

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 17, 2022, 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, 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.

Council Member Coleman 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 October 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

With due public notice given bid for performing grounds maintenance services were publicly opened on October 13, 2022. One bid was received as follows:

J P Lawn Care	Total Annual Cost \$42,723.00
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Council Member Gillespie moved to award the bid to J P Lawn Service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve a permit to hold a Christmas parade on December 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve a permit to hold a Veterans Day parade on November 11, 2022, pending receipt of application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson certified costs relating to the final assessment for abatement of structures at 112 E. Hart Avenue, 108 E. Hart Avenue, 106 E. Hart Avenue, and 308 N. Morris Street deemed unsafe under the City's Dangerous Building Ordinance. A public hearing was scheduled for December 5, 2022, to give the property owner due process.

Council Member Fountain arrived at 6:09 p.m. during discussion of final assessment.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution adopting a policy on fees for public records with cost established at one dollar per page for hard and digital copies. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Award of a CDBG grant for rehab and demolition
2. Airport negotiations
3. Project Green Light
4. Economic Development Board Meeting
5. Progress on the concession/bathroom facility for the soccer complex
6. Funds through Senator Chesteen for paving of the parking lot for the soccer complex

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Mayor Hayes reported he had met with personnel involved with Court to get a good understanding of how the court operates.

Police Chief Mock answered questions regarding an incident during homecoming week brought up by Council Member Fountain; he reported that overall there were no major issues that had to be addressed during the week. He reported on the department's fundraiser and a burglary of a business.

Mayor Hayes stated a work release program was discussed in the court meeting. He asked Chief Mock if he would be able to help make that program happen.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave an equipment and project report.

Senior Director Owens reported on center events.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the department did not receive the grant for the jaws of life. He reported on two demonstrations scheduled by vendors so personnel can inspect and test the models available.

Code Enforcement Officer reported he has been in contact with the owner of a dilapidated mobile home on Hart and advised he has two weeks to abate the nuisance or further action will be taken.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on the process for requesting street lights and the status of previously requested lights.

Council discussed contribution towards the farm city dinner. They also discussed the contribution must be made to a non-profit or government agency or subsidiary. Council Member Lee moved to contribute \$350.00. 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 reported he has received a request to make the intersection of Morris Street and Purvis Avenue a four-way-stop. Chief Mock stated he felt that would be a good idea.

The new policy on school traffic and the stop on Hospital Drive was discussed. The possibility of installing cameras was also discussed.

Council Member Fountain requested a street light be installed in the triangle where Glenn Street and Liveoak Street intersect onto Maple Avenue.

Council Member Lee inquired about receipt of funds from SARCOA and if the County had been contacted. He asked Superintendent Brewer to look at the west end of West Mulkey Avenue and see if he can make any improvements. Council Member Lee requested that the street light for Dismuke Street be followed up on.

Council Member Gillespie asked that when the speeding issue on Liveoak is addressed for speedbumps or cameras she thinks Campbell should also be looked at.

Council Member Coleman inquired about stripes for newly installed speedbumps. He expressed his appreciation for work on Fleming Avenue.

Council was invited to an upcoming Chamber meeting. Mayor Hayes inquired about board appointments.

Mayor Hayes entertained questions from members of the audience. Roads, drainage, animals and speeding were addressed.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk