GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Zack Dodson, Junior Mixon, Ronnie Baine, Rich Bixby, Sarah Tinsley, and Scott Stough. None were 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.

Council Member Dodson gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 24, and 31, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baine. Council vote seven (7) to zero (0) with Mayor Hayes abstaining to approve the minutes of August 17, and 24, 2026. Council vote six (6) to zero (0) with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining to approve the minutes of August 31, 2026.

Council Member Lee presented a year end report for SEACAP. Council Member Lee moved to allow the agency to use the Council room on September 21st at no cost to sign up participants for programs offered by the agency. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tinsley moved to adopt the following ordinance that was introduced at the August 17th meeting:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL DWELLING SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN STRUCTURES FROM BEING USED AS HABITABLE DWELLINGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GENEVA, ALABAMA

The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Stough moved to enter into a contract with 24-7 Consultancy, LLC. to provide billing services for Geneva Rescue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Dodson moved to enter into a contract with First City Consulting to provide code enforcement and building inspection services and planning and zoning support. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes read the Planning Commission report from August 26th.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a FY 26-27 budget that included a 4% cost of living increase for all permanent full-time and part-time employees working the hours required of the position to be deemed permanent and having been employed at least six months by the beginning of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Baine moved to amend the current FY 25-26 using the projected year end figures provided by the Clerk/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Stough moved to approve the budget reports for July 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Meeting with new manager for the FBO company at the airport
- Kitchen project at the airport
- Scheduled meeting with Ft Rucker officials
- Plans to have a park dedication and senior citizens building dedication in October
- Farmer's market project
- Issue with a tree on Iris Street
- Water issue up Hwy 85 that has been fixed

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Lee thanked the Street Superintendent for work on Railroad Avenue. He commended the City Clerk for her knowledge of City finance and the work on the budget.

Council Member Dodson reported a visibility issue from overgrown trees at the traffic light on Commerce Street on the jail side of the road.

Council Member Baine thanked the City Clerk for always having time to meet with people and the Street Superintendent for quick response to requests. He commended all departments for working together to get things accomplished.

Council Member Tinsley thanked the Clerk for the work on the budget and stated she liked the format as it was easy to follow and transparent. She thanked the Street Superintendent and his department for their hard work. Council Member Tinsley asked that the age of mobile homes being placed in the City and business license be addressed at the next work session.

Street Superintendent Brewer reviewed a list of upcoming projects his department would be working on.

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

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the month of August. He thanked Council for the budget items he asked for.

City Clerk Johnson stated with the Chief's comment on budget, she wanted to clarify and reminded everyone so there was no misunderstanding, that none of the department budget requests were included in the adopted budget presented. This was discussed at the work session and explained it was because there was not enough projected revenue to include the requests and the challenges with funding the rescue department. Consideration of the requests would need to be reevaluated and fund methods determined.

Chamber of Commerce President Angie Braswell thanked Council Member Baine for attending a recent Chamber meeting and invited everyone to attend future meetings. She suggested December 4th for the annual Christmas parade. Council had no issues with the proposed date.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 6:46 p.m.