GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Frankie Lindsey and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, John Hughes, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Junior Mixon, and Brad Weeks. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Lee Knowles, and various department heads and employees.

Council Member Tidwell gave the invocation and Mayor Lindsey led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 21, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Lindsey stated that a Popeyes Chicken franchise was interested in locating in Geneva. He stated he and the City Clerk had a conference call with the company regarding incentives to locate the restaurant in Geneva. Incentives discussed were waiving the building permit and first year's business license and payment of year's garbage service. Mayor Lindsey stated the investment by the company would be approximately $2,000,000.00 with employment of approximately 40 employees.

Council Member Tidwell moved to hold a public hearing on offering incentives at 5:30 p.m. on October 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Lee expressed his appreciation to Mayor Lindsey for his service and to fellow Council Members for their service and good working relationship throughout this term.

Mayor Lindsey reported he has received a letter of resignation from Ms. Betsy Skipper from the Geneva Board of Adjustments. He reported there will be a meeting to canvass the votes on October 13, 2020, at 12 noon at City Hall.

Council Member Mixon excused himself from the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Council Member Bixby inquired about the status of the new position of foreman for the street and sanitation departments.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize three sets of speedbumps for Glendale Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council

Member Tidwell stated he will have the Street Superintendent and Police Chief determine the best locations for placement.

Council Member Tidwell asked for recommendations of the best spot in downtown, preferably on a second floor level, to broadcast the homecoming parade.

Council Member Lee stated the speedbumps on Crosstimbers Avenue need to be installed.

Chief Clemmons reported the vehicles he requested in the budget would not be available until sometime in 2021. He requested authorization to purchase a Ford Truck vs the Chevrolet Truck as approved in the budget at a price difference of $2,645.00.

Council Member Lee move to approve a budget amendment in the amount of $2,645.00 with fund coming from the ½ cent sales tax account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Lee moved to go into executive session. The City Attorney stated the issue would qualify for an executive session as discussion would relate to an issue protected under the HIPPA Act. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Mayor Lindsey called for the vote to go into executive session and the vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:
Mayor Lindsey	None	Council Member Mixon
Council Member Lee		
Council Member McCoy		
Council Member Hughes		
Council Member Tidwell		
Council Member Bixby		
Council Member Weeks		

Executive session began at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Lindsey, all Council Members, the City Clerk, City Attorney, and Street Superintendent attended the entire executive session.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weeks and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned and regular session resumed at 6:20 p.m.

No announcement was made after executive session.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
CANVASSING OF ELECTION RESULTS
&
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2020
12:00 NOON

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met at 12:00 noon on October 13, 2020, for the purpose of canvassing the results of the October 6, 2020, municipal run-off election and special session, in the Council room at City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Rufus Lee and Council Members Freddy McCoy, John Hughes, Rich Bixby, and James Mixon, Jr. Mayor Frankie Lindsey and Council Members Ryan Tidwell and Brad Weeks were absent. Also present was City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson.

Mayor Pro-tem Lee called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro-tem Lee read the number of votes received by each candidate from voting machine tapes from the August 25, 2020, election. Clerk Johnson reported there were two provisional ballots both absentee. Mayor Pro-tem Lee read the comments recorded by the Geneva County Board of Registrars regarding the eligibility of each provisional ballot as written on the PB3 forms. The Geneva County Board of Registrars had determined that both provisional ballots were eligible to be counted in the election. Mayor Pro-tem Lee opened the secrecy envelopes containing the ballots and announced the votes as follows:

One (1) vote for David Hayes for Mayor
One (1) vote for Daniel L. Coleman for Council Member District 7
One (1) vote for Greg Adams for Mayor

The total votes cast and counted in the election are set forth in a resolution presented and reviewed with Council by Mayor Pro-tem Lee.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt the following resolution canvassing the results of the October 6, 2020 municipal run-off election for the City of Geneva and issue certificates of election:

Resolution Canvassing Run-Off Election Results

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the municipal run-off election for the City of Geneva was duly and legally held on

October 6, 2020, as provided by law, and

WHEREAS, the municipal governing body of the City of Geneva met on this 13th day of October, 2020, with Mayor Pro-Tem Rufus Lee and Council Members Freddy McCoy, John Hughes, Rich Bixby and Junior Mixon being present, at 12:00 o'clock noon, and has canvassed the returns, and has ascertained and determined the number of votes received by each candidate, and

WHEREAS, the said municipal governing body has ascertained and determined the result of said election as follows:

For Mayor – Greg Adams:

Machine 1 Precinct Ballot Total	427
Machine 2 Precinct Ballot Total	40
Machine 3 Absentee Ballot Total	23
Provisional Ballot Total	1
Total Votes Received	491

For Mayor – David Hayes:

Machine 1 Precinct Ballot Total	547
Machine 2 Precinct Ballot Total	51
Machine 3 Absentee Ballot Total	21
Provisional Ballot Total	1
Total Votes Received	620

For City Council Member District 7 – Mike Bryan:

Machine 1 Precinct Ballot Total	74
Machine 2 Precinct Ballot Total	14
Machine 3 Absentee Ballot Total	7
Provisional Ballot Total	0
Total Votes Received	95

For City Council Member District 7 – Danny L. Coleman:

Machine 1 Precinct Ballot Total	117
Machine 2 Precinct Ballot Total	12
Machine 3 Absentee Ballot Total	4
Provisional Ballot Total	1
Total Votes Received	134

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Geneva, Alabama,

1. That David Hayes received a majority of the votes cast for the office of Mayor and is hereby declared duly elected to that office for the term beginning on the first Monday in November, 2020.

2. That Daniel L Coleman received a majority of the votes cast for the office of City Council Member District 7 and is hereby declared duly elected to that office for the term beginning on the first Monday in November, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certificate of election shall be issued to David Hayes for the office of Mayor and Daniel L. Coleman City Council District 7.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF October 2020.

Mayor Pro-Tem	City Council Member
City Council Member	City Council Member
City Council Member	City Council Member
City Council Member	City Council Member
Attest:	City Clerk

The motion was seconded by Council Member Mixon. Mayor Pro-tem Lee called for the vote which was as follows:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Pro-tem Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Hughes
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Mixon

Mayor Pro-tem Lee declared the vote unanimous and the resolution adopted. Election certificates were issued to David Hayes for Mayor and Daniel L Coleman for Council Member District 7.

Council Member Mixon moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING &
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council held a public hearing and met in regular session on October 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Frankie Lindsey and Council Members: Freddy McCoy, John Hughes, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Junior Mixon, and Brad Weeks. Council Member Rufus Lee was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Lee Knowles, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Lindsey called the public hearing to order.

Mayor Lindsey read a proposed resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION GRANTING PUBLIC FUNDS AND/OR THINGS OF VALUE IN AID OF OR IN ASSISTANCE TO PREMIER CAJUN KINGS, LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF GENEVA.

Mayor Lindsey called for public participation on the proposed resolution. No one was present to speak on the proposal.

Mayor Lindsey called for Council discussion on the proposed resolution.

Mayor Lindsey called the regular meeting to order.

Council Member Tidwell gave the invocation and Mayor Lindsey led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Hughes moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 5, and 13, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Council Member Tidwell abstaining.

Alabama Senator Donnie Chesteen was present and presented Mayor Lindsey with a resolution recognizing his lifelong professional achievements and dedicated service.

Council Member Mixon moved to adopt a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION GRANTING PUBLIC FUNDS AND/OR THINGS OF VALUE IN AID OF OR IN ASSISTANCE TO PREMIER CAJUN

KINGS, LLC, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CITY OF GENEVA.

The Motion was seconded by Council Member Weeks and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Lindsey presented a request to place a memorial sign where Westville Avenue crosses the levee naming the area ACE Memorial Hill in memory of Addyson Martin, Cassidy Dunn and Emilee Fain.

Council Member Weeks moved to approve placement of a memorial sign and designating the area ACE Memorial Hill. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mixon and was unanimously approved.

Council received a petition to vacate a portion of Charlotte Alley lying between South Greenwood and Liveoak Streets. The Mayor stated the petition would be taken under advisement and referred to the City Attorney for further action.

Council Member Hughes moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for federal and state funding for an FY 2021 airport improvement grant and authorizing the Mayor to execute any and all documents relating to the proposed grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the August 2020 financial reports and expenditures as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weeks and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Lindsey informed Council that in order to receive funds from private donors for use in the LWCF project to construct soccer fields, a 501c3 organization would have to be created to accept the funds and disburse the funds to the City. He informed Council our audit firm, CRI, could assist with setting up the organization and it was estimated to cost approximately $6,000.00.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize funding and proceed with setting up the 501c3 board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weeks and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Lindsey thanked everyone for working so well with him and for the many accomplishments over the last four years.

Council Member Weeks stated he would also like to thank everyone for working so closely together.

Council Member Mixon thanked everyone and stated he has enjoyed serving Geneva and its citizens.

Police Chief Clemmons stated he has been contacted by the Sheriff about purchasing two ford expeditions no longer used by the police department. Upon discussion of price, Council

Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution declaring two ford expeditions no longer needed for public purpose, authorizing the sale to the Geneva County Sheriff for $12,000.00.00 The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Hughes informed Council Wild Bill's Appliance store loaned the City two refrigerators for the Rock-a-Dock event and could be returned or purchased for $300.00. Council Member Hughes moved to authorize the purchase of the two refrigerators for $300.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Hughes stated he would like to encourage Council to continue to support Fowler Park and recreational opportunities.

Alabama Senator Donnie Chesteen informed Council he intends on working with the Alabama Tourism Department to seek funding for more bathroom and shower facilities and other amenities for Fowler Park.

Council Member Bixby stated that Council Member Hughes is very informed on trails and recreation tourism and looks to a continued relationship with him on related committees, projects and events.

Council Member Hughes encouraged Council to keep City employees "in mind" and stated he has enjoyed serving.

Council Member Hughes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR & ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular and organizational session on November 2, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

City Judge Al Danner administered the oath of office individually to David Hayes for the office of Mayor, Mike Fountain for the office of Council Member District 6, Daniel L. Coleman for the office of Council Member District 7, and Kim Gillespie for the office of Council Member District 3. Judge Danner also administered the oath of office to Rufus Lee, Freddie McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, and Rich Bixby as a group for the offices of Council Member Districts 1, 2, 4, and 5 respectively.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 19, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Council Member Lee and Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to reappoint Lisa Johnson as the City Clerk Treasurer for a four year term at her current rate of pay. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote.

Mayor Hayes stated he was appointing Jeff Gray as City Attorney.

Mayor Hayes stated he was reappointing Tony Clemmons as Police Chief.

Mayor Hayes stated he was reappointing Ben Latimer as Fire Chief.

Council Member Bixby moved to reappoint Al Danner as City Judge for another term. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote.

Mayor Hayes called for nominations for Mayor Pro-tem. Council Member Fountain nominated Council Member Gillespie. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Council Member Tidwell nominated Council Member Lee. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Bixby.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Hayes called for the vote for Council Member Gillespie who received three (3) votes. Those voting in her favor were: Council Members Fountain, Gillespie and Coleman.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote for Council Member Lee who received four (4) votes. Those voting in his favor were: Council Members Tidwell, Bixby, Lee and McCoy.

Mayor Hayes abstained from all votes. Mayor Hayes declared the vote being three (3) to four (4) in Council Member Lee's he was elected Mayor Pro-tem for the current term of office.

Council Member Tidwell introduced Ordinance 11-2020-04 establishing the order of procedure in all instances for meetings of the Council.

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 ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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 Tidwell that said ordinance be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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

Council Member Fountain moved to adopt a resolution entitled:

NAMING DEPOSITORY AND AUTHORIZING OFFICIALS TO SIGN FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

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

Mayor Hayes reported there was an opportunity to apply for $250,000.00 under the RAA Grant Fund. He proposed an application to address drainage issues on Water Avenue and road repairs with any remaining funds.

Council Member Tidwell asked if the grant would have any impact on a project that was identified and approved for application last year. City Clerk Johnson stated the application in question was during the last funding cycle and was not awarded, therefore a new application would have to be submitted regardless if it was the same project or a new project. Council Member Tidwell stated for the record he was not opposed to the proposed project he also supported the previous project as it addressed issues in his district. Council Member Lee requested if there are any additional funds, French Avenue be considered for repairs.

Council Member Lee moved to approve an application to apply for a drainage and repair project as proposed by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Fire Chief Latimer was present and reported the City had an opportunity to apply for a Grant to purchase new SCBA airpacks. He stated if the project is funded the estimated cost to the City is $7,300.00.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize application and commit to matching funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote.

Street Superintendent Brewer gave a report on the status of limb and debris pick-up and issues with the dump site.

Council Member Hughes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on November 16, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of November 2, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Amanda Soles appeared before Council and requested to use the parking field at Fowler Park on December 12, 2020, to hold an adult kick ball game. She stated the organizers of the event would like to solicit donations to benefit students with back to school expenses.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize use of the parking field at Fowler Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

Mrs. Wendy Mets, FBLA sponsor with Geneva High School, appeared before Council to request permission to hold a March of Dimes mini walk through the Christmas lights and displays at Fowler Park on December 10, 2020. She stated she would like to solicit donations to benefit the club.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize the use of Fowler Park for a walk through for FBLA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

City Employee Buddy West appeared before Council to request that employees be allowed to sell back unused paid time off. Council Member Lee moved to authorize a one time buy back of up to 40 hours of unused paid time off for eligible employees to be issued sometime this month with the stipulation that if an employee runs out of time in the future, absences would not be paid and donations of time are not allowed by other employees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A work session was set for November 23, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the purchase of a computer for the City Clerk that can be used remotely in the amount of $2,400.00 using covid stimulus funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Hayes reported on decorating for Christmas, work on the nuisance ordinance and recruitment efforts for new businesses.

City Attorney Gray reported he has met with the Mayor and City Clerk and began review of the nuisance ordinance. He also reported on nuisance properties that have been purchased through tax sales and the responsible party for violations of the ordinance.

Police Chief Clemmons requested a budget amendment to purchase equipment for the new truck in the police department in the amount of $5,036.83. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the budget with funds being derived from the equipment fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Fountain requested speed bumps on Morris Street from High Avenue to Register Avenue or have the police work the area more frequently.

Council Member Coleman stated that College Avenue was one of the worse streets for speeders. He recommended making the intersection of College Avenue and Azalea Street a four-way stop.

Council Member Coleman read a letter from a constituent in his district. Mayor Hayes and Attorney Gray addressed the questions and concerns in the letter.

Council Member Coleman brought up concerns regarding notification of the change in garbage routes during holidays and asked Council for suggestions to better make the public aware. He brought up the issue of untagged vehicles parked along main street.

Council Member Gillespie requested the growth on the right-of-way at the corner of E Water Avenue and Liveoak Street be cut as it is blocking the view of traffic. She reported on complaints she has received regarding speeders, people running stop signs and violating the City's noise ordinance.

Council Member Lee reported the walking trail on the levee needs to be cut for safety reasons.

Council Member Tidwell moved to curb Glendale Street from the stop sign to West Meadow Phase II at a cost to the City.

Council Member Coleman felt areas with safety concerns such as Fleming and Johnson Street need to be addressed.

Council Member Lee stated that curbing needs to be installed on Morris Street to keep run-off water from ruining the church's paved parking lot.

Council Member Coleman stated he would like to see Council discuss closing off some roads such as a portion of Hart Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell withdrew his motion to curb Glendale.

Council Member Bixby reported on his conversations with Spectrum regarding the franchise and internet service. He stated he will be working on the triangle area by the courthouse on the 24th if any volunteers would like to help.

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

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 23, 2020
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a work session on November 23, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Mike Fountain was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Council discussed coronavirus relief funds.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on December 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of November 16, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented a plaque to the owners and employees of The Gin for being Geneva's business of the year.

City Clerk Johnson presented an application for a special retail alcohol license for more than 30 days by Gray Farms, LLC, D/B/A: The Warehouse. She stated that Gray Farms LLC has previously been approved for an alcohol license under the D/B/A The Gin. She explained that this license would be for a second building on the same property that The Gin was located but because the buildings were not attached it would require a separated license by the State.

Council Member Tidwell stated that since the applicant was already approved for one license at that location that he felt immediate consideration would be in order rather than having to consider and hold over the license. Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the license for a special retail license for more than 30 days for Gray Farms, LLC, D/B/A: The Warehouse. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell ask that the Attorney or City Clerk research the procedure for draft beer sales and report back at a future meeting.

Mayor Hayes read a letter from Ms. Sirena Messer regarding maintenance of planter boxes in downtown. Ms. Messer was on the agenda but was unable to attend the meeting. Mayor Hayes

stated he was appreciative of volunteers maintaining the boxes but felt that the City needs to be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the boxes.

Council Member Lee moved to approve an event request to use Robert Fowler Park September 22 through October 3, 2020, by Rock-A-Dock. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the City's Medical Protocol Policy listing Dr. Vivian Simmons as the City's workers comp doctor provided local doctors were contacted and were not interested in providing the service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize paying incentive pay per the current policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution declaring the following property no longer needed for public purpose and authorizing the sale by auction through GovDeals:

2003 Ford Expedition	vin number	1FMRU15WX3LB98017
2007 Ford F150 Extended Car 4x4	vin number	1FTRX14W87NA26463
1998 Ford Semi Truck	vin number	1FTYY9ZP5WVA17754
1997 Ford Garbage Truck	vin number	1FDYF80C2VVA41715
1991 Ford F800 Dump Truck	vin number	1FDYK84A3MVA15742
2008 Dodge Charger	vin number	2B3KA43H08H290011
2012 Dodge Charger	vin number	2C3CDXAT3CH156023
2000 Dodge Neon	vin number	1B3ES46C1YD744897

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to accept the FY 2018-19 and enter it into the minutes as a matter of record. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A work session was set for December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Mayor Hayes reported on Christmas events and on economic development opportunities.

City Attorney Gray reported that he was working on updating some of the City's ordinances.

