

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR

MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2025

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in an organizational and regular session on November 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Zack Dodson, Junior Mixon, Ronnie Baine, Rich Bixby, Sarah Tinsley and Scott Stough. Also present were City Clerk Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

City Judge Al Danner administered the oath of office individually to David Hayes for the office of Mayor, Rufus Lee for the office of Council Member District 1, Zack Dodson for the office of Council Member District 2, and Junior Mixon for the office of Council Member District 3, Ronnie Baine for the office of Council Member District 4, Rich Bixby for the office of Council Member District 5, Sarah Tinsley for the office of Council Member District 6 and Scott Stough for the office of Council Member District 7.

Council Member Lee moved to set the meeting date and time for Council meetings to the first and third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. unless the date is a holiday in which the meeting will be moved to the following night at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Bixby introduced ordinance number 11-2025-26 establishing order of procedure in all instances for meetings of the council.

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

Ayes:

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member Dodson
Council Member Mixon
Council Member Baine
Council Member Bixby

Council Member Tinsley
Council Member Stough

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 11-2025-26 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes:

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstentions:

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

Mayor Hayes

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

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the October 20, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a two (2) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Dodson, Mixon, Baine, Tinsley and Stough abstaining.

Council Member Tinsley moved to reappoint Lisa Johnson to the position of City Clerk/Treasurer for a term of four (4) years. 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 announced he was reappointing Jeff Gray as City Attorney for a term of four (4) years.

Mayor Hayes announced he was reappointing Pepper Mock as Police Chief for a term of four (4) years.

Mayor Hayes announced he was reappointing Ben Latimer as Fire Chief for a term of four (4) years.

Council Member Stough moved to reappoint Al Danner to the position of City Judge. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. The term of office for part-time municipal Judge is set by state code at two years.

Council Member Lee moved to set bonding requirements for the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer at \$100,000.00. 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 Lee moved to adopt a resolution naming Bank Plus as the depository for the City of Geneva and authorizing signatures of the Mayor, City Clerk/Treasurer and Mayor Pro-Tem on the accounts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Tewanna Marks was present and spoke on the upcoming Geneva County Black History program.

Mayor Hayes entertained nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem. Council Member Baine nominated Council Member Lee. Council Member Tinsley nominated Council Member Bixby. Mayor Hayes called for any other nominations there being none he closed the floor to nominations.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on the nomination of Council Member Lee. Those voting for Council Member Lee were: Council Members Lee, Dodson, Mixon and Baine. Mayor Hayes called for the vote on the nomination of Council Member Bixby. Those voting for Council Member Bixby were: Council Members Bixby, Tinsley, and Stough. Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote. Council Member Lee was appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem by a four (4) to three (3) vote.

Upon due public notice, bids for a street sweeper were publicly opened on November 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council room at City Hall with the following results:

LeVan Auto Sales & Equipment	\$63,000.00
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Mayor Hayes explained there will be a delivery fee from a trucking company in the amount of \$3,000.00 in addition to the cost of the equipment.

Council Member Lee moved to award the bid to LeVan Auto Sales & Equipment in the amount of \$63,000.00 and to authorize the delivery cost. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase of new football helmets for the recreation department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Stough moved to authorize a sponsorship in the amount of \$500.00 for Farm City. 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 Tinsley abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the agenda to add item L. Ordinance 11-2025-27.

Council Member Bixby introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2025-27

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GENEVA AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF
A SERVICE WEAPON TO LIEUTENANT RYAN MOORE UPON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE GENEVA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member Dodson
Council Member Mixon
Council Member Baine
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Tinsley
Council Member Stough

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 11-2025-27 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions:

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

Mayor Hayes

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

Mayor Hayes welcomed the new Council, offered words of advice and explained some of the operations of the City.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Roberts Service Station
- Interest by two fast food restaurants
- Airport project
- Street resurfacing project

City Clerk Johnson reported on the upcoming audit.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Dodson asked if the speed bumps on Hendrix and Griffin Street will be put down now that the paving project is complete. He asked if the ditch on Hendrix and Griffin could be piped and filled in. Street and Sanitation Superintendent reviewed the cost projection to perform the work on the ditch.

Council Member Tinsley requested a street light on N. Pleasant Street. She reported she has received complaints that the Christmas lights down town don't always match and asked that one type of light be used through downtown when decorating this year. Council Member Tinsley reported she has received complaints about cats citywide and asked that this subject be included in a future work session.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported the pipe on Magnolia Avenue west of Choctaw Street needs to be replaced before it causes damage to the Highway. He stated the project is beyond what his crews and equipment can handle and he has received a quote from a contractor in the amount of \$6,160.00 to make the repair. Council Member Stough moved to authorize the repair. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Superintendent Brewer reported on projects his department is working on.

Council Member Stough reported he has received several complaints regarding a visibility issue at the intersection of N. Wilson Street and Register Avenue. He asked if a solution could be to add a stop sign or possibly removed a stop sign in an unneeded area and relocating to that location.

Council Member Mixon requested making the intersection of Campbell Avenue and Merritt Street a four-way-stop.

Building Inspector Wuest stated he needs a resolution approving a street light on Highway 27 N. in front of the sewer pump station. Council Member Mixon moved to adopt a resolution authorizing a street light on a state highway. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baine and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Building Inspector Wuest answered questions on airport lighting and a power pole damaged at the Junction.

Water and Sewer Manager Austin reported the contractor at the airport cut a water line again. She asked if the requirement to have house numbers displayed could be enforced.

Council Member Stough asked Manager Austin about the repair to N. Wilson Street.

Police Chief Mock gave an overview of his department and his expectation for employees. He discussed staffing issues. He gave a 12 month activity report dating from October 2024 to October 2025. He also gave an activity report for the month of October 2025.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Ms. Tewanna Marks spoke on community service projects as a way to assist with the house number issue.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.