

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 2026
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on July 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Junior Mixon, Ronnie Baine, Rich Bixby, Sarah Tinsley, and Scott Stough. Council Member Zack Dodson was absent. Also present were City Clerk Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Pastor Russell Clausell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the minutes of June 15, and 22, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mixon and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock presented certificates of completion to participants in the Junior Police Academy and certificates of appreciation to volunteers on the project.

Council Member Stough moved to approve the draft of a Board of Education Member Application for the Geneva City School Board and to require the completion of said application for consideration of appointment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby inquired about the status of the resolution for an elected School Board. City Attorney Gray updated Council on the process for an elected board and he also explained the process of changing the appointed board to allow for members outside the City limits but within the school district.

Council Tinsley inquired about the status of a restaurant alcohol license request for Crazy Elks, LLC/Somewhere Else. Safety concerns and a prior license violation was discussed. Council Member Tinsley moved to consider the change from a lounge liquor license to a restaurant liquor license for Crazy Elks, LLC, Trade Name: Somewhere Else. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a five (5) to one (1) vote. Those voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Tinsley, Stough, Mixon, Baine, and Bixby. Council Member Lee voted against the motion and Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution adopting a Federal Grant Procurement Policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

City Clerk Johnson read a Planning Commission report outlining a meeting and public hearings held June 30, 2026. The Commission recommended the rezoning of a portion of Magnolia Avenue to B-2 (General Business) and the adoption of a draft Tiny Home Ordinance.

Council Member Tinsley moved to hold a public hearing on the draft Tiny Home Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. The City Attorney will draft a rezoning ordinance for Magnolia Avenue.

City Attorney Gray reviewed an ordinance that would extend the tiny home moratorium until an ordinance on tiny homes could be considered.

Council Member Lee moved to introduce the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-2026-07

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SIXTY-DAY EXTENSION TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-2025-19 DATED THE 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2025, AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING A SIXTY-DAY EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING MORATORIUM ON TINY HOMES, PORTABLE BUILDINGS AND STORAGE CONTAINERS BEING CONVERTED INTO DWELLINGS, AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS THAT WAS ADOPTED ON JULY 7, 2025.

It was moved by Council Member Lee that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinances be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent: None	Abstentions: None
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Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member Mixon
Council Member Baine
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Tinsley
Council Member Stough

Council Member Dodson

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Stough that Ordinance Number 07-2026-07 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes:

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions:

Council Member Lee
Council Member Mixon
Council Member Baine
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Tinsley
Council Member Stough

Council Member Dodson

Mayor Hayes

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson reviewed the budget reports for the month of May. Council Member Bixby moved to approve the budget reports for the month of May as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- America250AL Celebration. Thanking the Chamber, Water Department and all volunteers
- Flooring project for police and fire departments and possible donation of flooring
- Kitchen project at the airport
- Began work on the kitchen at the airport
- Flag and stage for the new park
- Meetings in Montgomery next week

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Stough reported he has received complaints regarding the condition of the old Hardees building and the need to clean the area.

Council Member Tinsley asked if a work session could be scheduled to discuss fees and rentals for City parks. A work session was scheduled for July 27th at 4:00 p.m. Council Member Tinsley also stated she hopes to have a quote available on the website project by the meeting.

Council Member Bixby requested additional speed limit signs for JP Jones Road.

Council Member Baine asked for updated signs on Highway 52 directing people to Chapman Park.

Council Member Mixon reported a pothole on Whitney Street.

Council Member Lee thanked the water department for shooting the fireworks for the City. He reported on a financial literacy training program being held at City Hall on July 16th. The City officials to participate in a community needs assessment survey.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and issues caused by recent rains.

Council Member Lee asked if there is a city-wide map with storm drains and bridges are shown.

Recreation Director Howell reported on recreation programs.

Rescue Director Creamer reported the new ambulance will be put into service within the next two weeks.

Fire Chief Latimer gave an activity report for the month of June.

Police Chief Mock reported on personnel, moving an officer to investigations, training and gave an activity report for the month of June.

Mr. Scott Smith introduced himself as the new point of contact for the City for Ecowaste Solutions formerly MDI.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Chamber President Angie Braswell thanked the City for partnering with the Chamber on the America250AL Celebration.

Council Member Lee asked school officials present to complete the a community needs assessment survey.

Council Member Stough moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mixon and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.