City of Geneva, Alabama

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2019



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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City Council
City of Geneva, Alabama

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Geneva, Alabama (the "City"), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City as of September 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position, the budgetary comparison for the general fund, grant programs fund, and gas tax fund, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has not presented the Management's Discussion and Analysis that governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America also require that the required supplementary information listed in the table of contents on pages 53 through 57 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying

accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described above, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 20, 2020 on our consideration of the City's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Component Units	
Public Building Authority	Geneva City Board of Education
$ 269,744	$ 5,339,378
-	628,425
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	272,032
-	28,406
-	72,170
-	40,864
3,000	5,989,800
2,646,617	7,484,822
2,919,361	19,855,897
-	954,932
-	1,962,222
-	2,917,154
-	-
-	1,057
-	-
-	1,516,475
-	-
-	11,904
-	10,236,000
-	10,007,368
155,000	250,256
2,400,000	10,249,026
2,555,000	32,272,086
-	1,085,000
-	925,375
-	449,242
-	2,459,617
94,617	6,302,169
-	72,170
269,744	(18,332,991)
$ 364,361	$ (11,958,652)

Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position				
	Primary Government			Component Units	
Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	Public Building Authority	Geneva City Board of Education
$ -	$ (1,777,786)	$ -	$ (1,777,786)	$ -	$ -
-	(822,223)	-	(822,223)	-	-
-	(63,468)	-	(63,468)	-	-
-	(94,403)	-	(94,403)	-	-
-	(475,024)	-	(475,024)	-	-
457,507	(68,137)	-	(68,137)	-	-
-	(962,824)	-	(962,824)	-	-
-	(50,321)	-	(50,321)	-	-
457,507	(4,314,186)	-	(4,314,186)	-	-
-	-	18,022	18,022	-	-
-	-	(33,302)	(33,302)	-	-
-	-	(72)	(72)	-	-
-	-	(15,352)	(15,352)	-	-
$ 457,507	(4,314,186)	(15,352)	(4,329,538)	-	-
$ -	-	-	-	192,624	-
830,318	-	-	-	-	(2,903,948)
$ 830,318	-	-	-	192,624	(2,903,948)
	376,790	-	376,790	-	602,024
	76,152	-	76,152	-	-
	2,743,746	-	2,743,746	-	1,333,468
	226,216	-	226,216	-	-
	334,961	-	334,961	-	545
	-	-	-	207	412,325
	246,637	4,610	251,247	-	40,513
	-	-	-	-	(41,529)
	302,367	81,978	384,345	263,396	68,224
	4,306,869	86,588	4,393,457	263,603	2,415,570
	(7,317)	71,236	63,919	70,979	(488,378)
	10,807,627	8,385,857	19,193,484	293,382	(11,470,274)
	$ 10,800,310	$ 8,457,093	$ 19,257,403	$ 364,361	$ (11,958,652)

City of Geneva, Alabama
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

September 30, 2019	General Fund	Grant Programs	Gas Tax Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,080,377	$ 90,262	$ 408,475	$ 28,157	$ 2,607,271
Accounts receivable, net	924,318	36,244	6,553	-	967,115
Due from other funds	33,039	-	-	-	33,039
Investments	638,833	-	-	65,902	704,735
Total assets	$ 3,676,567	$ 126,506	$ 415,028	$ 94,059	$ 4,312,160
Liabilities					
Accounts payable	$ 242,130	$ -	$ -	$ 3,264	$ 245,394
Due to other funds	-	33,039	-	-	33,039
Other payable	-	4,270	-	-	4,270
Unearned revenue	-	1,775	-	-	1,775
Accrued expenses	41,214	-	-	-	41,214
Total liabilities	283,344	39,084	-	3,264	325,692
Deferred Inflows of Resources					
Deferred inflows related to property taxes	371,038	-	-	-	371,038
Fund Balances					
Restricted	-	87,422	415,028	-	502,450
Committed	-	-	-	90,795	90,795
Unassigned	3,022,185	-	-	-	3,022,185
Total fund balances	3,022,185	87,422	415,028	90,795	3,615,430
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 3,676,567	$ 126,506	$ 415,028	$ 94,059	$ 4,312,160

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Geneva, Alabama
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2019

Total fund balances - governmental funds		$ 3,615,430
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
The portion of the fair value of the investment in the joint venture with Geneva County Gas District attributable to capital asset activity is not considered to be a current financial resource and is therefore not reported in the governmental funds.		416,965
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reporting in the funds.		
Governmental capital assets	$ 14,379,512	
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,224,284)	9,155,228
Deferred outflow of resources related to pension earnings are not recognized in the governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		415,149
Deferred inflow of resources related to pension earnings are not recognized in governmental funds; however, they are recorded in the statement of net position under full accrual accounting.		(148,374)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability	(581,580)	
Bonds and notes payable	(1,187,671)	
Other post-employment benefits liability	(884,837)	(2,654,088)
Total net position - governmental activities		$ 10,800,310

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City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2019	General Fund	Grant Programs	Gas Tax Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Taxes	$ 3,686,067	$ -	$ 71,798	$ -	$ 3,757,865
Fees and fines	135,354	-	-	-	135,354
Licenses and permits	407,941	-	-	-	407,941
Intergovernmental	12,771	447,038	42,352	-	502,161
Charges for services	315,050	-	-	-	315,050
Investment earnings	259,936	-	995	-	260,931
Miscellaneous	219,813	36,545	-	14,629	270,987
Total revenues	5,036,932	483,583	115,145	14,629	5,650,289
Expenditures					
Current					
General government	839,061	-	-	-	839,061
Public safety	1,025,590	-	-	-	1,025,590
Sanitation	405,665	-	-	-	405,665
Welfare	111,879	-	-	-	111,879
Culture and recreation	461,939	-	-	34,929	496,868
Streets and roads	554,995	-	-	-	554,995
Education	962,824	-	-	-	962,824
Debt service					
Principal	161,185	14,000	45,000	-	220,185
Interest	16,753	13,654	18,425	-	48,832
Capital outlay	155,785	501,019	-	-	656,804
Total expenditures	4,695,676	528,673	63,425	34,929	5,322,703
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	341,256	(45,090)	51,720	(20,300)	327,586
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers in	416,298	482,617	-	20,650	919,565
Transfers out	(501,589)	(417,976)	-	-	(919,565)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(85,291)	64,641	-	20,650	-
Net change in fund balances	255,965	19,551	51,720	350	327,586
Fund Balances - beginning	2,766,220	67,871	363,308	90,445	3,287,844
Fund Balances - ending	$ 3,022,185	$ 87,422	$ 415,028	$ 90,795	$ 3,615,430

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City of Geneva, Alabama
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

For the year ended September 30, 2019

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	327,586
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceed depreciation in the current period.		80,025
The portion of the change in fair value of the investment in the joint venture with Geneva County Gas District attributable to capital asset activity is not considered to be a change in a current financial resource and is therefore not reported in the governmental funds.		(14,557)
Repayment of note principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.		220,185
Other postemployment benefit obligation reported in the statement of activities does not require the use of current financial resources; therefore, is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.		(635,637)
Cash pension contributions reported in the funds were greater than the calculated pension expense on the statement of activities and therefore increase net position.		15,081
Change in net position of governmental activities	$	(7,317)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2019	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues				
Taxes	$ 3,343,211	$ 3,343,211	$ 3,686,067	$ 342,856
Fees and fines	178,000	178,000	135,354	(42,646)
Licenses and permits	404,000	404,000	407,941	3,941
Intergovernmental	12,660	12,660	12,771	111
Charges for services	318,000	318,000	315,050	(2,950)
Investment earnings	178,000	178,000	259,936	81,936
Miscellaneous	139,900	139,900	219,813	79,913
Total revenues	4,573,771	4,573,771	5,036,932	463,161
Expenditures				
Current				
General government	805,544	805,544	839,061	(33,517)
Public safety	1,044,636	1,044,636	1,025,590	19,046
Sanitation	413,881	413,881	405,665	8,216
Welfare	124,647	124,647	111,879	12,768
Culture and recreation	424,689	424,689	461,939	(37,250)
Streets and roads	674,479	674,479	554,995	119,484
Education	941,311	941,311	962,824	(21,513)
Debt service				
Principal	118,861	118,861	161,185	(42,324)
Interest	28,728	28,728	16,753	11,975
Capital outlay	111,751	111,751	155,785	(44,034)
Total expenditures	4,688,527	4,688,527	4,695,676	(7,149)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(114,756)	(114,756)	341,256	456,012
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers in	11,040	11,040	416,298	405,258
Transfers out	(144,081)	(144,081)	(501,589)	(357,508)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(133,041)	(133,041)	(85,291)	47,750
Net change in fund balance	(247,797)	(247,797)	255,965	503,762
Fund Balance - beginning	2,766,220	2,766,220	2,766,220	-
Fund Balance - ending	$ 2,518,423	$ 2,518,423	$ 3,022,185	$ 503,762

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Grant Programs Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2019	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Intergovernmental	$ 399,725	$ 447,038	$ 47,313
Miscellaneous	36,240	36,545	305
Total revenues	435,965	483,583	47,618
Expenditures			
Debt service			
Principal	13,000	14,000	(1,000)
Interest	13,116	13,654	(538)
Capital outlay	522,390	501,019	21,371
Total expenditures	548,506	528,673	19,833
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(112,541)	(45,090)	67,451
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers in	123,681	482,617	358,936
Transfers out	(11,140)	(417,976)	(406,836)
Total other financing sources (uses)	112,541	64,641	(47,900)
Net change in fund balance	-	19,551	19,551
Fund Balance - beginning	67,871	67,871	-
Fund Balance - ending	$ 67,871	$ 87,422	$ 19,551

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City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – Gas Tax Fund

For the year ended September 30, 2019	Original & Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues			
Taxes	$ 66,700	$ 71,798	$ 5,098
Intergovernmental	38,000	42,352	4,352
Investment earnings	400	995	595
Total revenues	105,100	115,145	10,045
Expenditures			
Debt service			
Principal	40,000	45,000	(5,000)
Interest	19,545	18,425	1,120
Total expenditures	59,545	63,425	(3,880)
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	45,555	51,720	6,165
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers out	(22,753)	-	22,753
Net change in fund balance	22,802	51,720	28,918
Fund Balance - beginning	363,308	363,308	-
Fund Balance - ending	$ 386,110	$ 415,028	$ 28,918

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City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Funds

September 30, 2019	Water and Sewer Board	Rescue Squad	Non-Major Fund Industrial Development Board	Total
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 692,908	$ 130,816	$ 55,821	$ 879,545
Receivables, net	140,832	205,146	-	345,978
Unbilled revenue	34,363	-	-	34,363
Prepaid expenses	30,100	-	-	30,100
Total current assets	898,203	335,962	55,821	1,289,986
Non-current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents restricted for customer deposits	97,125	-	-	97,125
Capital assets, not being depreciated	70,707	-	-	70,707
Capital assets being depreciated, net	8,374,074	167,379	-	8,541,453
Total non-current assets	8,541,906	167,379	-	8,709,285
Total assets	9,440,109	503,341	55,821	9,999,271
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred outflows related to pension	75,543	33,176	-	108,719
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Short-term debt	315,915	-	-	315,915
Accounts payable	24,040	9,738	-	33,778
Due to other funds	54,300	-	-	54,300
Other accrued expenses	22,150	5,867	-	28,017
Notes payable - current	149,144	-	-	149,144
Customer deposits	97,125	-	-	97,125
Total current liabilities	662,674	15,605	-	678,279
Noncurrent liabilities				
Net pension liability	157,164	76,844	-	234,008
Notes payable, net of current portion	514,042	43,738	-	557,780
Total noncurrent liabilites	671,206	120,582	-	791,788
Total liabilities	1,333,880	136,187	-	1,470,067
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred inflows related to pension	112,144	68,686	-	180,830
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	7,465,680	167,379	-	7,633,059
Unrestricted	603,948	164,265	55,821	824,034
Total net position	$ 8,069,628	$ 331,644	$ 55,821	$ 8,457,093

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2019	Water and Sewer Board	Rescue Squad	Non-Major Fund Industrial Development Board	Total
Operating Revenues				
Charges for services	$ 1,296,162	$ 490,839	$ -	$ 1,787,001
Operating Expenses				
Personnel services	305,463	333,789	-	639,252
Contractual services	9,487	1,204	-	10,691
Utilities	159,473	7,166	-	166,639
Repairs and maintenance	240,989	60,196	-	301,185
Other supplies and expenses	53,957	60,109	72	114,138
Insurance claims and expenses	114,416	14,765	-	129,181
Depreciation	365,551	45,423	-	410,974
Total operating expenses	1,249,336	522,652	72	1,772,060
Operating Income (Loss)	46,826	(31,813)	(72)	14,941
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)				
Interest income	4,395	159	56	4,610
Miscellaneous revenue	71,309	10,669	-	81,978
Interest expense	(28,804)	(1,489)	-	(30,293)
Total non-operating revenues	46,900	9,339	56	56,295
Change in net position	93,726	(22,474)	(16)	71,236
Net Position - beginning of year	7,975,902	354,118	55,837	8,385,857
Net Position - ending	$ 8,069,628	$ 331,644	$ 55,821	$ 8,457,093

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City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2019	Water and Sewer Board	Rescue Squad	Non-Major Fund Industrial Development Board	Total
Cash Flows From Operating Activities				
Receipts from customers and users	$ 1,278,194	$ 540,592	$ -	$ 1,818,786
Payments to suppliers	(580,258)	(151,818)	(72)	(732,148)
Payments to employees	(347,698)	(337,515)	-	(685,213)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	350,238	51,259	(72)	401,425
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Line of credit draws	315,915	-	-	315,915
Proceeds from the issuance of debt	-	50,000	-	50,000
Principal payments on long-term debt	(144,337)	(6,262)	-	(150,599)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(28,804)	(1,489)	-	(30,293)
Purchase of capital assets	(402,631)	(113,500)	-	(516,131)
Other receipts	71,309	10,669	-	81,978
Net cash provided by (used in) capital and related financing activities	(188,548)	(60,582)	-	(249,130)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Interest received	4,395	159	56	4,610
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash	166,085	(9,164)	(16)	156,905
Cash and Cash Equivalents - beginning	623,880	139,980	55,837	819,697
Cash and Cash Equivalents - ending	$ 789,965	$ 130,816	$ 55,821	$ 976,602
Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to the Statement of Net Position				
Cash and cash equivalents - current assets	$ 692,908	$ 130,816	$ 55,821	$ 879,545
Cash and cash equivalents - noncurrent assets	97,125	-	-	97,125
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	$ 790,033	$ 130,816	$ 55,821	$ 976,670

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City of Geneva, Alabama
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds (Continued)

For the year ended September 30, 2019	Water and Sewer Board	Rescue Squad	Non-Major Fund Industrial Development Board	Total
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities				
Operating income (loss)	$ 46,826	$ (31,813)	$ (72)	$ 14,941
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	365,551	45,423	-	410,974
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and unbilled revenue	(22,540)	49,753	-	27,213
Decrease in prepaid expenses	2,856	-	-	2,856
Decrease in due to other governments	(960)	-	-	(960)
Decrease in accounts payable	(685)	(7,959)	-	(8,644)
Increase in customer deposits	4,640	-	-	4,640
Ddecrease in net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows	(42,303)	(3,726)	-	(46,029)
Decrease in accrued expenses	(3,147)	(419)	-	(3,566)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	$ 350,238	$ 51,259	$ (72)	$ 401,425

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Geneva, Alabama (the "City") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies used by the City are described below.

Reporting Entity

The City is a municipal corporation governed by an elected mayor and City Council. As required by GAAP, these financial statements present the City and its component units, entities for which the City is considered to be financially accountable. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are, in substance, part of the primary government's operations. Thus, blended component units are appropriately presented as funds of the primary government. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government – wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the City.

In evaluating the City as a reporting entity, management has considered all potential component units in accordance with Section 2100: *Defining the Financial Reporting Entity* of the GASB Codification.

Discretely Presented Component Units

Geneva City Board of Education - The Geneva City Board of Education (the "BOE") is responsible for education within the government's jurisdiction. The members of the Board are appointed by the mayor and City Council. The Board is also financially dependent upon the government.

Public Building Authority - The Public Building Authority owns the Department of Human Resources Building of Geneva County that is leased to the State of Alabama. Members of the Public Building Authority's Board are appointed by the City Council.

Complete financial statements for the BOE may be obtained at the BOE's administrative office. Separate financials are not issued for the Public Building Authority.

Blended Component Units

The Geneva Water and Sewer Board (the "Water and Sewer Board"), the Geneva Rescue Squad (the "Rescue Squad"), and Industrial Development Board of the City of Geneva (the "Industrial Development Board") serve all citizens of the government. The Water and Sewer Board is governed by a board appointed by the City Council. The Water and Sewer Board's rates for user charges and bond issuance authorizations are approved by the City Council and the legal liability for the general obligation portion of the Water and Sewer Board's debt remains with the City. The Water and Sewer Board, the Rescue Squad, and Industrial Development Board are reported as proprietary funds.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The basic financial statements consist of the government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements.

Government-wide financial statements, comprised of the statement of net position and the statement of activities, report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues are classified into three categories: charges for services, operating grants and contributions, and capital grants and contributions. Charges for services refer to direct recovery from customers for services rendered. Grants and contributions refer to revenues restricted for specific programs whose use may be restricted further to operational or capital items. The general revenues section displays revenues collected that helps support all functions of government and contribute to the change in the net position for the fiscal year.

The fund financial statements follow and report additional and detailed information about operations for major funds individually and nonmajor funds in the aggregate for governmental funds. A reconciliation is provided that converts the results of governmental fund accounting to the government-wide presentations.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period, considered to be sixty days for property taxes and ninety days for all other revenue. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

The following are reported as major governmental funds:

General Fund - This is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Grant Programs - A capital project fund used to account for state and federal grant activity.

Gas Tax Fund - A special revenue fund used to account for the gas tax revenue designated to finance highway and street construction and repair.

The City reports the following major proprietary funds:

Water and Sewer Board - Accounts for the operation of the water and sewer system.

Rescue Squad - Accounts for the operation of the rescue squad.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. The City reports the Water and Sewer Board and the Rescue Squad as proprietary and enterprise funds. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating revenues of the Water and Sewer Board are charges to customers for water sales, sewer services and other miscellaneous services. The principal operating revenues for the Rescue Squad are billings to individuals for ambulatory services. Operating expenses for the enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

In applying the susceptibility-to-accrual concept to intergovernmental revenues, the legal and contractual requirements of the numerous individual programs are used as guidance. There are, however, essentially two types of these revenues. In one, monies must be expended for the specific purpose or project before any amounts will be paid to the City; therefore, revenues are recognized based upon the expenditures recorded. In the other, monies are virtually unrestricted as to purpose of expenditure and substantially irrevocable; i.e., revocable only for failure to comply with prescribed compliance requirements, such as with equal employment opportunity. These resources are reflected as revenues at the time of receipt or earlier if they meet the availability criterion.

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the City.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's water and sewer functions and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Investments

The City's investments are limited to certificates of deposit carried at amortized cost and a joint venture with other municipalities in Geneva County in a gas distribution district reported using the equity method.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories for all governmental funds are valued at average cost. The purchase method is used to account for inventories. Under the purchase method, inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased; however, material amounts of inventories are reported as assets of their respective funds. Reported inventories in these funds are equally offset by a fund balance reserve, which indicates the assets are unavailable for appropriation even though they are a component of reported assets.

Certain payments to vendors reflect cost applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds financial statements, expenditures are recognized when the available financial resource is expended.

Interfund Activity

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

Restricted Assets

Certain assets of the City are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position because their use is limited by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation; or by restrictions imposed externally by creditors, grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Special restricted asset accounts have been established to account for the sources and uses of these limited use assets as follows:

Customer deposit accounts – Deposited in non-interest bearing accounts and refunded upon termination of service with the Water and Sewer Board and satisfaction of all obligations due.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts and provisions for credit losses are charged to income in amounts sufficient to maintain the allowance at a level considered adequate to cover current losses. All governmental fund receivables are deemed collectible except court cost and fines which are reported net of an allowance of 65% of unpaid balances. Rescue Squad receivables in excess of 90 days comprise the proprietary funds accounts receivable allowance for uncollectible accounts. All outstanding Water and Sewer Board receivables at year end are considered collectible. Water and Sewer Board accounts receivable are written off on an individual basis in the year they are deemed uncollectible. Unbilled revenues are recognized at the end of each fiscal year and combined with accounts receivable for financial statement reporting. Unbilled revenues are based on the usage incurred in September and billed, during October following the close of the fiscal year.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the City as assets with an initial, individual cost of $5,000 for equipment and $25,000 for buildings and land with an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation. The City did not report infrastructure acquired prior to October 1, 2003.

The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government, as well as the component unit, are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20 - 50 years
Improvements	7 - 30 years
Equipment	3 - 20 years
Water and sewer system	25 - 50 years

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Compensated Absences

The City allows employees to accumulate vacation and sick leave up to certain limits for use in subsequent periods. Upon termination of employment, an employee receives payment of accumulated vacation hours up to certain limits at current wage rates. All leave is accrued when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method.

Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

The City has two items that qualify for reporting in this category, deferred outflow related to OPEB and deferred outflow related to pension. A deferred outflow related to OPEB results from differences between expected, actual, and experience and a change in assumptions. A deferred outflow related to pension results from pension contributions related to normal and accrued employer liability (net of any refunds or error service payments) subsequent to the measurement date.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The City has three items that qualify for reporting in this category, unearned property taxes, deferred inflows related to pension, and deferred inflows related to OPEB. A deferred inflow related to pension or OPEB results from the net difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments and is amortized over five years beginning with the year in which the difference occurred.

Net Position/Fund Balance

Net position is reported on the government-wide financial statements and is required to be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following net position categories:

- *Net investment in capital assets* – Component of net position that consists of the historical cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt should also be included in this component of net position.

- *Restricted* – Component of net position that consists of assets that are restricted by contributors, contractual provisions (such as debt covenants), or enabling legislation, reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. The City's restricted net position as reported in the statement of net position consist of cash and investments which are restricted for: debt service, fire department, highways and streets and library.

- *Unrestricted* – This component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows or resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted components of net position.

Fund balances are reported in the fund financial statements in two major categories: nonspendable and spendable.

Nonspendable fund balances are balances that cannot be spent because they are not expected to be converted to cash or they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. In addition to the nonspendable fund balance, spendable fund balances are reported based on the following hierarchy of spending constraints:

Restricted – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions, charter requirements or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Committed – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the City Council, the highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through ordinances or resolutions approved by the City Council.

Assigned – For the General Fund, amounts constrained for the intent to be used for a specific purpose by the City Council. For all governmental funds other than the general fund, any positive remaining amounts not classified as nonspendable, restricted or committed.

Unassigned – All accounts not included in other spendable classifications.

The authority to establish, modify, or rescind a committed or assigned fund balance rests with the City Council and these actions are accomplished through an adopted resolution. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the City's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the spendable fund balance classifications could be used, it is the City's policy to use committed funds first, then assigned and finally unassigned.

Property Tax Calendar

In Alabama, City property taxes are levied by the County Commission at its first regular meeting in February of each year based on the property on record as of the preceding October 1. The taxes are due the following October 1 and delinquent after December 31st. Taxes levied in fiscal year 2019 for the 2020 budget year have been recorded as a receivable and deferred inflows related to property taxes.

Pensions

The City participates in the Retirement System of Alabama. The Employees' Retirement System of Alabama (the "Plan") financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized as revenues when earned, pursuant to the plan requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Expenses are recognized when the corresponding liability is incurred regardless of when the payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value. Financial statements are prepared in accordance with requirements of the GASB. Under these requirements, the Plan is considered a component unit of the State of Alabama and is included in the State's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB")

For purposes of measuring total OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, the economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting are utilized. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could vary from estimates used.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, November 20, 2020. See Note 16 for relevant disclosures. No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In fiscal year 2019, the City adopted three new statements of financial accounting standards issued by the GASB:

- Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations* (GASB 83)
- Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, Including Direct Borrowings And Direct Placements* (GASB 88)
- Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Date of Certain Authoritative Guidance* (GASB 95)

GASB 83 establishes standards of accounting and financial reporting requirements for legally enforceable liabilities associated with the retirement of certain tangible capital assets. State and local governments that have legal obligations to perform future asset retirement activities related to its tangible capital assets should recognize a liability based on the regulation of GASB 83. The requirements of GASB 83 are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. GASB 83 had no impact on the City's financial statements.

GASB 88 defines debt for purposes of disclosure in notes to financial statements as a liability that arises from a contractual obligation to pay cash (or other assets that may be used in lieu of cash) in one or more payments to settle an amount that is fixed at the date the contractual obligation is established.

Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

GASB 88 requires that additional essential information related to debt be disclosed in notes to financial statements, including unused lines of credit; assets pledged as collateral for the debt; and terms specified in debt agreements related to significant subjective acceleration clauses. GASB 88 also requires that existing and additional information be provided for direct borrowings and direct placements of debt separately from other debt. The requirements of GASB 88 are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. GASB 88 had no impact on the City's financial statements.

GASB 95 extends the effective date of certain account and financial reporting provisions in Statements and Implementation Guides that were first effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. The requirements of GASB 95 are effective immediately and apply to the financial statements of all state and local governments. The primary objective of GASB 95 is to provide temporary relief to governments and other stakeholders in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pronouncements Issued But Not Yet Effective

The GASB has issued the following pronouncements that may affect future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or financial presentation of the City upon implementation. Management has not yet evaluated the effect of implementation of these standards.

GASB Statement No.	GASB Accounting Standard	Effective Fiscal Year
84	*Fiduciary Activities*	2020
87	*Leases*	2021
89	*Accounting for Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*	2021
90	*Majority Equity Interests – An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*	2020
91	*Conduit Debt Obligations*	2022
92	*Omnibus 2020*	2021
93	*Replacement of Interbank Office Rates*	2023
94	*Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Requirements*	2023
96	*Subscription-based Information Technology Arrangements*	2023
97	*Certain Component Unit Criteria and Accounting and Financial Reporting for Internal Revenue Code Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plans*	2022

Note 2: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

Each year, formal budgets are legally adopted and amended as required by the City Council for the general fund and major special revenue funds. Management can approve transfers within government function categories only. Transfers of appropriations or revisions between government function categories require the approval of the City Council. The level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the government function category level. Budgets for the governmental funds are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP.

Excess Expenditures over Appropriations

The General Fund actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by $7,149. The excess was funded with additional revenues.

The Gas Tax Fund actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by $3,880. The excess was funded with additional revenues.

Note 3: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the City will not be able to cover deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City's deposits at year-end were entirely covered by federal deposit insurance or by the Security for Alabama Funds Enhancement Program (SAFE Program). The SAFE Program was established by the Alabama Legislature and is governed by the provisions contained in the *Code of Alabama 1975*, Sections 41-14A-1 through 41-14A-14.

Under the SAFE Program, all public funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the Alabama State Treasurer's Office. Under this program, financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that financial institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). If the securities pledged fail to produce adequate funds, every institution participating in the pool would share the liability for the remaining balance.

The City and its component units maintain deposits only with a "Qualified Public Depository" as defined by Section 41-14A-2 Code of Alabama 1975. In the event of default by a "Qualified Public Depository", public deposits in excess of FDIC insurance limits will be repaid by liquidating collateral pledged to the SAFE Program by the bank in default. The liability for any remaining public deposits will be shared by all other "Qualified Public Depositories" participating in the SAFE Program.

Note 3: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Concentration of Credit and Interest Rate Risks

Though the City has no formal investment policy addressing concentrations of credit and interest rate risks, it has limited its exposure to both as noted below. Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributable to the quality of the government's investment in a single issuer. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect the fair value of an investment.

The City has limited its credit risk by investing in certificates of deposit fully guaranteed by the FDIC and the SAFE program and limited its interest rate risk by investing in securities with an original maturity of one year or less.

Investments

The City's liquid investments consist of certificates of deposit with original maturities of more than three months from the date of acquisitions and are carried at amortized cost. In addition to its liquid investments, the City, along with other municipalities in Geneva County, Alabama, invested in the Geneva County Gas District ("Gas District"). Details of the Gas District investment, which is accounted for using the equity method, are detailed below. At September 30, 2019, the City held the following investments:

		Fair Value		
Investment Type	Maturities 0-1 Year	Governmental Activities	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds
Certificates of deposit	$ 170,048	$ 170,048	$ 104,146	$ 65,902
Joint venture	N/A	951,652	534,687	-
Total investments		$ 1,121,700	$ 638,833	$ 65,902

The Gas District is engaged in the business of sales and transport of natural gas to the residents of the four cities and profits are distributed to each city prorated based on the cubic feet of gas sold in each City. In fiscal year 2019, the City received $183,469 as a distribution of profits from the Gas District.

The City's allocation of the Gas District earnings are reported in the statement of activities and statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance as investment earnings.

In the government-wide statement of net position, the City reports its equity interest of $951,652 as an investment in joint venture. Only the portion of the City's share of the equity associated with non-capital net assets is reported as an investment in joint venture in the governmental funds, which was $534,687 at September 30, 2019.

Note 3: CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Condensed financial statements for the Gas District for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2019 are as follows:

Total current assets	$	1,778,192
Net property and equipment		1,608,907
Total assets	$	3,387,099
Total current liabilities	$	426,605
Other liabilities		50,180
Total liabilities		476,785
Net position		2,910,314
Total liabilities and net position	$	3,387,099
Total utility operating revenues	$	2,104,651
Total operating expenses		1,670,018
Operating income		470,633
Total nonoperating revenues		15,601
Change in net position		486,234
Net position - beginning		2,804,404
Deduct: distributions		380,324
Net position - ending	$	2,910,314
Net cash provided (used) by:		
Operating activities	$	561,291
Capital and related financing activities		(448,736)
Investing activities		3,408
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	$	115,963

Note 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, NET

Accounts receivable, net at September 30, 2019 consist of the following:

	General Fund	Grant Programs	Other Governmental Funds	Enterprise Funds	Total Primary Government
Taxes	$ 651,936	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 651,936
Accounts	99,658	-	-	1,438,825	1,538,483
Grants	-	36,244	-	-	36,244
Fines	493,496	-	-	-	493,496
Unbilled revenue	-	-	-	34,363	34,363
Gross receivable	1,245,090	36,244	-	1,473,188	2,754,522
Less: allowance for doubtful	(320,772)	-	-	(1,092,847)	(1,413,619)
Receivables, net	$ 924,318	$ 36,244	$ -	$ 380,341	$ 1,340,903

Uncollectible accounts charged against revenue for the year ended September 30, 2019 totaled $356,138 for the Rescue Squad and $0 for the Water and Sewer Board.

Note 5: INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances are generally used to meet cash demands necessary to pay operating expenditures. Interfund balances at September 30, 2019 consist of the following:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Water and Sewer Board	$ 57,794
General Fund	Grant Programs	33,039
Total		$ 90,833

Transfers to/from other funds at September 30, 2019 consist of the following:

Fund Transfer From	Fund Transfer To	Amount
General	Grant Programs	$ 480,939
Grant Programs	General	416,298
T-Hangar	Airport Improvement	1,678
General	Non-major Governmental	20,650
Total		$ 919,565

Note 5: INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS (Continued)

Transfers from the general fund to the grant programs fund are to meet grant matching requirements. Transfers from the general fund and to nonmajor governmental fund are for general operating expenses.

Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2019 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Primary Government				
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	$ 1,754,518	$ -	$ -	$ 1,754,518
Construction in progress	35,000	33,318	26,250	42,068
Total capital assets not being depreciated	$ 1,789,518	$ 33,318	$ 26,250	$ 1,796,586
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	$ 5,916,690	$ 72,142	$ -	$ 5,988,832
Equipment and vehicles	2,920,086	83,493	-	3,003,579
Infrastructure	3,098,199	492,166	-	3,590,365
Total capital assets being depreciated	11,934,975	647,801	-	12,582,776
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	2,314,211	127,757	-	2,441,968
Equipment and vehicles	1,940,248	289,055	-	2,229,303
Infrastructure	392,896	159,967	-	552,863
Total accumulated depreciation	4,647,355	576,779	-	5,224,134
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	$ 7,287,620	$ 71,022	$ -	$ 7,358,642
Business-type Activities:				
Water and Sewer Board				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 70,707	$ -	$ -	$ 70,707

Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	$ 53,418	$ 402,631	$ -	$ 456,049
Improvements other than buildings	14,256,291	-	-	14,256,291
Equipment	1,451,403	-	-	1,451,403
		-		
Total capital assets being depreciated	15,761,112	402,631	-	16,163,743
Total accumulated depreciation	7,424,118	365,551	-	7,789,669
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	$ 8,336,994	$ 37,080	$ -	$ 8,374,074
Rescue Squad				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	$ 4,800	$ -	$ -	$ 4,800
Equipment and vehicles	492,416	113,500	-	605,916
Total capital assets being depreciated	497,216	113,500	-	610,716
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	4,800	-	-	4,800
Equipment and vehicles	393,114	45,423	-	438,537
Total accumulated depreciation	397,914	45,423	-	443,337
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	$ 99,302	$ 68,077	$ -	$ 167,379
Component Units:				
Public Building Authority				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 3,000	$ -	$ -	$ 3,000
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	$ 3,174,567	$ -	$ -	$ 3,174,567
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	450,654	77,296	-	527,950
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	$ 2,723,913	$ 77,296	$ -	$ 2,646,617
Geneva City Board of Education				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land and land improvements	$ 112,785	$ -	$ -	$ 112,785
Construction in progress	1,775,948	4,101,067	-	5,877,015
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	$ 1,888,733	$ 4,101,067	$ -	$ 5,989,800

Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	$ 13,817,160	$ 19,113	$ (275,116)	$ 13,561,157
Equipment and vehicles	1,379,427	165,024	(203,172)	1,341,279
Total capital assets, being depreciated	15,196,587	184,137	(478,288)	14,902,436
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	6,296,444	317,622	(233,587)	6,380,479
Equipment and vehicles	1,139,671	100,636	(203,172)	1,037,135
Total accumulated depreciation	7,436,115	418,258	(436,759)	7,417,614
Total other capital assets, net	7,760,472	(234,121)	(41,529)	7,484,822
Total capital assets, net	$ 9,649,205	$ 3,866,946	$ 41,529	$ 13,474,622

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities	
General government	$ 190,125
Public safety	141,034
Highways and streets	159,858
Culture and recreation	37,596
Sanitation	27,694
Education	6,371
Welfare	14,101
Total	$ 576,779
Business-type Activities	
Water and Sewer Board	$ 365,551
Rescue Squad	45,423
Total	$ 410,974

Note 7: DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Governmental Activities:	General Fund
Deferred Inflows – Unearned Property Taxes – Property taxes are levied by the County Commission in February of each year based on property on record as of the preceding October 1. The enforceable legal claim exists as of October 1 preceding the February meeting of the County Commission. The actual billing and collection of these taxes will occur subsequent to year-end.	$ 371,038

Note 8: SHORT-TERM DEBT

Short-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2019, follows:

Business-type Activities:

	Balance 10/01/18	Borrowings	Repayment	Balance 9/30/19
Line of credit	$ -	$ 315,915	$ -	$ 315,915

On April 10, 2019, the Water and Sewer Board executed an unsecured non-revolving line of credit in the amount of $1,455,000 with an annual interest rate of 4.50% fixed. Repayment will be monthly, interest only, with the principal due in twelve months. Line of credit is to finance system improvements.

Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT

Changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended September 30, 2019 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Bonds payable	$ 996,250	$ -	$ (74,000)	$ 922,250	$ 74,000
Notes payable from direct borrowings	411,557	-	(146,136)	265,421	113,733
Total	$ 1,407,807	$ -	$ (220,136)	$ 1,187,671	$ 187,733
Business-type Activities					
Notes payable from direct borrowings	$ 807,523	$ 50,000	$ (150,599)	$ 706,924	$ 149,144
Component Unit – Public Building Authority					
Bonds payable	$ 2,705,000	$ -	$ (150,000)	$ 2,555,000	$ 155,000
Component Unit – Geneva City Board of Education					
Bonds payable	$ 370,000	$ -	$ (345,000)	$ 25,000	$ 25,000
Unamortized discount	(120,187)	-	5,287	(114,900)	(5,287)
Unamortized premiuim	257,355	-	(8,602)	248,753	8,602
QZAB 2014-A	699,999	-	(66,667)	633,332	66,667
2018 G.O. Warrants	9,460,000	-	-	9,460,000	75,000
Notes payable from direct borrowings	325,087	-	(77,990)	247,097	80,274
Total	$ 10,992,254	$ -	$ (492,972)	$ 10,499,282	$ 250,256

Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Governmental Activities:

Governmental activities, claims, obligations, and compensated absences are generally liquidated by the General Fund. Long-term debt payable at September 30, 2019 is comprised of the following issues:

	Principal Balance
2005 General Obligation Warrants – The City issued $200,000 of General Obligation Bonds in 2005 to finance the construction of a new fire station. These bonds carry the full faith and credit of the City with principal and interest payable annually on August 1. The bonds have a stated interest rate of 4.125%.	$ 148,000
2008 General Obligation Warrants – The City of Geneva issued $224,250 in General Obligation Bonds in 2008 to finance the construction of a new airport hangar. These bonds carry the full faith and credit of the City with principal and interest payable annually on January 1. These bonds have a stated interest rate of 4.5%.	154,250
Friend Bank Note Payable – In 2015, the City obtained a loan with Friend Bank in the amount of $500,000 to fund the purchase of equipment. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.25%. Principal and interest are due monthly in the amount of $8,144. At year-end, the City had drawn down $410,950 of the $500,000 loan and expects to drawdown the remaining balance in the following year. Collateralized with equipment.	124,145
Samson Bank Note Payable – During 2017, the City obtained a loan with Samson Bank in the amount of $16,500 to refinance a fire truck. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 2.09%. Principal and interest are due monthly in the amount of $244. The note payable is collateralized with equipment.	10,345
2010 General Obligation Warrants – In 2010, the City issued $3,675,000 in General Obligation Bonds, which carry the full faith and credit of the city for the benefit of the City and the Geneva City Board of Education. The Geneva Board of Education received $2,575,000 of the bond proceeds and the City used the remaining $1,100,000 to refund certain long term indebtedness. The Geneva City Board of Education entered into a funding agreement with the City for repayment of their portion of the bonds. In the primary government financial statements, the City only reports activity related to the $1,100,000 portion of the bond proceeds received by the City. Activity for the remaining $2,575,000 is reported by the Geneva City Board of Education, a component unit of the City. Principal is payable annually on August 1 and interest is payable semiannually on August 1 and February 1.	620,000

Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Samson Bank Note Payable – During 2018, the City obtained a loan with Samson Bank in the amount of $183,000 to purchase a fire truck. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.340%. Principal and interest are due monthly in the amount of $1,796.16. The note payable is collateralized with equipment.	130,931
	$ 1,187,671

Principal and interest maturities of the governmental activities general obligation warrants and notes payable are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest
2020	$ 187,773	$ 42,886
2021	124,015	37,885
2022	101,236	34,349
2023	105,918	30,767
2024	105,577	26,817
2025-2029	435,942	70,632
2030-2034	105,250	13,272
2035-2039	22,000	536
Totals	$ 1,187,671	$ 257,144

Business-type Activities

Samson Bank Note Payable – During 2019, the City obtained a loan with Samson Bank in the amount of $50,000 to purchase a fire truck. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.853%. Principal and interest are due monthly in the amount of $775.10. The note payable is collateralized with equipment.	$ 43,738
Note Payable – State Bank and Trust – In 2012, the Geneva Water and Sewer Board obtained a loan with State Bank and Trust in the amount of $1,583,849. Proceeds from the loan were utilized to expand and upgrade the City's water and sewer systems. Principal and interest are due monthly in the amount of $14,200 including interest at 3.5%. This note is unsecured and is due to be repaid on December 15, 2023.	663,186
Totals	$ 706,924

Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Principal and interest maturities of the business-type activities notes payable are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	Notes Payable Principal	Interest
2020	$ 156,893	$ 22,809
2021	162,637	17,065
2022	168,527	11,174
2023	174,633	5,069
2024	42,401	454
2025-2029	1,833	11
Totals	$ 706,924	$ 56,582

Component Unit – Public Building Authority

2010 Revenue Bond – In 2010, the Public Building Authority issued $3,475,000 in Revenue Bonds to construct a building for the Department of Human Resources that is leased to the State of Alabama. Principal is payable annually on May 1 beginning in 2013 and interest is payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1 beginning in 2011.	$ 2,555,000

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the Public Building Authority Bonds payable are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	$ 155,000	$ 108,678	$ 263,328
2021	160,000	103,485	263,485
2022	165,000	97,725	262,725
2023	170,000	91,125	261,125
2024	180,000	84,325	264,325
2025-2029	1,005,000	303,155	1,308,155
2030-2034	720,000	67,575	787,575
Total	$ 2,555,000	$ 856,068	$ 3,411,068

Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Component Unit – Geneva City Board of Education

2010 General Obligation Warrants – The City issued $3,675,000 in General Obligation Bonds that carry the full faith and credit of the City for the benefit of the City and the BOE. The BOE received $2,575,000 of the bonds and the City received $1,100,000. The BOE entered into a funding agreement with the City for repayment of their portion of the bonds. Principal is payable annually on August 1 and interest is payable semiannually on August 1st and February 1st.	$ 25,000
Note Payable Bank of the Ozarks – The BOE signed a promissory note in the amount of $750,000 with interest at the rate of 2.80% annum on June 30th. The proceeds of the note were used to make energy saving improvements at the schools. Payment is due annually in the amount of $87,164 for a period of ten years with the final payment due on July 1, 2022.	247,097
2010 General Obligation Warrants – The City issued $9,460,000 in General Obligation Bonds that carry the full faith and credit of the City for the benefit of the City and the BOE. The BOE received $9,460,000 of the bonds. The BOE entered into a funding agreement with the City for repayment of BOE Warrants from tax revenues pledged by the BOE to the City. The warrants mature on August 1 in the years 2020 through 2040, 2043, and 2048. The maturing bonds have interest rates ranging from 3.00% to 4.00%	9,460,000
Series 2014-A Qualified Zone Academy Project School Tax Warrants – During the year ended September 30, 2014, the BOE borrowed $1,000,000 from the Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program. The funds will be used to renovate and repair school buildings and to purchase equipment under the jurisdiction and control of the BOE. The warrant bears interest at .78%. Principal and interest are due quarterly.	633,332
Unamortized premiums/discounts, net	133,853
Total	$ 10,499,282

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the BOE's portion of the 2010 General Obligation Warrants are payable as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	$ 25,000	$ 6,750	$ 31,750

Note 9: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for notes payable for the BOE are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	$ 80,724	$ 6,890	$ 87,164
2021	82,521	4,643	87,164
2022	84,302	2,332	86,634
Total	$ 247,097	$ 13,865	$ 260,962

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the 2018 General Obligation Warrants for the BOE are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	$ 75,000	$ 357,673	$ 432,673
2021	75,000	355,422	430,422
2022	75,000	353,173	428,173
2023	170,000	350,922	520,922
2024	175,000	345,823	520,823
2025 - 2029	995,000	1,643,863	2,638,863
2030 - 2034	1,550,000	1,413,162	2,963,162
2035 - 2039	1,880,000	1,077,562	2,957,562
2040 - 2044	2,295,000	669,763	2,964,763
2045 - 2048	2,170,000	201,297	2,371,297
Total	$ 9,460,000	$ 6,768,660	$ 16,228,660

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the Series 2014-A Qualified Zone Academy Project School Tax Warrants for the BOE are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	$ 66,667	$ 4,745	$ 71,412
2021	66,667	4,225	70,892
2022	66,667	3,705	70,372
2023	66,667	3,185	69,852
2024	66,667	2,665	69,332
2025 – 2029	299,997	5,558	305,555
Total	$ 633,332	$ 24,083	$ 657,415

Note 10: PLEDGED REVENUES

The Public Building Authority pledged future net leasing revenues to service the 2010 revenue bonds. Proceeds from the bonds were used for the leased building's construction. Principal and interest on the bond are payable through 2032, and solely from the revenues and receipts from the leasing of the building. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total customer net revenues were $263,328 and $263,396, respectively.

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN

City of Geneva & Geneva Water and Sewer Board

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan description. The Employees' Retirement System of Alabama ("ERS"), an agency multiple-employer plan, was established October 1, 1945 under the provisions of Act 515 of the Legislature of 1945 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other specified benefits for state employees, State Police, and on an elective basis, to all cities, counties, towns and quasi-public organizations. The responsibility for the general administration and operating of ERS is vested in its Board of Control. The ERS Board of Control consists of 13 trustees. The Plan is administered by the Retirement Systems of Alabama ("RSA"). Title 36-Chapter 27 of the Code of Alabama grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms to the ERS Board on Control. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.rsa-al.gov.

The ERS Board of Control consists of 13 trustees as follows:

1) The Governor, ex officio.
2) The State Treasurer, ex officio.
3) The State Personnel Director, ex officio.
4) The State Director of Finance, ex officio.
5) Three vested members of ERS appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, no two of whom are from the same department of state government nor from any department of which an ex officio trustee is the head.
6) Six members of ERS who are elected by members from the same category of ERS for a term of four years as follows:
   a. Two retired members with one from the ranks of retired state employees and one from the ranks of retired employees of a city, county or a public agency each of whom is an active beneficiary of ERS.
   b. Two vested active state employees.
   c. Two vested active employees of an employer participating in ERS pursuant to §36-27-6.

Benefits provided. State law establishes retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits and any ad hoc increase in postretirement benefits for the ERS. Benefits for ERS members vest after 10 years of creditable service. State employees who retire after age 60 (52 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 years of service (regardless of age) are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Local employees who retire after age 60 with

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

10 years or more of creditable service or with 25 or 30 years of service (regardless of age), depending on the particular entity's election, are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 2.0125% of their average final compensation (highest 3 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.875% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Act 377 of the Legislature of 2012 established a new tier of benefits (Tier 2) for members hired on or after January 1, 2013. Tier 2 ERS members are eligible for retirement after age 62 (56 for State Police) with 10 years or more of creditable service and are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life. Service and disability retirement benefits are based on a guaranteed minimum or a formula method, with the member receiving payment under the method that yields the highest monthly benefit. Under the formula method, Tier 2 members of the ERS (except State Police) are allowed 1.65% of their average final compensation (highest 5 of the last 10 years) for each year of service. State Police are allowed 2.375% for each year of State Police service in computing the formula method.

Members are eligible for disability retirement if they have 10 years of credible service, are currently in-service, and determined by the RSA Medical Board to be permanently incapacitated from further performance of duty. Preretirement death benefits are calculated and paid to the beneficiary on the member's age, service credit, employment status and eligibility for retirement.

The ERS serves approximately 905 local participating employers. As of September 30, 2018, membership consisted of the following:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	24,818
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	1,426
Terminated employees not entitled to a benefit	7,854
Post-DROP participants who are still in active service	141
Active members	56,760
Total	90,999

As of September 30, 2018, the City's membership consisted of:

Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	16
Terminated employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	2
Terminated employees not entitled to a benefit	7
Active members	51
Total	76

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Contributions. Covered members of the ERS contributed 5% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute until September 30, 2011. From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, covered members of the ERS were required by a statute to contribute 7.25% of earnable compensation. Effective October 1, 2012, covered members of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7.50% of earnable compensation. Certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS contributed 6% of earnable compensation as required by statute until September 30, 2011.

From October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS were required by statute to contribute 8.25% of earnable compensation.

Effective October 1, 2012, certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 8.50% of earnable compensation. State Police of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation. ERS local participating employers are not required by statute to increase contribution rates for their members.

Tier 2 covered members of the ERS contribute 6% of earnable compensation to the ERS as required by statute. Tier 2 certified law enforcement, correctional officers, and firefighters of the ERS are required by statute to contribute 7% of earnable compensation. Tier 2 State Police members of the ERS contribute 10% of earnable compensation. These contributions rates are the same for Tier 2 covered members of ERS local participating employers.

The ERS establishes rates based upon an actuarially determined rate recommended by an independent actuary. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with additional amounts to finance any unfunded accrued liability, the pre-retirement death benefit and administrative expenses of the Plan.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the City's active employee contribution rate was 5% of covered employee payroll for normal Tier 1 employees and 6% of covered employee payroll for normal Tier 2 employees, and the City's average contribution rate to fund the normal and accrued liability costs was 7.34% of covered employee payroll for Tier 1 employees and 3.73% of covered employee payroll for Tier 2 employees.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Water and Sewer Board's active employee contribution rate was 5% of employee payroll for normal Tier 1 employees and 6% of employee payroll for normal Tier 2 employees, and the Water and Sewer Board's average contribution rate to fund the normal and accrued liability costs was 18.28% of employee payroll for Tier 1 employees and 13.61% for Tier 2 employees.

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

The City's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2019 was 7.71% of pensionable pay for Tier 1 employees, and 5.29% of pensionable pay for Tier 2 employees. These required contribution rates are based upon the actuarial valuation dated September 30, 2015, a percent of annual pensionable payroll, and actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the City were $98,630 for the year ended September 30, 2019.

The Water and Sewer Board's contractually required contribution rate for the year ended September 30, 2019 was 19.44% of pensionable pay for Tier 1 employees, and 14.48% of pensionable pay for Tier 2 employees. These required contribution rates are based upon the actuarial valuation dated September 30, 2016, a percent of annual pensionable payroll, and actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with member contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Total employer contributions to the pension plan from the Water and Sewer Board were $44,232 for the year ended September 30, 2019.

Net Pension Liability

The City's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as September 30, 2017 rolled forward to September 30, 2018 using standard roll-forward techniques as shown in the following table:

	Expected	Actual	Actual
(a) TPL as of September 30, 2017	$ 4,967,425	$ 5,000,196	$ 5,027,722
(b) Discount rate	7.75%	7.75%	7.70%
(c) Entry Age Normal Cost for the period October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	118,998	118,998	120,063
(d) Transfers Among Employers	-	(8,151)	(8,151)
(e) Actual Benefit Payments and Refunds for the period October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	(198,193)	(198,193)	(198,193)
(f) TPL as of September 30, 2018 = [(a) x (1+(b))] + (c) + (d) + [(e) x (1 + 0.5*(b))]	$ 5,265,525	$ 5,292,685	$ 5,320,945
(g) Difference between Expected and Actual:		$ 27,160	
(h) Less Liability Transferred for Immediate recognition:		(8,151)	
(i) Experience (Gain)/Loss = (g) - (h)		$ 35,311	
(j) Difference between Actual at 7.70% and Actual at 7.75%: [Assumption Change (Gain)/Loss]			$ 28,260

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

The Water and Sewer Board's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as September 30, 2017 rolled forward to September 30, 2018 using standard roll-forward techniques as shown in the following table:

	Expected	Actual	Actual
(a) TPL as of September 30, 2017	$ 1,202,624	$ 1,141,345	$ 1,175,243
(b) Discount rate	7.75%	7.75%	7.70%
(c) Entry Age Normal Cost for the period October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	18,343	17,373	18,343
(d) Transfers Among Employers	-	-	7,053
(e) Actual Benefit Payments and Refunds for the period October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018	(46,569)	(42,887)	(46,569)
(f) TPL as of September 30, 2018 = [(a) x (1+(b))] + (c) + (d) + [(e) x (1 + 0.5*(b))]	$ 1,265,797	$ 1,202,624	$ 1,234,347
(g) Difference between Expected and Actual:		$ (22,450)	
(h) Less Liability Transferred for Immediate recognition:		7,053	
(i) Experience (Gain)/Loss = (g) - (h)		$ (29,503)	
(j) Difference between Actual (2017 Assumptions) and Actual (2018 Assumptions): Assumption Change (Gain)/Loss			$ 3,571

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2018 was determined based on the annual actuarial funding valuation report prepared as of September 30, 2017. The key actuarial assumptions are summarized as follows:

Inflation	2.75%
Salary increases	3.25% - 5.00%
Investment rate of return*	7.70%

* Net of pension plan investment expense

Mortality rates were based on the sex distinct RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table Projected with Scale BB to 2020 with an adjustment of 125% at all ages for males and 120% for females at ages on and after age 78. The rates of mortality for the period after disability retirement are according to the sex distinct RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table Projected with Scale BB to 2020 with an adjustment of 130% at all ages for females.

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an investigation of the economic and demographic experience for the ERS based upon participant data as of September 30, 2016. The Board of Control accepted and approved these changes in September 2017, which became effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2017.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are as follows:

	Long-Term Target Allocation	Expected Rate of Return*
Fixed income	17.00%	4.40%
U.S. large stocks	32.00%	8.00%
U.S. mid stocks	9.00%	10.00%
U.S. small stocks	4.00%	11.00%
International developed market stocks	12.00%	9.50%
International emerging market stocks	3.00%	11.00%
Alternatives	10.00%	10.10%
Real estate	10.00%	7.50%
Cash equivalents	3.00%	1.50%
Total	100.00%	

*Includes assumed rate of inflation of 2.75%

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was the long-term rate of return, 7.70%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that the employer contributions will be made in accordance with the funding policy adopted by the ERS Board of Control.

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Changes in Net Pension Liability

City of Geneva:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Position Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at September 30, 2017	$ 4,967,425	$ 4,290,610	$ 676,815
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	118,998	-	118,998
Interest	377,295	-	377,295
Changes of assumptions	28,260	-	28,260
Differences between expected and actual experience	35,311	-	35,311
Contributions - employer	-	98,630	(98,630)
Contributions - employee	-	83,654	(83,654)
Net investment income	-	395,970	(395,970)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(198,193)	(198,193)	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-
Transfers among employers	(8,151)	(8,151)	-
Net changes	353,520	371,910	(18,390)
Balances at September 30, 2018	$ 5,320,945	$ 4,662,520	$ 658,425

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following table presents the City's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.70%, as well as what the City's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.70%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.70%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.70%)	Current Rate (7.70%)	1% Increase (8.70%)
City's net pension liability	$ 1,277,339	$ 658,425	$ 133,927

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Geneva Water and Sewer Board:

	Increase (Decrease)		
	Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Position Liability (a) - (b)
Balances at September 30, 2017	$ 1,202,624	$ 981,419	$ 221,205
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	18,343	-	18,343
Interest	91,399	-	91,399
Changes of assumptions	3,571	-	3,571
Differences between expected and actual experience	(29,503)	-	(29,503)
Contributions - employer	-	42,894	(42,894)
Contributions - employee	-	13,355	(13,355)
Net investment income	-	91,602	(91,602)
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(46,569)	(46,569)	-
Administrative expense	-	-	-
Transfers among employers	7,053	7,053	-
Net changes	44,294	108,335	(64,041)
Balances at September 30, 2018	$ 1,246,918	$ 1,089,754	$ 157,164

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following table presents the Board's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.70%, as well as what the Board's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.70%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.70%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.70%)	Current Rate (7.70%)	1% Increase (8.70%)
Water and Sewer Board's net pension liability	$ 235,090	$ 157,164	$ 90,168

Pension plan fiduciary net position. Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued RSA Comprehensive Annual Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. The supporting actuarial information is included in the GASB Statement No. 68 Report for the ERS prepared as of September 30, 2018. The auditor's report dated August 17, 2019 on the Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position by Employer and accompanying notes is also available. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at www.rsa-al.gov.

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

City of Geneva:

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the City recognized pension expense of $104,501. At September 30, 2019, the City reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions of the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 63,632	$ 66,291
Changes of assumptions	123,302	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	150,769
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	93,049	-
Total	$ 279,983	$ 217,060

$93,049 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to the pension plan resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ended September 30, 2020.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:	
2020	$ 16,331
2021	(30,639)
2022	(22,220)
2023	(2,710)
2024	5,139
Thereafter	(3,973)

Geneva Water and Sewer Board:

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Water and Sewer Board recognized pension expense of $1,997. At September 30, 2019, the Board reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions of the following sources:

Note 11: EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 383	$ 77,475
Changes of assumptions	30,928	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	34,669
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	44,232	-
Total	$ 75,543	$ 112,144

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended September 30:	
2020	$ (13,440)
2021	(23,621)
2022	(20,413)
2023	(11,700)
2024	(8,611)
Thereafter	(3,048)

Note 12: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (OPEB)

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description – The City provides certain continuing health care benefits for two grandfathered retired employees. The City's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the City. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the City. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASB Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit.*

Benefits Provided – Medical benefits are provided through a comprehensive insured medical benefit plan. The plan provisions are contained in the official plan documents. Medical benefits are provided to employees upon actual retirement. Retirement eligibility provisions are as follows: 25 years of service at any age; or, age 60 and 10 years of service (called "Tier I members). Employees hired on and after January 1, 2013 (called "Tier II" members) are eligible to retire only after attainment of age 62 or later completion of 10 years of service.

Note 12: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (OPEB) (Continued)

Employees covered by benefit terms – At September 30, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	4
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	41
	45

Total OPEB Liability

The City's total OPEB liability of $884,837 was measured as of September 30, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the September 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5% annually
Salary increases	3.0% annually including inflation
Discount rate	4.18% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC)
	2.66%, annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)
Healthcare trend	Flat 5.5% annually until Medicare eligibility; flat 3.0% thereafter

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of September 30, 2019, the end of the applicable measurement period. Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Table. The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2019.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at September 30, 2018	$ 80,858
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	10,602
Interest	3,601
Changes of benefit terms	615,456
Differences between expected and actual experience	49,230
Changes in assumptions	134,416
Benefit payments and net transfers	(9,326)
Net changes	803,979
Balance at September 30, 2019	$ 884,837

Note 12: POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION (OPEB) (Continued)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (1.66%) or 1-percentage-point higher (3.66%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (1.66%)	Current Discount Rate (2.66%)	1.0% Increase (3.66%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 1,000,584	$ 884,837	$ 788,910

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the City, as well as what the City's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Trend (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 794,449	$ 884,837	$ 992,274

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the City recognized OPEB expense of $637,925. At September 30, 2019, the City reported deferred outflows of resources of $168,342 and no deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB.

OPEB expense for the year ended September 30, 2019 is calculated as follows:

Service cost	$ 10,602
Interest cost at 4.18%	3,601
Changes in assumptions	11,201
Changes in assumptions: prior years	(4,636)
Changes of benefit terms	615,456
Difference between expected and actual experience	4,102
Difference between expected and actual experience: prior years	(2,401)
Total OPEB expense for the year	$ 637,925

Note 13: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Bond Guarantee - The City has signed a funding agreement dated November 1, 2008 with the Geneva County Health Care Cooperative District ("District") and a corporate trustee with respect to a bond funding agreement with the District. This agreement obligates the City to pay to the Trustee, for the account of the District, an amount not to exceed $150,000 annually as principal and interest on the bonds in the event the District is unable to pay the scheduled debt service. The term of the agreement coincides with the amortization period of the bonds.

Grants - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time although the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Note 14: RISK MANAGEMENT AND LITIGATION

The City is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City has obtained coverage from commercial insurance companies, effectively transferring any risk of loss.

Note 15: SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Cash paid for interest for the year ended September 30, 2019 was $28,804.

Note 16: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In March 2020, the World Health Organization made the assessment that the outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) can be characterized as a pandemic. As a result, uncertainties have arisen that may have a significant negative impact on the operating activities and results of the City. The occurrence and extent of such an impact will depend on future developments, including (i) the duration and spread of the virus, (ii) government quarantine measures, (iii) voluntary and precautionary restrictions on travel or meetings, (iv) the effects on the financial markets, and (v) the effects on the economy overall, all of which are uncertain.

