

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 1/2 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:

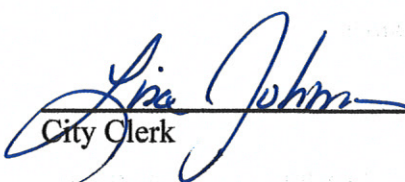
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| Ayes: | Nays: | Absent: |
| Mayor Lindsey | None | Council Member Mixon |
| Council Member Lee | | |
| Council Member McCoy | | |
| Council Member Hughes | | |
| Council Member Tidwell | | |
| Council Member Bixby | | |
| Council Member Weeks | |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

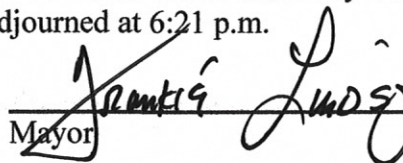
Executive session began at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Lindsey, all Council Members, the City Clerk, City Attorney, and Street Superintendent attended the entire executive session.

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.


City Clerk


Mayor

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:

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| 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:

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 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:

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|---------------------------------|----|
| 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:

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|---------------------------------|-----|
| 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

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Attest:

City Clerk

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

Ayes:

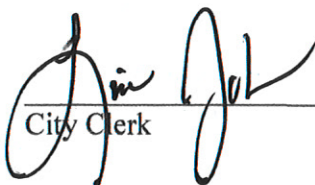
Nays: None

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.



City Clerk

Mayor Pro-Tem

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.

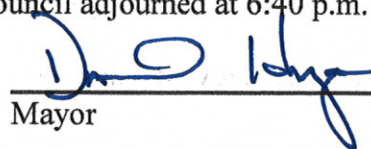
Council Member Bixby stated that Council Member Hughes is very informed on trails and recreation tourism and looks to a continued relationship with him on related committees, projects and events.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.

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.

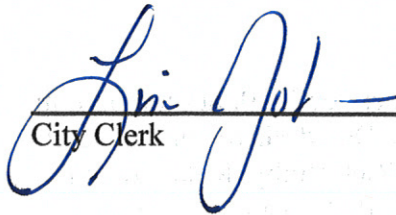
Council Member Lee moved to approve an application to apply for a drainage and repair project as proposed by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

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

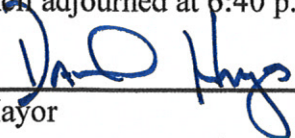
Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize application and commit to matching funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.



City Clerk



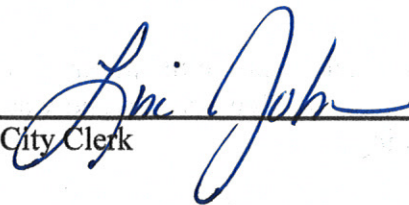
Mayor

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

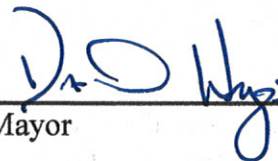
MINUTES

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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:

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| 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.

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.

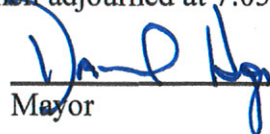
Council Member Fountain inquired about the speed bumps for his district.

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.



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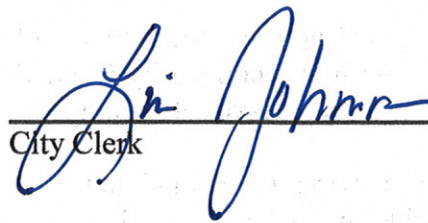
Mayor

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

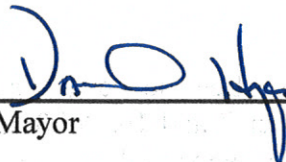
MINUTES

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.

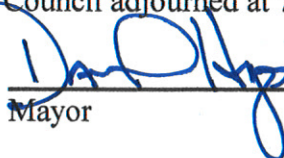
Council Member Coleman moved to obtain a price for asphalt speed bumps. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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)

| | |
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| 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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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 Gillespie 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.


City Clerk


Mayor

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 but 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 not 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, eaves, 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:

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| Ayes: | Nays: None |
| Mayor Hayes | |
| Council Member Lee | |
| Council Member McCoy | |
| 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. 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:

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| Ayes: | Nays: None |
| Mayor Hayes | |
| Council Member Lee | |
| Council Member McCoy | |
| Council Member Gillespie | |
| Council Member Fountain | |
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| Council Member Coleman | |

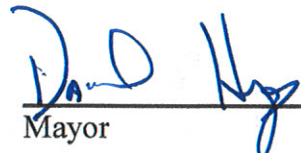
Mayor Hayes declared the vote to adjourn executive session carried unanimously and executive session was adjourned and regular session resumed.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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

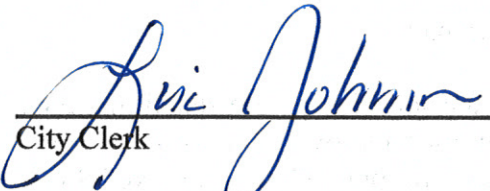
MINUTES

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.

