised \$8,000 for charity.

BILLS, BUDGETS, WARRANTS

Consideration of Bills Presented for November 2011.

No Discussion

Motion by Ewert with a second from Wachtel.

Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried

RECESS

Recess was taken at 6:57pm from the City Council Meeting and will reconvene at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Motion by Lowell with a second from Hartsock.

Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Motion by Beck with a second by Hartsock to reopen City Council meeting at 8:30 pm.

Motion by Betcher with a second by Crow to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

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.

Pursuant to Property matter pursuant to: **5ILCS 120/2(c)(6)** The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING

MOTION BY HARTSOCK WITH A SECOND BY BETCHER AT 9:53PM.

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ACTIONS AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 1- Approval of IBEW Local #51
No Discussion

Item 2 – Approval of an Ordinance O-11-030 changing the Committee of the Whole Meeting to 6:00pm the 4th Tuesday of every month
Motion by Kennett to Approve of Ordinance changing the Committee of the Whole Meeting to 6:00 pm the 4th Tuesday of every month, with conditions that we could hold the meeting on the same night as the Council if possible, that will be previously announced by at least 3 Aldermen or the Mayor, with a second by Wachtel.
Voice Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Item # 3 Approval of Advisors for Professional services review of proposed Farmers Mutual Electric Coop acquisition.
Legal-Gary Smith-Lowenstein, Hagen & Smith P.C.
CPA Firm- Carpenter, Mitchell & Goddard, LLC
Bond Council Paul Marengo-Schiff & Hardin, LLP
Bond Advisor-Speer Financial, LLC
Engineering-BHMG Engineering
This item will be utilized only if we can move forward with the potential acquisition, if we can't then it will die after *December 23rd, 2011*.
Motion by Wachtel with a second by Kennett

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion Carried

Item # 4 Approval of creation of Public Works Department, also approval or salary and increases as discussed in Executive Session.
Motion by Kennett with a second by Wachtel

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: 8 Wachtel,Ewert,Hartsock,Kennett,Beck,Betcher,Crow,Snodgrass
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Mayor Van Der Leest asked Alderman Betcher to make sure that he is put on the agenda for January Committee of the Whole item 1 for his Vision 2020 discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Ewert, second by Betcher to adjourn the meeting at 9:58PM.
VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

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By: _____

LINDA VAN DER LEEST
MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF GENESEO

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF HENRY) SS
CITY OF GENESEO)

I, Loree K. Phlypo, City Clerk of Geneseo, Henry County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing are the original minutes of the City Council Meeting on December 13th, 2011 of the City Council and that said minutes consisting of seven pages were approved at the legally convened regular meeting of the City Council meeting on January 10th, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and the seal of the City this ____day of January 2012.

(Seal)

By: _____