City of Geneva, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability – City

September 30,	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability					
Service cost	$ 118,998	$ 121,207	$ 110,297	$ 114,342	$ 94,799
Interest	377,295	361,075	341,424	316,385	305,563
Transfers among employers	(8,151)	(18,112)	4,311	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	35,311	(52,764)	(55,560)	87,974	-
Changes of assumptions	28,260	-	187,214	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(198,193)	(206,025)	(186,887)	(224,533)	(305,649)
Net change in total pension liability	353,520	205,381	400,799	294,168	94,713
Total pension liability - beginning	4,967,425	4,762,044	4,361,245	4,067,077	3,972,364
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 5,320,945	$ 4,967,425	$ 4,762,044	$ 4,361,245	$ 4,067,077
Plan Fiduciary Net Position					
Contributions - employer	$ 98,630	$ 105,307	$ 126,456	$ 112,324	$ 100,564
Contributions - member	83,654	79,613	77,088	69,371	62,140
Net investment income	395,970	489,241	354,010	40,893	371,927
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	(198,193)	(206,025)	(186,887)	(224,533)	(305,649)
Transfers among employers	(8,151)	(18,112)	4,311	(1,467)	137,624
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	371,910	450,024	374,978	(3,412)	366,606
Plan net position - beginning	4,290,610	3,840,586	3,465,608	3,469,020	3,102,414
Plan net position - ending (b)	$ 4,662,520	$ 4,290,610	$ 3,840,586	$ 3,465,608	$ 3,469,020
Net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	$ 658,425	$ 676,815	$ 921,458	$ 895,637	$ 598,057
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.63%	86.37%	80.65%	79.46%	85.30%
Covered payroll*	$ 1,711,767	$ 1,668,057	$ 1,397,185	$ 1,253,890	$ 1,085,240
Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered payroll	38.46%	40.58%	65.95%	71.43%	55.11%

*Employer's covered payroll during the measurement period is the total payroll paid to covered employees (not just pensionable payroll). For FY 2019, the measurement period is October 1, 2017 - September 2018.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years and additional years will be presented as they become available.

City of Geneva, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Employer Contributions – City

September 30,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution*	$ 93,049	$ 98,225	$ 97,331	$ 129,568	$ 117,429
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution*	93,049	98,225	97,331	129,568	117,429
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll**	$ 1,856,209	$ 1,711,767	$ 1,668,057	1,397,185	1,253,890
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	5.01%	5.74%	5.83%	9.27%	9.37%

*The amount of employer contributions related to normal and accrued liability components of employer rate net of any refunds or error service payments. The Schedule of Employer Contributions is based on twelve month period of the underlying financial statements.

**Employer's covered payroll for FY2019 is the total covered payroll for the twelve month period of the underlying financial statements.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years and additional years will be presented as they become available.

Notes to Schedule

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Contributions for fiscal year 2019 were based on the September 30, 2016 actuarial valuation.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates for the period October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age
Amortization method	Level percent closed
Remaining amortization period	26.1 years
Asset valuation method	Five year smoothed market
Inflation	2.875%
Salary increases	3.375 - 5.125%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.875%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

City of Geneva, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability – Geneva Water and Sewer Board

September 30,	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability					
Service cost	$ 18,343	$ 17,373	$ 13,790	$ 13,631	$ 10,983
Interest	91,399	89,906	87,452	83,221	79,460
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(29,503)	(43,286)	(37,300)	1,403	-
Changes of assumptions	3,571	-	47,799	-	-
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee	(46,569)	(42,887)	(46,754)	(43,974)	(42,887)
Transfers among employees	7,053	-	-		
Net change in total pension liability	44,294	21,106	64,987	54,281	47,556
Total pension liability - beginning	1,202,624	1,181,518	1,116,531	1,062,250	1,014,694
Total pension liability - ending (a)	$ 1,246,918	$ 1,202,624	$ 1,181,518	$ 1,116,531	$ 1,062,250
Plan Fiduciary Net Position					
Contributions - employer	$ 42,894	$ 47,593	$ 58,143	$ 50,222	$ 51,876
Contributions - member	13,355	13,647	11,830	10,648	10,934
Net investment income	91,602	110,356	77,741	8,751	77,372
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee	(46,569)	(42,887)	(46,754)	(43,974)	(42,887)
Transfers among employers	7,053	-	-	(6,074)	-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	108,335	128,709	100,960	19,573	97,295
Plan net position - beginning	981,419	852,710	751,750	732,177	634,882
Plan net position - ending (b)	$ 1,089,754	$ 981,419	$ 852,710	$ 751,750	$ 732,177
Net pension liability (asset) - ending (a) - (b)	$ 157,164	$ 221,205	$ 328,808	$ 364,781	$ 330,073
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total	87.40%	81.61%	72.17%	67.33%	68.93%
Covered payroll*	$ 251,393	$ 258,576	$ 233,505	$ 219,742	$ 219,248
Net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of covered	62.52%	85.55%	140.81%	166.00%	150.55%

*Employer's covered payroll during the measurement period is the total covered payroll. For FY 2019, the measurement period is October 1, 2017 - September 2018.

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City of Geneva, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Employer Contributions – Geneva Water and Sewer Board

September 30,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Actuarially determined contribution*	$ 44,232	$ 43,810	$ 48,523	$ 58,961	$ 50,222
Contributions in relation to the actuarially determined contribution*	44,232	43,810	48,523	58,961	50,222
Contribution deficiency (excess)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Covered payroll**	$ 275,481	$ 251,393	$ 258,576	$ 233,505	$ 219,742
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	16.06%	17.43%	18.77%	25.25%	23.25%

*Amount of employer contributions related to normal and accrued liability components of employer rate net of any refunds or error service payments. The Schedule of Employer Contributions is based on the underlying financial

**Employer's covered payroll for FY 2019 is the total covered payroll for the 12 month period of the underlying financial statements.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years and additional years will be presented as they become available.

Notes to Schedule

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30, three years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Contributions for fiscal year 2018 were based on the September 30, 2015 actuarial valuation.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry Age
Amortization method	Level percent closed
Remaining amortization period	10.5 years
Asset valuation method	Five year smoothed market
Inflation	2.875%
Salary increases	3.375% – 5.125%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.875%, net of pension plan investment expense, including Inflation

City of Geneva, Alabama
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Changes in OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

September 30,	2018	2019
Total OPEB Liability		
Serive cost	$ -	$ 10,602
Interest	3,265	3,601
Changes of benefit terms	-	615,456
Differences between expected and actual experience	(2,401)	49,230
Changes of assumptions	(4,636)	134,416
Benefit payments	(5,317)	(9,326)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(9,089)	803,979
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	89,947	80,858
Total OPEB Liability - ending	$ 80,858	$ 884,837
Covered-employee payroll	$ -	$ 1,299,961
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.00%	68.07%

Notes to Schedule

Benefit Changes. There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended September 30. 2019.

Changes of Assumptions. The discount rate as of 9/30/2018 was 4.18% and it changed to 2.66% as of September 30, 2019.

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

City of Geneva, Alabama
Combining Balance Sheet-Nonmajor Governmental Funds

September 30, 2019	Library	Levee Project	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 17,114	$ 11,043	$ 28,157
Investments	65,902	-	65,902
Total assets	$ 83,016	$ 11,043	$ 94,059
Liabilities and Fund Balances			
Accounts payable	$ 3,264	$ -	$ 3,264
Fund balances			
Committed	79,752	11,043	90,795
Total liabilities and fund balances	$ 83,016	$ 11,043	$ 94,059

City of Geneva, Alabama
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Nonmajor Governmental Funds

For the year ended September 30, 2019	Library	Levee Project	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues			
Miscellaneous	$ 14,629	$ -	$ 14,629
Expenditures			
Culture and recreation	34,929	-	34,929
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(20,300)	-	(20,300)
Other Financing Sources			
Transfers in	20,650	-	20,650
Net change in fund balances	350	-	350
Fund Balances - beginning	79,402	11,043	90,445
Fund Balances - ending	$ 79,752	$ 11,043	$ 90,795

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
City of Geneva, Alabama

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Geneva, Alabama (the "City") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Enterprise, Alabama
November 20, 2020

Council Member Lee stated he would like for the Mayor to contact Geneva's State Senator and Representative regarding the eligibility of purchasing an ambulance with coronavirus relief funds.

Council Member Lee expressed his concerns regarding health and safety and stated he would like to see the City establish health protocols such as room sanitizing, temperature checks and required masks for meetings and City gatherings.

Council Member Bixby informed Council he had been contacted by a constituent expressing safety concerns at city meetings and gatherings. He stated that he felt Council Member Lee had summed up the constituent's concerns and had adequately addressed measures to help address these concerns.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the speed bumps for his district.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the protocol for installing street lights. He stated he would like to see the pick-up policy for garbage addressed in regards to business pick-up and pick-up for the handicap.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 10, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a work session on December 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Council discussed coronavirus relief funds and policies and procedures for picking up garbage.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2020
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on December 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of November 23, December 7 and 10, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed bids for a new ambulance under the coronavirus relief fund and set a special meeting for 11:00 a.m. on December 23, 2020, to review bids and make an award.

Council Member Gillespie moved to solicit bids or quotes for a new security camera system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a price and purchase a used vehicle from the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Lee abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie requested a street light be installed in front of the Community Center on N. Iris Street.

Council discussed a shooting incident at Riverside Apartments.

Council Member Colman spoke on nuisance complaints on Johnson Street and Purvis Avenue.

Mayor Hayes reported on meetings regarding economic development he has been involved with.

Attorney Gray reported on the process of creating and enforcing a nuisance ordinance and reported on his progress with amending the current ordinance.

Council Member Fountain moved to amend the Manning Document to increase the starting salary after probation to $14.50 per hour for the position of mechanic. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on purchase of additional garbage cans and sidewalk and drainage projects. He requested a budget amendment to purchase a new air compressor. Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the purchase of a new air compressor and amend the budget in the amount of $3,500.00 with funds coming from the half cent sales tax bank account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee asked Street Superintendent Brewer to look into a solution with dirt washing into the church parking lot on S. Morris Street.

Council Member Lee moved to install speed bumps on Earl Minshew Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee presented a letter of request from Ms. Sheronda McIntyre regarding lot #39 in the Herring Subdivision. Mr. Lee explained she was a resident of Baptist Bottom during the buyout program. Council Member Lee moved to allow Ms. McIntyre moved to obtain lot #39 in Herring Subdivision with stipulations that she build or locate a mobile home on the lot within two (2) years of approval, that once a dwelling is located on the lot she must occupy the dwelling for five years before she will receive clear title to the property and if either stipulation is not met she will have no further claim to the lot or future lots. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Coleman abstaining.

Council Member Lee requested the minutes reflect the passing of former police officer Tim McReynolds.

Council Member McCoy requested a street light at 911 E. Highland Avenue. He moved to install speed bumps on Deer Street and Pinecrest Circle. Council Member Tidwell seconded the motion which carried by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie addressed the policy and procedures for picking up trash and items placed on right-of-way.

Council Member Fountain moved to install speed bumps on Morris Street between High and Register Avenues. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman stated he feels the cost of speed bumps and the number of speed bumps being requested is going to have impacts on the budget. He said he would like to see some of the request prioritized.

Council Member Coleman moved to obtain a price for asphalt speed bumps. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman discussed cleaning out a pipe on Hillcrest Avenue and requested the street superintendent to look at water run-off at 601 N. Hillcrest Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2020
11:00 A.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on December 23, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Tidwell gave the invocation.

Bids under Bid Number 20-12-01 providing for an ambulance were publically opened. Only one bid was received and is as follows:

SERVS (Southern Emergency & Rescue Vehicle Sales, LLC)

Ambulance Unit Price	$134,424.00
Delivery	$ 1,400.00
Stryker Performance Load	$ 5,560.00
Total	$141,384.00

The requirement to deliver the unit on or before December 30, 2020, was discussed with the company's representative that was in attendance.

Council Member Tidwell moved to award the bid for a new ambulance to SERVS in the amount of $141,384.00, contingent upon meeting the conditions and specifications of the bid including delivery deadlines. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on January 4, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. 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 and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of December 21 and 23, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gisespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

Council received and discussed a coronavirus relief fund report.

Mayor Hayes stated he wanted to appoint a committee to review personnel policies. He stated the City Clerk and City Attorney would be on the committee and asked Council Member Gillespie to be the Chairperson. Mayor Hayes then asked for volunteers from the Council to serve on the committee. Council Members Fountain and Coleman volunteered.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize a budget amendment up to $500.00 for a body camera for the nuisance officer in the Clerk's office with funds coming from the ½ cent sales tax account for equipment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Hayes reported on the truck purchase from the Water Board and ordinance updates.

City Clerk Johnson reported on FEMA disaster assistance and the LWCF project.

City Attorney Gray reported on a rehab effort for a city inmate, court functions and ordinance revisions.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on new housing construction.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on holiday garbage schedule, speed bumps, garbage cans and cleanup of decorations at the Junction.

Police Chief Clemmons reported on police activity.

Council Member Coleman reported his nuisance complaint from last meeting is in process. He also reported on a dog complaint he has received.

Council Member Fountain stated he has been contacted by the owner of a mobile home park in town about a restriction on living in travel trailers/motor homes in town. Clerk Johnson stated the last amendment to the mobile home ordinance did remove the restriction in mobile home parks.

Council Member Fountain reported ATVs are driving on the sides of the levee near the entrance to Fowler Park and something needs to be done to prevent damage to the levee.

Council Member Bixby asked if statistics on wrecks on Hwy 52 in front of Spikes Wholesale is available. He informed Council now that the holidays are over he will begin to pursue the issue of internet coverage with SPECTRUM again.

Council Member Gillespie stated she has been contacted by citizens wanting the City to operate an animal shelter. She also asked about the possibility of having ordinances published online.

Council Member McCoy stated he would like to see sewer ran to the DEVCO area.

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

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Attorney Gray led the pledge of allegiance and Council Member Fountain gave the invocation.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 4, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining and Council Member Lee having not arrived at this point in the meeting.

Council Member Lee arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Hayes informed Council there has been a rat infestation at the dog pound. He stated the building needed repairs and renovations to help control access by rodents. He stated the estimated cost for the work is approximately $2,500.00. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the expenditure with the Mayor overseeing the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes informed Council the Geneva County E-911 Board is upgrading its radio system used by emergency, utility and public works departments. The cost to the City would be approximately $3,600.00 per year plus the cost to purchase five mobile radios and ten handheld radios for the fire department and one mobile radio for the street department. The City would have to sign a five year contract with E-911.

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize entering into a contract with the Geneva County E-911 Board to utilize the services of the new radio system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes and Street Superintendent Brewer informed Council the lids on City garbage cans were interchangeable. Rather than buy different colored cans for customers participating in

the two can pick up a different color lid could be used as identification. This would be a big savings to the City. Superintendent Brewer stated 100 new cans would still need to be purchased to replace cans that are beyond repair.

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the purchase of 100 new cans and 200 new lids in a different color. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council the City could receive a premium discount on insurance if the City renewed its policy with its current carrier the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for a three year period. She stated the City could still cancel at any time put would have to reimburse the discount received.

Council Member Lee moved to renew the City's insurance policy with the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation for a three year period. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

Mayor Hayes reported he will be attending a dinner hosted by the Director of ADECA and he hopes to make contacts and express needs of the City. He also reported on cleanup efforts, interviews for the foreman position in the street department, restaurants interested in locating in Geneva, and some changes to code enforcement that have been recommended by the risk management division of the City's insurance company.

City Clerk Johnson presented and reviewed a report on tax received from the Rebuild Alabama Act for FY 19-20.

Attorney Gray reported on ordinance revisions. He also reviewed the process for being able to serve draft beer in response to a request from Council Member Tidwell.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on speed bump requests and cleaning of ditches around town.

Police Chief Clemmons gave a statistical report on police operations. He informed Council he needs five new laptops for his department.

Rescue Director Campbell reported the new ambulance should be on schedule for delivery.

Geneva County Emergency Management Director Eric Johnson reported on a countywide grant through the CDBG program. He also presented information on countywide Covid vaccinations.

Council Member Coleman informed Council one of the three street lights request on Highland Street was not placed on the pole nearest to where he requested and therefore was no providing light in the area it was needed. Building Inspector Wuest explained how Alabama Power determined where to place lights and stated he would contact them to see if the light could be moved and obtain a price.

Council Member Coleman questions why some citizens were being charged sewer when they were not connect to the line. Council Member Lee and City Clerk Johnson responded to the question.

Council Member Coleman stated he wants Council to take up the issue of twice per week pickup for businesses. He proposed an additional $30.00 per month charge. He asked that this item be placed for discussion on the next workshop agenda.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the status of the street light requested for Morris Street. Building Inspector Wuest stated he would check on the status.

Council Member Gillespie asked about getting Christmas lights and decorations taken down on Commerce Street and Town Avenue. She reported a complaint she had received about junk and debris in the alley behind business on Commerce Street and Town Avenue.

Council Member Lee inquired about the status of the speed bumps on Earl Minshew Street. Street Superintendent Brewer stated they have been purchased and will be installed shortly.

Mayor Hayes called for an executive session. City Attorney Gray stated an executive session was in order as the subject for discussion could result in legal action being taken by the City.

Council Member Gillespie moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nays: None

Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Coleman

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously and executive session began at 7:28 p.m. All Council Members, City Clerk Johnson and City Attorney Gray attended executive session.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn executive session. Mayor Hayes called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nays: None

Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee

Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Coleman

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to adjourn executive session carried unanimously and executive session adjourned and regular session resumed at 7:51 p.m.

No announcement was made following executive session.

Council Member Lee moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Council adjourned regular session at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on February 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, Ryan Tidwell, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was absent. Also present were City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 19, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Council Member Tidwell and Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes requested a workshop be set to discuss ordinance revisions that had been done by Attorney Gray. After discussion, the workshop was scheduled for Tuesday, February 9th at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall. An update was given on the dog pound improvements that were discussed at the January 19th meeting. Mayor Hayes stated that siding, eves, fascia board, rafters, and roofing had all be repaired or replaced and that dog food had been placed in bins to help with the rodent infestation. All work was completed and came in under the budget that had been approved.

Mayor Hayes stated that the levee project that had been done two years ago was completed but that no generator had ever been purchased. He explained to fulfill the city's grant requirement that one would have to be purchased.

Council Member Tidwell made a motion to approve beginning the process to send out bids for a generator and to give the Mayor permission to handle the process and any negotiations to determine the best solution. The motion was seconded my Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes introduced Mr. Hunter Ward who had a proposal for the city to handle yard debris. Mr. Ward stated that he owns a small sawmill business that generates waste, but not enough to justify purchasing the equipment needed to produce mulch. He explained that if the city wanted to enter into a contract with him he would accept up to 200 tons per month of yard waste and charge the city $20/ton to dispose. Mr. Ward stated that he had spoken with Hawk Farm Supply and they were willing to weigh the trucks and he would bill based on weight. The council thanked him for his time and stated that the subject would be discussed at an upcoming workshop.

Mayor Hayes announced that the new ambulance had arrived. Council Member Lee asked if the city had met all the requirements to get reimbursed by the State of Alabama. Attorney Gray stated that he had spoken with them and that because the ambulance purchase had been pre-approved that the $141,384.00 would be coming back to the city, with the remainder of the funds possibly coming in the months ahead.

Mayor Hayes gave an update on various projects taking place around the city. He stated that dead trees had been removed along Commerce Street and all Christmas decorations had been removed downtown. He invited all Council Members to attend the Career Tech proclamation signing on February 11, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Geneva High School Auditorium. He informed the council that there was a collapse on Campbell Street that will have to be repaired.

Mayor Hayes reported that he had met with officials in Montgomery and around the Wiregrass that wanted to help in any way that they could. He stated that there were lots of ideas shared, but some may have to be delayed due to soccer fields. He also updated on a meeting that he had with Dare to Hope, an organization that is building a facility in Dothan for training women who have been removed from human trafficking situations.

Attorney Gray reminded the council that city court would be held on February 8, 2021 for plea day, and on February 22, 2021 for trials. He thanked Council for setting the workshop and said he would go into as much detail as they wanted to explain the new ordinances.