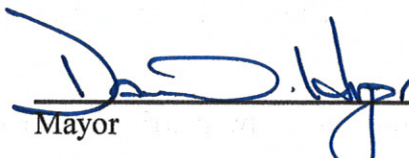
Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Work session ended at 7:15 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

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:

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| 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:

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

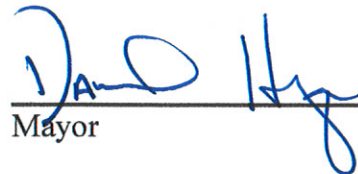
Mayor Hayes declared the vote to adjourn executive session carried unanimously and executive session was adjourned and regular session resumed at 7:33 p.m.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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 contract 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

ORDINANCE 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.

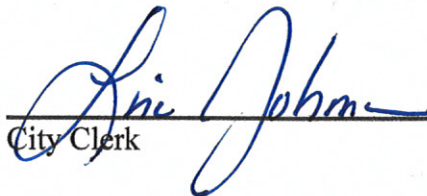
Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a report on work activity for the past two weeks. He requested the purchase of a pressure jetter machine in the amount of \$74,000.00. Council Member McCoy moved to authorize the purchase and to amend the budget with funds being taken from the ½ cent sales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

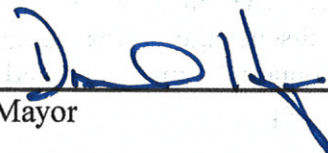
Council Member Gillespie complimented the project of cleaning of street signs.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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:

ORDINANCE 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.

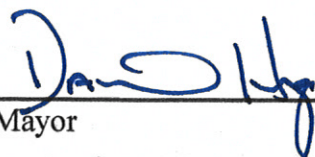
Council Member Tidwell reported on opening day at Chapman Park. He discussed the intersection of Sunflower and W. Spring Avenue and the possibility of rumble strips. He reported on efforts to form a neighborhood watch in his district.

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.

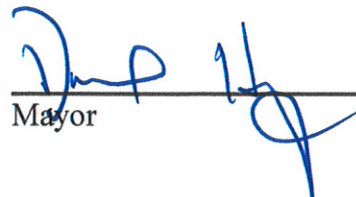
Attorney Gray stated he had checked both City and Water and Sewer Board records to verify the terms and expiration dates of members and the 2021 expiring term was for Mr. David Hayes.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.

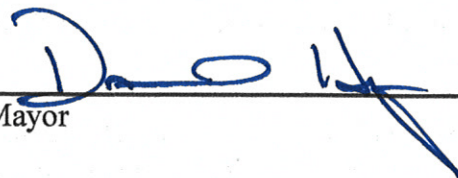
Council discussed the City's current dog/animal control ordinance and garbage ordinance.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

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 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 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:

ORDINANCE 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,

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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

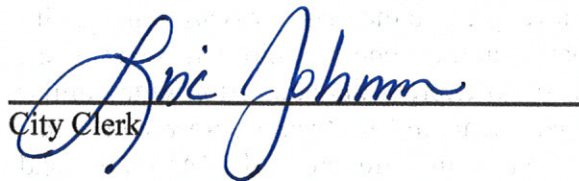
MINUTES

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.

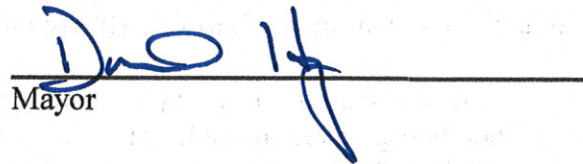
Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council discussed the proposed dog and cat ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

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:

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| 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:

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| 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.

City Clerk

Mayor

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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

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.

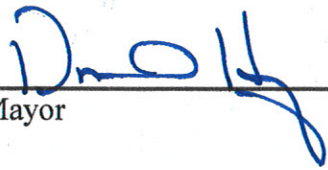
Council Member Coleman stated he would like to discuss the mobile home ordinance at a future workshop.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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

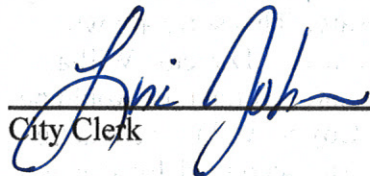
MINUTES

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.

