

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 15, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rufus Lee was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the July 1 and 8, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Gillespie and Tidwell abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve an alcohol license for Riverside 101 Inc. located at 710 Sizemore Highway which was considered at the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Fountain abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- ALDOT meeting requesting funds for paving
- Attendance at a School Board meeting
- Interviews for Rescue Director
- FBO operations and sign for the airport
- Dedication ceremony for Norman G. Holland Lane
- City Hall project
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Road projects

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the needed repairs to the playground equipment at Fowler Park and the status of the asphalt plant.

Council Member Coleman requested electrical outlets at Fowler Park be repaired. He also requested water to be extended in areas of the park to provide more water connections.

Council Member McCoy asked for Park Avenue to be repaired. He reported a nuisance on Highland Avenue and there are two garbage cans at the house. Council Member McCoy also requested speed bumps be installed on Pinecrest Circle.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about the status of patching Glendale Street where there was a water leak. He asked the Mayor what the timeframe would be for Council to start submitting Streets for the road project the Mayor reported on. Council Member Tidwell asked Clerk Johnson where the \$194,000.00 she stated was available was coming from and if there was any alcohol money available. Clerk Johnson answered the available funds are the balance of the Rebuild Alabama Money and reminded Council they had adopted a resolution awhile back un-earmarking various funds of which the alcohol monies were one of.

Council Member Fountain reported a bad spot in the road on Whitney and Hart and a nuisance complaint on Iris Street. He asked about the water run off at the splash pad and the cost of the water bill.

Police Chief Mock reported on the new TruNarc machine. He also requested permission to apply for a \$75,000.00 grant for cardiac defibrillators for all departments stating there was no matching funds required. Council Member Tidwell move to authorize application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Fountain abstaining. Chief Mock also discussed mental health issues.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment, projects and the clay pit.

Council Member Gillespie stated she has been contacted regarding dumping in the woods off Glendale Street becoming a problem.

Mayor Hayes discussed drainage issues. He reported on meeting with the Director of ADECA and possible grant funding for a farmer's market.

Council Member Coleman asked about the sunk in areas on Magnolia Avenue and Choctaw Street.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Ronnie Baine was present and suggested that Oak Tree Circle in Fowler Park be made one way. Council discussed the suggestion.

Mrs. Tewanna Marks-McElwee discussed an issue where the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board had turned off water to the area where she lives. She stated there needs to be notice given to residents and procedures put in place for notification. She also stated employees did not have politically correct attitudes.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.