Building Inspector Wuest reported that a building permit had been issued for a T-Mobile tower on Goose Hollow Road at the Alabama Power substation and that All-In Credit Union would be opening a satellite location at the old AT & T location on Maple Avenue. He also stated that there would be a tour taken with the contractor for Alabama Power to see which street lights needed to be adjusted or moved to a different location.

Police Chief Clemmons gave a statistical report on police operations.

Chamber President Lori Shortt asked the council for guidance for future events, such as the Easter egg hunt and Easter sunrise service. She was told to proceed with both events.

Council Member Lee stated that there was a problem with a sewer line at the new Geneva County Jail that was being repaired by the water department.

Council Member Tidwell stated that sign up for baseball and softball was about to start for the Geneva Recreation Department.

Council Member Fountain stated that he had gotten several complaints about the dip in the road on Choctaw Street, stating that he did not know if it was a water or sewer issue. He also said he had gotten complaints about bicycle riders on Skyline Avenue that had no reflectors.

Mayor Hayes called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing issues relating to ongoing police investigations.

Council Member Fountain moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing investigative issues. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:
Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Tidwell
Council Member Coleman

Nays: None

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously and executive session began. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray, Police Chief Clemmons and Officer Moore attended the executive session.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. Mayor Hayes called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:
Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Tidwell
Council Member Coleman

Nays: None

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to adjourn executive session carried unanimously and executive session was adjourned and regular session resumed.

No announcement was made following executive session.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Council adjourned regular session.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2021
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a work session on February 9, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council reviewed ordinance revisions prepared by the City Attorney and discussed a proposal for debris disposal.

Work session ended at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on February 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee Freddy McCoy and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Russell Clausell gave the invocation.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 1 and 9, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a three (3) to zero (0) vote with Council Member Bixby and Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell arrived to the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Council Member Bixby discussed the condition of Lakewood Loop. He stated that rock was approved by the prior Council but he has been told that after approval opposition by some residents was made to the former Administration and the project was put on hold. He asked Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allen Brewer to review Lakewood Loop and report back with recommendations on how to improve the condition of the road.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve applications for events and for use of Fowler Park from the Geneva Chamber of Commerce. One application was for an Easter egg hunt and the second application was for a Sunday Sunrise Service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve to amend the budget and approve a capital expenditure purchase for the police in the amount of $18,000.00 with funds coming from the ½ cent sales tax bank account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

Mayor Hayes presented a quarterly financial report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020. Council Member Fountain moved to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

Council Member Coleman raised questions regarding the source and amounts of funding provided to the senior citizens program. He discussed the quality of the meals being provided through SARCOA and the need for improvement.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution ratifying the current millage rate of 12 mills. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A work session was scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2020, in the City Council room at City Hall.

Mayor Hayes reported on cleanup efforts, a proclamation signing for the Geneva High School FBLA and an update on Popeyes Restaurant.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the LWCF conversion project and FEMA reimbursements from Hurrian Sally.

City Attorney Gray reported on finalizing ordinance revisions and that funds have been received for reimbursement on the new ambulance.

Capitan Michael McDuffie gave a statistical report on police department activity in the absence of Chief Clemmons.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on activity and projects for his department.

Council discussed a request from a resident of N. Azalea Street to change the speed limit to 25 mph. Council Member Coleman moved to approve the change in the speed limit. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Cindy Campbell reported on striping for the new ambulance.

Council Member Coleman inquired about a hole on Johnson Street and the status of having it filled in.

Council Member Tidwell requested curbing be placed in the areas where speed bumps were placed on Glendale to help prevent vehicles from driving in citizens yards to avoid the speed bumps. Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer recommended using metal poles.

Council Member Tidwell reported on opening day for the baseball/softball/t-ball season and invited Council to attend.

Mayor Hayes called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing issues relating to potential litigation. He stated no announcement was expected from executive session.

Council Member Tidwell moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing possible litigation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Nays: None
Mayor Hayes	
Council Member Gillespie	
Council Member Fountain	
Council Member Tidwell	
Council Member Coleman	

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously and executive session began at 7:09 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray, and City Clerk Johnson remained for executive session.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Nays: None
Mayor Hayes	
Council Member Gillespie	
Council Member Fountain	
Council Member Tidwell	
Council Member Coleman	

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to adjourn executive session carried unanimously and executive session was adjourned and regular session resumed at 7:33 p.m.

No announcement was made following executive session.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Council adjourned regular session at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2021
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a work session on February 25, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee, Ryan Tidwell, and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council reviewed ordinance revisions prepared by the City Attorney and discussed garbage pick-up.

Work session ended at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on March 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Mayor Hayes recognized Coach Bixby his coaching staff and girls basketball team for reaching the state tournament.

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

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 16 and 25, 2021, with corrections reflecting Council Member Bixby was present at the meeting and typo graphical errors. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Council Members Lee and Tidwell and Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mrs. Donna Buchanan appeared before Council to register complaints on traffic and loud music from vehicles on Trinity Street. She also expressed concerns regarding the blocking of traffic, the view and condition of the intersection by Hayes Garage and the Library.

Mr. Brian Sawyer with Next Step Ministries appeared before Council to introduce himself, his agency and to answer any questions the Council may have.

City Attorney Gray informed Council he will issue a 30 day notice to vacate to the individual who has a mobile home on the property recently purchased on P C Black Road to be used as the limb disposal pit.

Council Member McCoy informed Council he has received requests to open the gates on Westville Avenue behind the City Yard Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 p.m. each day. Council Member McCoy moved to leave the gates opened as stated. Upon discussion and several suggestions, Council Member McCoy amended his motion to move the gate on Highway 27 to approximately 100 yards to west of the other gate located at the levee crossing. The amended motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Council Member Lee and Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes stated it was time for an appointment to the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board. Council Member Tidwell moved to reappoint Council Member Lee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. Council Member Coleman nominated Mr. Toby Seay. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy. There being no further nominations Mayor Hayes called for the vote. Council Members Tidwell and Lee voted for Council Member Lee's reappointment. Council Members McCoy, Gillespie, Bixby, Fountain and Coleman voted for Mr. Toby Seay. Mayor Hayes declared the vote two (2) for Council Member Lee and five (5) for Mr. Seay. Mayor Hayes declared Mr. Toby Seay appointed to the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board.

City Attorney Gray reviewed the process to serve draft beer. Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution requesting passage of a local act to allow for the sale of draft beer in the city limits of Geneva, Alabama. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported he has been in discussion with an attorney that has drafted an ordinance on abandoned houses that has been tested in court. He stated the attorney will release the copy right on the various forms for enforcement and provide training for a cost of $1,700.00 Council Member Tidwell moved authorize the purchase of the forms and training. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on meetings and conference calls with state and local officials regarding the quality of the food and service for meals provided through the senior citizens program. He informed Council he has been working with an engineer on the layout for a proposed park at the old Van Heusen lot and he has been in discussion with private citizens and groups for other joint projects. Mayor Hayes also reported on interest in and possibilities for a disk golf course.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court activity.

Police Chief Clemmons reported on activity for the police department.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer informed Council he has been working on a prototype for a speed bump that could be built with city labor. He informed Council the Fire Chief has requested curbing at the vacant area to the east of the fire station. He reported on the repairs to Lakewood Loop. Superintendent Brewer presented cost for a new knuckle boom truck and pressure jetter.

Council Member Tidwell encouraged Council to attend opening day at Chapman Park on April 10th. He reported the 9 and 10 year old girls' basketball team winning district tournament and advancing to the state tournament.

Council Member Coleman moved to increase the rate for commercial garbage from $20.00 to $30.00 per month for the first can, increase the rate for additional cans from $5.00 per can to $10.00 per can per month, and change the limit on the number of cans from two (2) to four (4) with additional cans requiring purchase. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee.

Council Member Gillespie moved to amend Council Member Coleman's motion to also increase the rate for residential garbage from $15.00 to $20.00 for the first can per month and to remove the charge for picking up trash and white goods making this service part of the monthly fee. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion as amended. Council Member Lee requested the motions be voted on separately.

Council Members Gillespie stated she moved to increase the rate for residential garbage from $15.00 to $20.00 for the first can per month and to remove the charge for picking up trash and white goods making this service part of the monthly fee as a separated motion. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Council Member Coleman's motion. Council Members Coleman, Gillespie, Lee, McCoy, Bixby, Fountain and Coleman voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Tidwell voted against the motion. The motion carried by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Council Member Gillespie's motion. Council Members Gillespie, McCoy, Bixby, Fountain and Coleman voted in favor of the motion. Council Members Tidwell and Lee voted against the motion. The motion carried by a five (5) to two (2) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the regulations on living in a travel type trailer or motor home. He expressed concern with the enforcement of some regulations regarding travel trailers and mobile homes.

Council Member Lee moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Council adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on March 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee and Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Hayes presented the Mayor's Service Award to Officer Carson and Kennedy Parrish for their volunteer work in cleaning up trash along Franklin Avenue.

Council Member Fountain moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 1, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

City Attorney Gray reviewed a contract for disposal of yard debris. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the City entering into the contact as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the purchase of 10 acres of property for the LWCF Soccer Project and three (3) acres of property for the conversion project at the previously negotiated price of $3,000.00 per acer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and briefly reviewed five ordinances that had been previously brought before Council and discussed. Council Member Gillespie introduced and moved to consider the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA;

PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2012-02

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

ORDINACE NUMBER 04-2021-03

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09 DATED THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09A DATED THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09B DATED THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2017-02 DATED THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2017, AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, LEVYING A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, TRASH, DEBRIS AND REFUSE IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF GARBAGE CANS AND TO REGULATE THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE IN SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AS LAST AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-04

BICYCLE ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-05

VEGETATION ORDINANCE

Council Member McCoy seconded the motion for consideration. The motion carried by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on Covid relief funds, a meeting with a company that is interested in garbage collection for the city and meetings with other state and local officials.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for Rural Provider Equipment Grant to purchase three power load stretcher systems for the Geneva Rescue Department and committing funds for twenty-five percent (25%) cost share. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Fountain moved to declare two ambulances no longer needed for public purpose and to authorize their disposal by auction through GovDeals. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray and City Clerk Johnson informed Council the City has the ability to accept credit card payments and discussed the fee cost for using the service. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the acceptance of credit card payments and to pass the four and a half percent (4.5%) or two dollar ($2.00) minimum fee on to the payee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a report on work activity for the past two weeks. He requested the purchase of a pressure jetter machine in the amount of $74,000.00. Council Member McCoy moved to authorize the purchase and to amend the budget with funds being taken from the ½ cent sales tax bank account.

City Attorney Gray informed Council he has prepared an ordinance for changing the speed limit on North Azalea Street by the school. He encouraged each Council Member to review their district for any other needed changes in speed limits so they could be incorporated into one ordnance.

Council Member Gillespie complimented the project of cleaning of street signs.

Council Member Fountain opened discussion on the subject of what is termed "tiny houses". He stated the regulation of such should be written into the City's zoning ordinance and building regulations.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy. Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 5, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on April 5, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 15, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Lee and Tidwell abstaining

Mayor Hayes presented the Mayor's Service Award to Officer Jacob Godwin for his life saving efforts while assisting on a Geneva Rescue call.

Council Member Bixby arrived at 6:04 p.m.

City Attorney Gray gave an overview of the current dog/animal control ordinance and his interpretation of certain language in the ordinance. Council Member Tidwell moved to hold a workshop to discuss the ordinance on April 14th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-01

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT

INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2012-02

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING UNSAFE STRUCTURES AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINACE NUMBER 04-2021-03

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09 DATED THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09A DATED THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09B DATED THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2017-02 DATED THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2017, AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, LEVYING A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, TRASH, DEBRIS AND REFUSE IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF GARBAGE CANS AND TO REGULATE THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE IN SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AS LAST AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and approved by a six (6) to one (1) vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Lee, Gillespie, McCoy, Bixby, Fountain and Coleman. Council Member Tidwell voted against the motion and Mayor Hayes abstained.

Council Member Gillespie moved to table the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-04

BICYCLE ORDINANCE

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

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-05

VEGETATION ORDINANCE

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

Mayor Hayes discussed replacing and upgrading the lights along the walking trail on the levee at an approximate cost of $4,000.00. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes encouraged citizens when using social media, to focus on the positive things about Geneva and help promote our town. He stated that everyone wants to see business locate in Geneva and potential developers may read comments on social media and use them to determining if they want to locate their business here.

City Clerk Johnson reported on receiving the balance of Covid relief funds.

City Attorney Gray gave an update on purchasing the property for the soccer fields and the status of having the person living in a mobile home on City property relocated.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allen Brewer reported on department projects. Council Member Bixby asked about the plan for Lakewood Loop.

Police Chief Clemmons gave a statistical report on the police department.

Council Member Tidwell reported on opening day at Chapman Park. He discussed the intersection of Sunflower and W. Spring Avenue and the possibility of rumble strips. He reported on efforts to form a neighborhood watch in his district.

Council Member Fountain discussed continued issues with speeding on Campbell Avenue and Morris Street. He reported on complaints he had received regarding the noise caused by motorcycles from a group of cyclist that meet regularly in his district.

Council Member Coleman stated there was still a nuisance on property near the school.

Mr. Russell Clausell introduced Mrs. Shelby Danley as the new president of the Geneva Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a special session on April 13, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Fountain gave the invocation.

Attorney Gray stated that at the March 1, 2021, Council meeting an appointment was made to the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board for the expiring term of Mr. Rufus Lee. He stated that a mistake had been made that Mr. Lee's term did not expire until 2023. That since Mr. Lee's term had not expired that the action taken was basically null and void.

Attorney Gray stated he had checked both City and Water and Sewer Board records to verify the terms and expiration dates of members and the 2021 expiring term was for Mr. David Hayes.

Council Member Tidwell moved to reappoint Mr. David Hayes to the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board. 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 Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
APRIL 14, 2021
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on April 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council discussed the City's current dog/animal control ordinance and garbage ordinance.

City Attorney Gray reviewed three resolutions authorizing him to seek Attorney General Opinions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on April 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Bixby moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of April 5 and 15, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of April 13 and14, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining

Geneva County E911 Director, Jeremy Williams, presented a slide show presentation of statistics for the Geneva Police Department for 2020.

Council Member Tidwell arrived at 6:27 p.m.

City Attorney Gray explained that a previously considered garbage ordinance which was placed for adoption at last meeting had corrections relating to the name of the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board and their billing and collection procedures.

Council Member Lee introduced a corrected ordinance as follows:

ORDINACE NUMBER 04-2021-03

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09 DATED THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09A DATED THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2005-09B DATED THE 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014, AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2017-02 DATED THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2017, AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, LEVYING A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE,

TRASH, DEBRIS AND REFUSE IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF GARBAGE CANS AND TO REGULATE THE DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE IN SAID CITY; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AS LAST AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Lee introduced three resolutions authorizing and requesting opinions from the Alabama Attorney General on questions relating to voting on school board appointments, pardoned felons serving as a reserve police officer, and adoption of an ordinance requiring bike registration.

It was moved by Council Member Lee to rescind the previous version of Ordinance 04-2021-03 that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said corrected ordinance and said resolutions, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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 Coleman that Ordinance Number 04-2021-03 as corrected be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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

After a resolution authorizing and requesting an Attorney General's opinion on which Council Members can vote on an appointment for the city school board when employed by the school system had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Tidwell that said resolution be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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

After a resolution authorizing and requesting an Attorney General's opinion on whether a pardoned felon could serve as a reserve police officer had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Tidwell that said resolution be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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

After a resolution authorizing and requesting an Attorney General's opinion on whether the City could adopt an ordinance requiring the registration of bicycles had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Tidwell that said resolution be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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

Mayor Hayes presented and discussed plans to construct a park on the old Van Heusen property. He requested authorization to proceed with a survey on the property. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the Mayor to select a surveyor and have the property surveyed. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize an application by Mike Ezell for use of Robert Fowler Memorial Park to hold a music event honoring Dickey Merritt. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize permits and the use of Robert Fowler Memorial Park for the Geneva Chamber of Commerce to hold a 4th of July parade and event. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize permits and the use of Robert Fowler Memorial Park to the Geneva Chamber of Commerce to hold a Christmas parade and event. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Hayes reported on a project in the City Cemetery, a business prospect, and status of the issue with the meals for the senior citizens program.

A workshop to discuss the dog ordinance was set for April 26th at 4:30 p.m.

City Clerk Johnson reported on FEMA projects and the auction of City equipment.

City Attorney Gray discussed obstructions on Commerce Street, dog issues, a nuisance ordinance on health violations and the purchase of the property for the soccer project.

Police Chief Clemmons discussed opportunities for continuing education hours for his department.

Council Member Bixby expressed appreciation for work on Lakewood and discussed a culvert near the Pridgen property.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
APRIL 26, 2021
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on April 26, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council discussed the proposed dog and cat ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 3, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on May 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of April 19 and 26 , 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council heard from a group of senior citizens who expressed their concerns with the quality of the food being served through a state sponsored program at the Geneva Senior Citizens Center. Mayor Snell with the Town of Taylor was in attendance to express dissatisfaction with similar complaints from his town. Council was joined by Senator Donnie Chesteen, Representative Jeff Sorrells, the Alabama's Senior Citizens Commissioner, the director of SARCOA and representatives of the food supplier, GA Foods, to try to find a solution to the concerns being expressed.

Mayor Hayes, the City Council and Senator Chesteen made their position clear to GA Foods that the current food being served was unacceptable and the City would continue to pursue the issue if it was not corrected in a timely fashion.

Council Member Bixby excused himself at 7:30 p.m.

City Attorney Gray reviewed an ordinance relating to dogs and cats which was developed through various work sessions.

Council Member Tidwell introduced the ordinance as follows:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 05-2021-06

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2013-02 DATED THE 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2013, AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT

OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR DOGS AND CATS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GENEVA; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AS LAST AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Council Member Tidwell 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 ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes Council Member Rufus Lee Council Member Freddy McCoy Council Member Kim Gillespie Council Member Ryan Tidwell Council Member Mike Fountain Council Member Daniel L. Coleman		Council Member Rich Bixby	

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 Fountain that Ordinance Number 05-2021-06 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes Council Member Rufus Lee Council Member Freddy McCoy Council Member Kim Gillespie Council Member Ryan Tidwell Council Member Mike Fountain Council Member Daniel L. Coleman		Council Member Rich Bixby	

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

Council reviewed two contracts with Barge Design Solutions, one for the rehabilitation of taxi lanes and apron at the airport and one for an airport layout plan update. Both projects being funded 100% through airport grants.

Council also reviewed a bid for the taxi lanes and apron rehabilitation project which was publically opened on May 29, 2021 (only one bid received). The bid received was as follows:

Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc. $88,060.00

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the two contracts with Barge Design Solutions and award the bid to the low bidder Ameriseal of Ohio, Inc. in the amount of $88,060.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee requested Ms. Ella M. Felton be given a lot in Herring Subdivision. He explained she was a resident of Baptist Bottom during the buyout program. Council Member Tidwell moved to allow Ms. Ella M. Felton to obtain a lot in Herring Subdivision with stipulations that she build or locate a mobile home on the lot within two (2) years of approval, that once a dwelling is located on the lot she must occupy the dwelling for five years before she will receive clear title to the property and if either stipulation is not met she will have no further claim to the lot or future lots. 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 Tidwell moved to authorize Geneva High School to place signs recognizing seniors in the median along Commerce Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

The Mayor's six month financial report was presented to each Council Member. Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the financials included in the Mayor's report. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the survey for the proposed park on S. Commerce Street and a meeting with the Regional Director of DOT.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the conversion project and the Recreation Foundation.