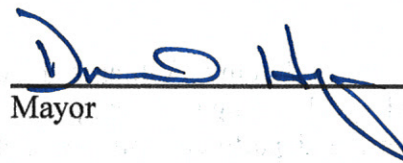
Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.

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.

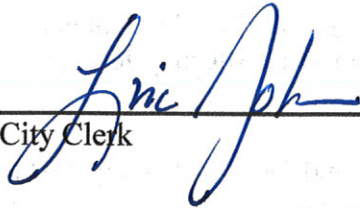
Council Member Fountain stated that living in travel trailers in the City needs to be addressed. He informed Council the zoning ordinance needs to be amended to address tiny houses and set a minimum square footage for houses.

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

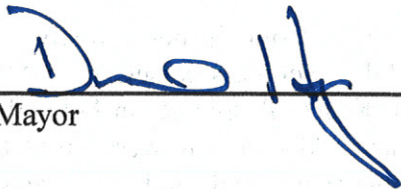
Council Member Gillespie reported that Franklin Avenue is too narrow and sandy. She requested Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer look at the situation and see if something could be done.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.

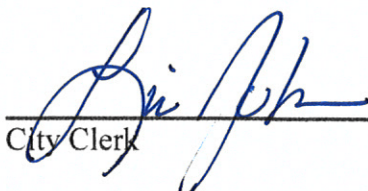
Council Member Coleman asked if there was a way to find out how many tickets have been issued and how many have been dismissed.

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.

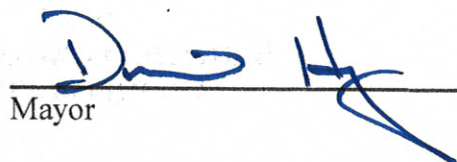
Council Member Lee informed Council he has received a lot of positive feedback from constituents on the District 1 Town Hall/Meet the Mayor. He stated many of the items addressed are currently being worked on.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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:

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| 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 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:

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| 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.

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:

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| 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:

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| 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 trail 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.

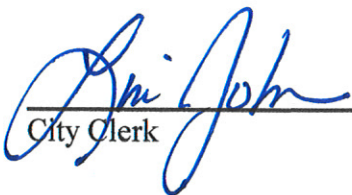
Council Member Lee inquired about patching the area of the street on Earl Minshew Street and Promenade Avenue.

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.

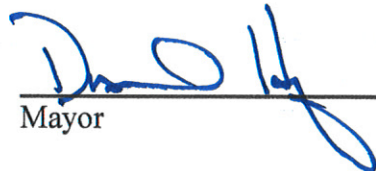
Council Member Tidwell informed Council that the City has helped with room expenses of teams going to the World Series in the past. He stated the City would contribute the cost of four rooms for the number of nights stayed. He reported the cost of the four rooms for the three nights is \$1,600.00.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JULY 22, 2021
3:00 P.M.

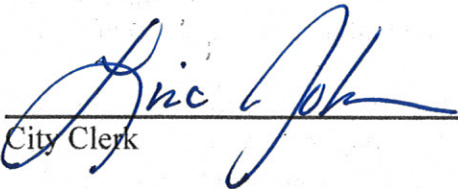
MINUTES

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.

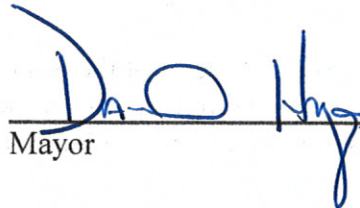
Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.:

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| Complete SCBA Unit | \$6,392.00 each | Second/Additional Cylinder | \$995.00 each |
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| Total Cost - 9 units with second/additional cylinder | \$66,783.00 |
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| Total Cost - 10 units with second/additional cylinder | \$73,870.00 |
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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:

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| 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: Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member McCoy
Council Member Gillespie
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Fountain
Council Member Coleman

Nays: None

Absent: Council Member Tidwell

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.



City Clerk



Mayor

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.



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Mayor

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 remaining 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 moved to authorize the upgrades for the police department. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved.

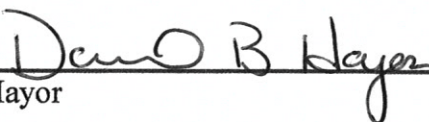
Council Member Bixby moved to close N. Pleasant Street between W High Avenue and W Purvis Avenue during all home football games. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved.

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.



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