Attorney Gray reported on the land closing for the soccer project. And informed Council he has requested to review the state contract for providing meals to the senior citizens.

A workshop was scheduled for May 12, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

Lieutenant McDuffie gave a statistical report for the month of April to Council.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on the street light project.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on department projects. He reported on equipment that needs significant repairs or needs to be replaced.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the status of the training and forms for the abandon house ordinance. He expressed concerns over ordinance violation with individuals living in camper trailers, accessory structures and mobile home violations.

Council Member Coleman inquired about open carry at city ball parks He reported noise and dog complaints on Trinity Street and a broken drain cover on Wilson Street. Council Member Colman asked if there was need for a tanker truck for the fire department. He inquired about the sink hole on Pine Avenue and ownership of a grass triangle area not being maintained on Trinity and Purvis. He asked if the Clerk has received a request regarding responsibility of maintenance on a platted unopened area off Valley Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MAY 12, 2021
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on May 12, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell, and Rich Bixby were 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 discussed equipment needs for the City.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 17, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on May 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 3 and 12, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tidwell abstaining.

Council discussed the purchase of two ½ ton 4x4 trucks and one 1-ton flatbed truck for the street and sanitation departments. Superintendent Brewer will research state bid and co-op bid pricing and report back at next meeting. The future need for a knuckle boom truck and a tractor was also discussed.

Council discussed the purchase of turn out gear for the fire department and curbing along the road at the fire station.

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the purchase of four sets of turnout gear for $11,085.00 using funds from the ½ cent sales tax bank account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize curbing at the fire station. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes discussed raising the starting salaries for noncertified officers in training to $14.00 per hour and certified police officers to $16.00 per hour, with one certified officer that is assigned to patrol with six years of service receiving an additional $.40 per hour. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the increase in starting salary. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes informed Council two new beds needed to be purchased for the rescue building. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the purchase. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes discussed rising the starting salaries for paramedics to $16.00 per hour, basic EMTs to $11.00 per hour, advanced EMTs $13.00 per hour and drivers to $11.00 per hour. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the increases. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on a new restaurant locating in Geneva, a possible Sysco expansion, the gas shortage issue and the ID Board and proposed Economic Development Board.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the FEMA disaster project, conversion project and the Recreation Foundation.

City Attorney Gray reported he is updating the housing ordinance, and reviewed ethics opinions for the school board appointment. He informed Council the dog and cat ordinance has been published and is now law.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer Reported on equipment in need of repair and the Lakewood Loop project.

Council Member Gillespie discussed the drainage issue on Liveoak Street.

Council Member Lee said he wanted to publicly state that the Water Works and Sewer Board and the City are working well together. He reported the street department had fixed Forrest Hill Cemetery Road and complimented the job.

Council Member Tidwell reported on signup for football, cheerleading and soccer for the city recreation program.

Council Member Fountain reported on areas where the road is sinking in on Morris Street and Maple Avenue.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the ownership of the creek area in Deerwood estates.

Mayor Hayes called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing issues that could relate to good name and character and could result in possible litigation.

Council Member Coleman moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing issues relating to good name and character and possible litigation. The motion was seconded by

Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:
Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Tidwell
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Coleman

Nays: None

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously and executive session began at 7:43 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray, and City Clerk Johnson remained for executive session.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Mayor Hayes called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:
Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Tidwell
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Coleman

Nays: None

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to adjourn executive session carried unanimously and executive session was adjourned and regular session resumed at 8:30 p.m.

No announcement was made following executive session.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Council adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on June 8, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 17, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allan Brewer presented prices for three new vehicles for his department. Council Member Tidwell moved to purchase two ½ ton 4x4 trucks. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to purchase one 1-ton flatbed truck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member McCoy nominated Mr. Russell Clausell for reappointment to the Geneva City School Board. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on the nomination of Mr. Clausell. Council Members McCoy and Fountain voted for reappointment.

Council Member Lee stated he would like to nominated Ms. Tawanna Marks for appointment. Mr. Lee's nomination failed to get a second.

Mayor Hayes and Council Members Gillespie, Tidwell, Bixby and Coleman abstained from voting on the appointment.

Mayor Hayes stated Mr. Clausell having received two votes was reappointed to the City School Board.

Council Member Lee stated he would like for the record to reflect his frustration. He stated that he has served on the City Council for 33 years this being his 9th term of office. His district is a minority district and that as a representative of the minority community not once, during his time in office, has his recommendation for a minority member to the City School Board been appointed.

Council Member Lee stated the City School Superintendent sent out a letter to the Mayor and some Council Members in support of a candidate for appointment and that he feels this is unethical. He informed Council that he presented this information to the Alabama Ethics Commission and filed a formal complaint.

Mayor Hayes reported on the opening of the Senior Center. He informed Council the survey on the old Van Huesen property is underway and he has been in discussions with the Ward family about a building on Town Avenue that adjoins the property.

Mayor Hayes reported the stage at the Junction needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of $1,200.00. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the repair of the stage. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes also reported that he will be discussing GPS tracking on City vehicles with a representative of Verizon. He inquired if any member of Council would be interested in attending an upcoming Rails to Trails meeting that will address the proposed trail along the old railroad corridor.

City Clerk Johnson presented written reports on the recent equipment auction and FEMA awarded disaster funds. She also reported on the status of funding for fire department equipment through a County sponsored CDBG grant and the status of the soccer project.

City Attorney Gray informed Council of the June court dates and invited Council to attend and observe the court process in the future. He also reported he has received all the forms relating to the new ordinance on unsafe buildings and will be scheduling times for training.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a report on equipment maintenance and status of various projects.

Police Chief Clemmons provided statistics for the police department for the month of May. He informed Council he has requested assistance from the State Game Warden to control an issue with wild pigs off Franklin Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell excused himself at 6:57 p.m.
Council Member Lee excused himself at 7:04 p.m.

Building Inspector Wuest gave an update on the status of street lights that have been requested through Alabama Power.

Council Member Gillespie reported that Franklin Avenue is too narrow and sandy. She requested Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer look at the situation and see if something could be done.

Council Member Coleman stated he would like to discuss the mobile home ordinance at a future workshop.

A workshop was scheduled for Monday, June 14th, at 3:00 p.m.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JUNE 14, 2021
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on June 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member, Ryan Tidwell was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council discussed outstanding debt and collections for rescue bills, updating the ordinance on building inspection fees and nuisance complaint procedures.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 21, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a regular session on June 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Fountain moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of June 8 and 14, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tidwell abstaining.

E911 Director Jeremy Williams appeared before Council to explain and answer any questions regarding a booking software program, Central Square Software. This software will be used by the Sheriff's department and City Police Departments county wide. Director Williams requested Geneva participate in the cost share of the program. The estimated initial cost would be around $20,000.00 with a continuing yearly fee. Council Member McCoy moved to table action until a workshop was scheduled to discuss the issue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Williams also addressed Council's decision to have the non-emergency number for the police department answered by the Administrative Assistant in the department instead of allowing the calls to be answered by central dispatch.

Council Member Tidwell moved to hold a workshop on July 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. prior to the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed police booking system only. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Hayes addressed parking on Commerce Street. He stated vehicles in need of repair are being parked and left all along the street, they are blocking the fire hydrant, view of other vehicles turning from side streets, sidewalk access as well as being parked on the sidewalk. He stated he has repeatedly requested the laws regarding these issues be enforced but the issue is not improving.

Mayor informed Council an Attorney General's opinion regarding adoption of an ordinance regulating bicycles on city streets in Geneva has been received. Attorney Gray reviewed the opinion stating the City may adopt an ordinance requiring the registration of bicycles operating on city streets, may charge a registration fee, require a sticker and issue fines for non-compliance.

It was moved by Council Member Tidwell 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 ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes		Council Member Rich Bixby	
Council Member Rufus Lee			
Council Member Freddy McCoy			
Council Member Kim Gillespie			
Council Member Ryan Tidwell			
Council Member Mike Fountain			
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman			

A question regarding exempting the requirement for events such as parades was heard from the audience. Council discussed adding a provision to the proposed ordinance. Attorney Gray stated he would include a provision and bring it back to Council.

Council Member Tidwell withdrew his motion for immediate consideration.

Mayor Hayes informed Council the old railroad trestle on Commerce Street needs to be repaired. The estimated cost of materials is $8,000.00 and can be accomplished with city labor.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize repairs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the manning document by revising all job description below a foreman in the street and sanitation departments by removing the requirement to have a high school diploma or GED. 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 Tidwell moved to authorize an event application for River Junction Cruisers to hold a car show on S. Commerce Street on September 18, 2021. 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 upcoming 4th of July celebration, the County Extension Office farmer's market and Chamber ribbon cutting. He reported on the District 1 community meeting. He commended employees for working hard, Ken Lewis for improving the fountains and street department for placing curb at the fire station.

City Clerk Johnson reported on a time line for the LWCF soccer project and application for the American Rescue Plan funding.

Attorney Gray reported on upcoming court dates and informed Council they may see an increase in expenses budgeted for jail costs. He invited Council to sit in on a training session on June 28th at 10:30 a.m. with the attorney that drafted the ordinance on dangerous buildings.

Fire Chief Latimer thanked everyone involved for the new curbing at the fire station.

Police Chief Clemmons gave a two week statistics report and thanked the many people that worked on the recent drug arrests. Mayor Hayes informed Council there were many individuals working behind the scenes that could not be identified for safety reasons.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported he has picked up 172 trash cans that were at residences they were not assigned to. He reported on the issue on Campbell Avenue relating to the recent drainage project.

Council Member Coleman stated he would advise the landowners to be on the agenda to request an alley running from Azalea Street to Sunflower Street be abandoned by the City.

Council Member Gillespie requested expenses at Fowler Park using City labor be tracked for budget review. She asked that the dock at Fowler Park be repaired.

Council Member Lee reported on vandalism at Forrest Hill Cemetery.

Council Member Tidwell reported the trees on W. Jernigan need to be trimmed as they are growing out into the street. He reported on three boys baseball teams advancing to state tournament and the possibility of a girls softball team advancing depending on district results. Council Member Tidwell informed Council that several Geneva City School teachers were receiving advanced training in new school curriculum to prepare students to excel in AP courses and ACT prep.

Council Member Fountain stated that living in travel trailers in the City needs to be addressed. He informed Council the zoning ordinance needs to be amended to address tiny houses and set a minimum square footage for houses.

Building Inspector Wuest gave an update on the status of street lights that have been requested through Alabama Power.

Council Member Gillespie reported that Franklin Avenue is too narrow and sandy. She requested Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer look at the situation and see if something could be done.

Council Member Coleman stated he would like to discuss the mobile home ordinance at a future workshop.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION &
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 6, 2021
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a work session on July 6, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Council heard presentations from the Geneva County Sheriff and Geneva County E911 Director regarding a booking system software program, Central Square Software. Council discussed the City's possible participation in this product.

Work session adjourned and regular session began at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of June 21, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

City Attorney Gray read revisions to a previously introduced ordinance that included exemptions for special events and setting dates for renewal of permits.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-04

BICYCLE ORDINANCE

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 ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

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 Lee that Ordinance Number 04-2021-04 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. 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 Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

Mayor David Hayes

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

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize bid for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the fire department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approved the Financials for the month of May 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

Mayor Hayes gave the following report:

1. 50% of funding through the American Rescue Plan Act has been received
2. Survey results on the old Van Heusen property.
3. Commended the Chamber and everyone else involved in making the 4th of July celebration a success.
4. Geneva recreation program 12 and under boys placed state runner up and qualified for the World Series.
5. Police Chief Clemmons has tendered his resignation having reached retirement eligibility, which the Mayor accepted.

6. Success of the District Town Hall/Meet the Mayor Meeting.

Mayor Hayes Informed Council he has been interviewing candidates for the position of Chief of Police. He requested a salary range between $65,000.00 and $75,000.00 for the position. Council Member Fountain moved to authorize the salary range as requested. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed setting speed limits of 15 mph on various roads with high traffic counts and near schools and parks. Attorney Gray asked Council to submit a list of streets in their district they recommend be changed to the new speed limit and he would draft an ordinance.

Mayor Hayes asked Council to raise the starting salary for the code enforcement official to $12.00 per hour. Council Member McCoy moved to amend the manning document to set the new starting salary. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council Colonial life insurance would like to quote the City on a short term disability plan for employees and asked for names and birthdays to make a quote. She explained that the insurance company that the City uses for offering benefits to the City does not offer a disability plan. It was determined that dates of birth and sex could be provided but not names.

City Clerk Johnson reported on filing a grant application through Wiregrass RC&D to make renovations to the old railroad trestle on Commerce Street.

Council Member Lee reported on vandalism at Forrest Hill Cemetery. He inquired if there would be any old pilings from the trestle project that could be used to help prevent some of the damage by ATVs and trucks. Council Member Lee was informed there were old power poles still available that were deemed no longer need for public purposes several years ago. Council Member Lee asked the record reflect he had no personal interest in the cemetery it was owned by local churches.

City Attorney Gray reported on court dates. He informed Council the City's code of ordinances was on line through a company called MuniCode. He stated he was preparing a resolution for the City's participation in a tax intercept program that would help recoup old debt for the city. He commended all involved with the 4th of July celebration.

Council Member Tidwell stated he would like to see quarterly meetings between the City Council and Chamber of Commerce Board.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and projects.

Police Captain McDuffie gave an activity report for the police department for the month of June. He requested permission to equip the two new Durangos at a cost of approximately $7,000.00. Council Member Lee moved to amend the budget and authorize equipment for the two new vehicles up to $7,000.00 with funds coming from the ½ cent bank account. The motion was

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

Captain McDuffie also informed Council there is a schedule of locations and dates available for the speed trailer.

Council Member Fountain reported the requested street lights for his district have been installed and reminded the Street and Sanitation Superintendent of the drain cover on Morris and Campbell.

Council Member Bixby asked the City Attorney to review the City's cable franchise which will be expiring soon and make recommendations for a new franchise. He stated he would like to see the City seek interest by other companies.

Council Member Tidwell reported the trees on W. Jernigan Street have been trimmed as requested. He asked if the City is billed each time a Council Member needs to speak with the City Attorney.

Council Member Lee commended all involved with the 4th of July celebration.

Council Member Gillespie asked that obtaining the old Race-Way property be considered and looked into.

Council Member Coleman asked if there was a way to find out how many tickets have been issued and how many have been dismissed.

Council Member Lee inquired about the status of repairing an area on Promenade Avenue where work under the road was needed. Street and Sanitation Brewer stated there is usually a 30 day wait time before repair to allow the replaced dirt to be packed and allowed to settle.

Council Member Lee informed Council he has received a lot of positive feedback from constituents on the District 1 Town Hall/Meet the Mayor. He stated many of the items addressed are currently being worked on.

Mayor Hayes asked if any other Council Member wanted to hold a meeting in their district. Council Member Tidwell stated he would like for his district to be next and he would get back with the Mayor to get one scheduled.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 19, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on July 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Mike Fountain was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of July 6, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Maurice Jenkins, owner of Wiregrass Lawn Service, appeared before Council to apologize and inform them he will not be able to complete the remainder of his ground's maintenance service contract.

Mayor Hayes informed Council that City crews are currently maintaining the areas under the contract. Council discussed bidding the contract and possibly setting a workshop to develop bid specifications.

Mayor Hayes reported on the boys Geneva AllStar Dixie youth team going to the World Series.

City Attorney Gray presented an ordinance setting speed limits on various streets at 15 mph. Council discussed the list of streets and the need for additional streets to be added. Attorney Gray asked Council to submit any additional streets so that he can update the ordinance for the next meeting. Council discussed a possible workshop to address the ordinance.

Attorney Gray presented and reviewed the following resolution:

DECLARATION OF
APPRIPORATE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL AND
APPRIPORATE CITY OFFICIAL

This resolution names Ray Wuest as the appropriate official to perform duties relating to building inspections under State Code and City Ordinance Number 04-2021-02.

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

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions:
Council Member Rufus Lee Council Member Freddy McCoy Council Member Kim Gillespie Council Member Ryan Tidwell Council Member Rich Bixby Council Member Daniel L. Coleman		Council Member Fountain	Mayor David Hayes

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said resolution had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that the resolution be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. 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:	Abstentions:
Council Member Rufus Lee Council Member Freddy McCoy Council Member Kim Gillespie Council Member Ryan Tidwell Council Member Rich Bixby Council Member Daniel L. Coleman		Council Member Fountain	Mayor David Hayes

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution passed.

Attorney Gray presented and reviewed the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF CITY OF GENEVA ALABAMA'S APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL

Council discussed holding a workshop to determine the amount of compensation.

Council also discussed holding a workshop to develop a list of dangerous buildings.

Attorney Gray presented and reviewed the following resolution:

AGREEMENT – MUNICIPAL INTERCEPT SERVICES – ("MIS")
DEBT RECOVERY PROGRAM - ADOR

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

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions:
Council Member Rufus Lee		Council Member Fountain	Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Freddy McCoy			
Council Member Kim Gillespie			
Council Member Ryan Tidwell			
Council Member Rich Bixby			
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman			

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said resolution had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Gillespie that the resolution be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. 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:	Abstentions:
Council Member Rufus Lee		Council Member Fountain	Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Freddy McCoy			
Council Member Kim Gillespie			
Council Member Ryan Tidwell			
Council Member Rich Bixby			
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman			

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution passed.

Mayor Hayes reported to Council he has received the video on the Central Square - 911 software. He informed Council they may want to set a workshop to watch the video.

A work session to discuss grounds maintenance specifications, speed limits on streets, compensation for inspection of dangerous buildings, a list of dangerous buildings, and the 911 software program was scheduled for July 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Hayes stated that he wanted to make a clarification on a statement that was circulating regarding the proposed park being funded 100% by donations. He clarified that several donations have been pledged but the City will be seeking grants and other funding sources as well as donations.

Mayor Hayes informed Council City crews will be demolishing and cleaning up the old mobile home located on City property located on PC Black Road. He updated Council on the interview process for the position of Police Chief. He also reported on attending ribbon cuttings sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council her office would like to add a haunted house to this year's Halloween at the Junction event. She requested an appropriation of $2,000.00 to assist with this year's event. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the appropriation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported an eviction notice has been served on the property on PC Black Road. He reviewed court dates, cost of speeding tickets and explained driving school.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on street light installation by Alabama Power and permits for new building construction.

Police Captain McDuffie gave an activity report for the past two weeks. He also commented on a recent incident involving shots being fired.

Council Member Coleman stated he would like for the hours for Aide in the Senior Citizens Department that assist the Director with paperwork to be increased to 30 hours per week and the pay be increased to $10.00 per hour.

Council Member Gillespie asked if something could be done to assist with garbage pick up at Fowler Park during the time the group Rock-a-Dock was renting the park. She stated there would be approximately 400 participants and that additional cans and pick-ups would be necessary with such a large group. Council Member Lee stated he would like to see the City help with providing portable bathrooms for the event.

Council Member Gillespie stated she would like to see the City help pursue the recreational trail opportunity that extends between Geneva to Andalusia. She stated she thought this was a great opportunity for the City.

Council discussed unknowns about the project such as cost to the City and maintenance of the trail. They discussed having former Council Member John Hughes, that is involved with various trial organizations, attend and give an update on the trail. Council Member Gillespie also recommended having Mr. Brian Rushing with the University of Alabama come to a meeting. Mayor Hayes informed Council that Mr. Scott Farmer with Southeast Alabama Planning and Development Commission was involved with the project and could also come to a meeting. City

Attorney Gray recommended having Andalusia City Clerk/Treasurer John Thompson attend a meeting.

Council Member Bixby stated he would like to see maintenance to the current trails. He reported the connecting incline from on top of the levee down to the walking trail leading to the Junction had washed out.

Council Member Lee inquired about patching the area of the street on Earl Minshew Street and Promenade Avenue.

Council Member Coleman asked that the owner of the triangle on Trinity Street and Purvis Avenue be identified and notice given to cut the grass. He reported tree limbs were blocking the street lights on Madison Street and inquired about who was responsible for trimming them back. He also asked about the status of the new seafood restaurant.

Council Member Tidwell informed Council that the City has helped with room expenses of teams going to the World Series in the past. He stated the City would contribute the cost of four rooms for the number of nights stayed. He reported the cost of the four rooms for the three nights is $1,600.00.

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the assistance with rooms in the amount of $1,600.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JULY 22, 2021
3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on July 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy and Mike Fountain were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council discussed grounds maintenance specifications, speed limits on streets, compensation for inspection of dangerous buildings, a list of dangerous buildings and the 911 software program.

Work session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of July 19 and 22, 2021, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Scott Farmer, Director of the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning Commission and Mr. John Thompson, City Administrator for the City of Andalusia, gave the Council an update and answered questions regarding a planned trail along the old rail-road bed that runs from Geneva to Andalusia.

They asked Council to become a member of the Capital Improvement Cooperative District and explained that by doing so, would in no way, commit the City to any monetary, maintenance, or other obligation. Being a member would give the City a "voice and seat at the table" for the proposed project.

Bids solicited for the furnishing of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) for the fire department were publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 28, 2021, in the Council room at City Hall. One bid was received as follows:

Sunbelt Fire, Inc.:

Complete SCBA Unit	$6,392.00 each	Second/Additional Cylinder	$995.00 each

Total Cost - 9 units with second/additional cylinder	$66,783.00
Total Cost -10 units with second/additional cylinder	$73,870.00

Council Member Coleman moved to award the bid for 10 units and additional cylinder in the amount of $73,870.00 to Sunbelt Fire, Inc. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed a proposed ordinance establishing speed limits on various streets at 15 miles per hour. Council discussed the proposed ordinance. Council Member Coleman stated that N Woodland Street, W Meadow Avenue and West College Avenue should be removed from the list. No Council Member opposed the removal of the streets from the proposed ordinance.

Attorney Gray revised the proposed ordinance which he reviewed with changes and presented for Council consideration.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 08-2021-7

AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST SPEED LIMITS AND TO POST SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

It was moved by Council Member Coleman 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 resolution be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said resolution had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that the Ordinance be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee. 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 Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Rich Bixby
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

Mayor David Hayes

The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance adopted.

Attorney Gray presented and reviewed the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF CITY OF GENEVA ALABAMA'S APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL

It was noted by Council Member Bixby that pay was discussed at $75.00 per inspection.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt the resolution with pay set at $75.00 per inspection. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to approve the financials for the month of June 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented a status report on nuisance violations prepared by Code Enforcement Officer Clint Owens and commended him on the progress he has made since taking the position. He updated Council on the search for a new Chief of Police. He presented certificates of appreciation to officers Michael Hornsby and L. C. Bishop for their quick action that helped save the life of an injured individual.

Mayor informed Council he has located a camera for the junction with a purchase price of $300.00 and a reoccurring service fee of $14.00 per month. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the purchase of the camera and monthly fee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes asked for any updates on the Geneva 12U boys team at the World Series. He gave an update on the park and splash pad project and negotiations on a building adjoining the proposed park.

City Clerk Johnson reported she has made progress on a proposed budget and will be ready for Council to set budget workshops in the coming week.

City Attorney Gray reported on upcoming court dates. He stated that all ordinance and resolutions are passed relating to abating dangerous buildings and the City can begin to enforce the ordinance.

Lieutenant McDuffie gave an activity report for the police department. He presented an interview card that the department will utilize when making stops of individuals. He reported one of the new officers will graduate from the academy the following week.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave an update on equipment repairs. He stated he will put up new speed limit signs the following week.

Council Member Fountain stated that building fees need to be increased. Building Inspector Wuest recommended a $30.00 initial electrical inspection fee and if the service did not pass a second inspection an additional fee of $30.00 must be paid. Council Member Coleman recommended increasing the mobile home fee to $60.00. Council discussed a workshop to review the building ordinance.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the cut and sinking area of Campbell Avenue. Mayor Hayes informed Council the Geneva Water Works and Sewer Board has hired a contractor that supplies hot asphalt mix to make repairs to various areas where they have cut the road. He stated the City will coordinate with the contractor to fix other roads that need repair.

Council Member Bixby inquired about the request from an individual to vacate an old alley off N Sunflower Street. Attorney Gray and Mayor Hayes explained the process to closing an alley and issues with utilities that are installed along the alley.

Council Member Bixby asked the City Attorney to review the cable franchise and reported a nuisance complaint on the old gun shop property on Highway 85.

Council Member Lee reported two individuals, Earline Perrin and Pamela Gregory, have requested lots at Herring Subdivision. Council Member Lee informed Council under the old grant terms Ms. Perrin would have qualified to receive a lot. He stated he is unable to determine that Ms. Gregory would qualify and was going to ask her to sign an affidavit explaining how she qualified.

Council Member Lee moved to all Ms. Earline Perrin to obtain a lot in Herring Subdivision with stipulations that she build or locate a mobile home on the lot within two (2) years of approval, that once a dwelling is located on the lot she must occupy the dwelling for five years before she will receive clear title to the property and if either stipulation is not met she will have no further claim to the lot or future lots. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to join the Capital Improvement Cooperative District for the trail project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby stated he would like to nominate Council Member Gillespie to serve as Geneva's representative on the board. Council Member Tidwell asked that Mr. John Hughes also be involved. Council Member Lee moved to appoint Council Member Gillespie as the City's representative to the District and appoint Mr. Hughes as a liaison and advisor for the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Gillespie abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie reported she has received requests for speed bumps in the N. Spring Avenue, N. Sunflower Street, N Liveoak Street, S Academy Street and Church street areas. She stated that she is seeing less bicycle traffic during the late-night hours.

Council Member Coleman reported on a field trip planned for the Senior Citizens Center.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Ryan Tidwell was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Bixby moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of August 2, 2021, 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 presented Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation to student volunteers with the Geneva FFA for building a new stage at Robert Fowler Park.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution adopting a Rebuild Alabama Act Transportation Plan for FY 20-21. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson presented an application for a license for the sell of alcoholic beverages from Landshark Seafood and Oyster Bar. Council Member Bixby moved to consider the request for a license. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a Covid-19 workplace safety policy for the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to approve a well permit for Mrs. Ruth McDuffie on Ward Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the purchase of a new fuel card reader for the airport using CARES Act funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize use of Fowler Park as a stopping point for a motorcycle ride sponsored by the Daleville Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported it had been a busy week and gave an update on the City's cleanup project.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council she has completed a draft FY 21-22 budget if they would like to schedule a work session. A work session was scheduled for August 30, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk Johnson stated the City does not have a written policy on allowing employees to donate leave to other employees and there has been a request to donate leave time. She asked for guidance on the matter. She also stated, that due to HIPPA requirements, discussion of the employee's illness as it relates to time out of work may need to be discussed in executive session.

City Attorney Gray gave a report on Municipal Court. He reported he and the Clerk watched a webinar regarding the intercept program and briefly explained the procedure.

Police Captain McDuffie gave an activity report. He discussed Covid issues at the jail and reported on equipment for the new vehicles.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave an equipment report and informed Council the Corps of Engineers has been down and inspected the levee.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens informed Council he is ready for the Council's list of dangerous building in their districts.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the business license process. He inquired about zoning for mobile homes on E Hart and Whitney. Council Member Coleman also discussed complaints about a camper trailer being parked on the street on Madison Street and asked if there were restrictions or ordinances that addressed the issue.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the status of the A/C repairs for the vans at the Senior Center.

Council Member Bixby discussed the cable franchise. He asked that the City Attorney set up a meeting with management of Spectrum to discuss issues with service and the lack thereof.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the status of the draft beer resolution. She asked to discuss the grounds maintenance contract.

Council Member Coleman excused himself during the discussion of the grounds maintenance contract. Council discussed areas of cutting and bid opening dates. The Clerk stated bids could be ready for the September 7th meeting. Council Member Coleman returned to the meeting after discussion of the grounds maintenance bids had concluded.

Mayor Hayes informed Council he has been contacted by an individual about individuals voluntarily participating in demolition of old houses. Attorney Gray stated he would have to research the legality of the City providing demolition as a service.

Council Member McCoy stated he is receiving complaints on four wheelers on Franklin Avenue and other dirt roads in his district.

Mayor Hayes stated the sewer grant for his district is being applied for. He also reported on a meeting pertaining to the proposed splash pad project.

Council Member Bixby moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing an employee issue that may be covered by HIPPA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent: Council Member Tidwell
Mayor Hayes		
Council Member Lee		
Council Member McCoy		
Council Member Gillespie		
Council Member Bixby		
Council Member Fountain		
Council Member Coleman		

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously.

City Attorney Gray stated the discussion would qualify for executive session because background on an employee illness was necessary to make a decision on allowing a policy on the donation of leave time. He stated the policy would be discussed in public but the employee information was protected under HIPPA laws. He stated the executive session would last approximately 5 minutes.

Executive session began at 7:23 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray, and City Clerk Johnson remained for executive session.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Council Member Tidwell
Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Coleman

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to adjourn executive session carried unanimously and executive session was adjourned and regular session resumed at 7:29 p.m.

Following executive session City Clerk Johnson stated there is an employee currently out on FMLA and the employee's leave time will be depleted in September. There has been a request to allow leave time to be donated to the employee.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize the Mayor to review the request and make any approval he feels is appropriate. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed the need for a written policy.

Council Member McCoy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 30, 2021
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a work session on August 30, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby and Mike Fountain were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Council reviewed a draft budget prepared by the City Clerk/Treasurer. The following were suggested changes:

Police Department:

Amend the manning document to remove the position of Assistant Chief and add two patrol officers.

Increase the payroll line item accounts in the budget by $30,892.00 for cost difference of the two officers.

Allow $15,000.00 vs. $5,000.00 for computer equipment from the ARP monies.

Street Department:

Increase Street Signs and Markings by $3,000.00

Increase Street Maintenance by $10,000 for Fleming, Hart and Valley rocking projects - funds to come from Alcohol tax bank account.

Sanitation Department:

Increase budget by $175,000.00 for new knuckle boom truck – funds to come from ½ cent sales tax.

Street and Sanitation:

Add equipment & tool purchases for new shop truck $9,101.00 – split cost between Street and Sanitation

Amend manning document after probation starting salaries as follows:

Mechanic from $14.50 to $15.00
EOI from $10.00 to $10.50
EOII from $11.25 to $12.75

Allocate a total of $38,736.00 (base salary, FICA, retirement) for salary adjustments. Authorize Mayor to distribute cost adjustments at his discretion based on position starting pay, responsibility and years of service. Increase payroll line item accounts based on the Mayor's adjustments.

Senior Citizens Department:

Increase the pay for the office aide to $10.00 per hour and increase the weekly hours worked to 29. Increase the Director's pay to $20.00 per hour. Make necessary adjustments across payroll line items.

Recreation Department:

Add $7,954.00 for equipment purchase

Various Departments:

Allocate a total of $39,966.00 (base salary, FICA, retirement) for salary adjustments for remaining employees. Authorize Mayor to distribute cost adjustments at his discretion based on position starting pay, responsibility and years of service. Increase payroll line item accounts based on the Mayor's adjustments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of August 16 and 30, 2021, with a correction that Council Member Bixby was absent from the 30th meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tidwell abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented Mayor's Certificates to the Geneva Recreation Program's Dixie Youth 11-12U Ozone players and coaches for making it to the world series.

Mrs. Karinne Simmons, SEACAP Director, appeared before Council to review the services offered by the agency and outline the funds spent in the county. She asked Council to continue their current allocation in the upcoming budget.

Mrs. Shelby Danley, Greater Area Geneva Chamber of Commerce President, and member Barry Gillespie appeared before Council to discuss a new program entitled Two Rivers One Heart. They requested the City to assist with start up funds in the amount of $5,000.00 or $6,000.00 and asked that the Council consider a yearly allocation for the Chamber in the upcoming and future budgets. Council Member Lee moved to allocate $10,000.00 to the Chamber. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman excused himself at 6:30 p.m. Before leaving he stated that he felt the bid from JP's Lawn Care should be accepted as low bid on the City's grounds maintenance bid.

City Clerk Johnson reported that sealed bids for providing grounds maintenance services were advertised and publicly opened on September 7, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. She stated that bid sheets showed JP's Lawn Care as having the low bid. A quick

tabulation of the low bid showed that his figures were correct. She explained that as the other bids were tabulated during the day, the Top Level Lawn Care bid had mathematical errors and was actually the low bid. She stated there was also a mathematical error in another bidder's submittal making his bid higher than shown on his bid sheet.

Mr. James Pryor was present and stated he felt his bid should be taken as the figure written on his sheet compared to other bidders regardless if there was an error made in calculations.

Council discussed wording in the bid documents relating to mistakes.

City Attorney Jeff Gray stated his legal opinion and recommendation to Council would be to rebid.

Council Member Bixby moved to award the bid for grounds maintenance services to JP's Lawn Care. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. The motion carried by a five (5) to one (1) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining and Council Member Coleman being absent from the proceedings. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Bixby, Tidwell, McCoy, Gillespie, and Fountain. Council Member Lee voted against the motion.

Council Member Lee stated his vote against the motion was because he felt that Council should follow their Attorney's advice.

Council Member Coleman returned at 7:06 p.m.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve an application for a license for the sell of alcoholic beverages from Landshark Seafood and Oyster Bar. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the proposed budget to include the $10,000.00 for the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson asked for clarification if the $10,000 was for both the startup funds and the yearly allocation or was the amount for $10,000.00 for startup to be paid this year and $10,000 for the yearly allocation being a total of $20,000.00. Members of the Chamber present stated they understood the amount to be $10,000.00 for each. Council Member Lee explained his motion was $10,000.00 total, which included the $5,000.00 the Chamber asked for startup and an additional $5,000.00 as the allocation for the year. City Clerk Johnson stated the budget already included $1,000.00 so the actual yearly allocation would be a total of $6,000.00.

Council Member Tidwell asked that the budget be revisited in March for an additional maintenance employee for the recreation department.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt the proposed budget as updated from the workshop recommendations and as amended to include Chamber funding. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the manning document as follows:

- Remove the position of Assistant Chief and add two patrol officers.

- Amend manning document after probation starting salaries:

  Mechanic from $14.50 to $15.00
  EOI from $10.00 to $10.50
  EOII from $11.25 to $12.75

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

Mayor Hayes discussed an Economic Development Academy being offered by the League of Municipalities at a total cost of $2,500.00. This academy would have sessions lasting over the next year and had mandatory attendance requirements for participants. He stated in addition to himself, Council Members Lee and Gillespie have volunteered to attend. The City Clerk and City Attorney would also attend.

Council Member Fountain moved to adopt a resolution authorizing attendance and committing funding. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Lee abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the finance reports for the month of July as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes stated it had been a busy week and business was moving in a positive direction. He expressed his appreciation to Council for their efforts. Mayor Hayes stated he wanted to clarify a news report that he was traveling overseas to recruit a business, the business was actually in Canada and that he had personally hired a French interpreter for negotiations.

Mayor Hayes stated he wants to thank Mayor King and the City of Samson for allowing the Geneva Senior Citizens use of their municipal building for a function. He stressed that Geneva needs a building sufficient in size to host meetings without having to use another City's facilities.

He reminded Council that Rock-a-Dock would be using Fowler Park the end of the month and encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming 9/11 Ceremony.

City Clerk Johnson presented an application from Geneva High School to host a Homecoming Parade and an application from the Geneva Ministerial Association to hold 5th quarter and a bon fire at Fowler Park. Council Member Tidwell moved to approve both applications. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Attorney Gray reported on court dates. He informed Council he is working with the code enforcement officer to send out letters on the first round of dangerous buildings and structures. He also informed Council he is working on an ordinance regarding living in tents.

Police Chief Mock reported on a department meeting and gave an activity report. He reported on the central square program and radio updates.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a report on equipment repairs and reported the actual cost of a new knuckle boom was cheaper than the estimate presented for budget.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported letters for dangerous building abatement have been completed and submitted for approval, and he is ready for Council to work on the next list of structures. He stated that a family has moved in one of the houses identified for demolition.

Council Member Fountain stated he has been contacted by Pastor Lett regarding a tree in a city ditch near the church on N. Morris Street. He stated Pastor Lett informed him the City was suppose to remove the tree during last administration.

Council Member Tidwell requested the stop signs on the road behind the cemetery be changed to reflect it is a one-way street.

Council Member Lee inquired about the owner of the lot on Church and Earl Minshew across from the Methodist Church. He stated the grass needs to be cut.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Members present were Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Mayor David Hayes and Council Member Ryan Tidwell were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee called the meeting to order.

Council Member Gillespie gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Bixby moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution applying for state matching funds for an airport improvement project for the Geneva Municipal Airport during fiscal year 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed an ordinance regarding living in tents within the city limits.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed a Covid policy for the participants of the Geneva Senior Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee introduced Mr. Jesse Quillen, the new director for Wiregrass Economic Development Corp. Mr. Quillen gave a brief bio and stated he was looking forward to working with Geneva.

Mayor Pro Tem Lee stated he would like for the minutes to reflect the passing of longtime businessman Earl Hayes. He announced dates and times the Health Department will be administering shots at the Will Jenkins Community Center.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council she has been in contact with a representative with the local cable company and he is trying to arrange his schedule so he can attend the next meeting. She asked Council about setting a date and time for trick-or-treat. Council Member Coleman moved to hold door to door trick-or-treat on Friday, October 29th, from 5:30 to 7:30. Clerk Johnson stated she might like to extend the hours for trick-or-treat at the Junction.

Police Chief Mock informed Council a new nonemergency phone number has been established for the police department. He addressed mental health issues and stated he is working with the Probate Judge on a program to help address the issue.

Chief Mock informed Council he would like to increase firearm training for the department and requested an allocation of $6,000.00 in the training budget for ammo and equipment. He presented a cost in the amount of $4,529.00 to install a heating and air unit in his office. City Clerk Johnson stated there are remining funds in the line item expense account for repair and maintenance buildings, but it is not sufficient to fund the entire cost of the unit, and there is a negative balance in the line item account for training. She recommended a budget amendment by transferring a portion of the unexpended balance for worker's comp expense to the repair and maintenance and training expense accounts. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the budget amendments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved.

Chief Mock reported to Council that he has reviewed the proposed report management system, Square One, discussed by Council prior to him taking office and feels the program will be beneficial to his department. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize contracting with Geneva County E911 for the program. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was unanimously approved.

Chief Mock reported to Council he has been reviewing a security system for the police department with prices between $6,000.00 and $7,000.00. City Clerk Johnson stated improvements may be eligible through ARP funds. Council Member Bixby move to authorize the upgrades for the police department. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Bixby moved to close N. Pleasant Street between W High Avenue and W Purvis Avenue during all home football games. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Coleman asked if the City could remove dirt being washed in the street for construction and put it on the right-of-way in the new subdivision on Wilshire Street.

Council Member Gillespie reported overgrown vegetation and limbs on Franklin Avenue.

City Clerk Johnson reported that she has received quotes for new uniforms for city workers. She stated Cintas has the low quote and she would recommend entering into a three-year contract. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize a contract for uniform services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk