

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2024
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 19, 2024, 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.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the August 5, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to approve an event permit for a neighborhood roots reunion on October 5, 2024. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Lee abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve a concessions contract with I'm a Jonesin for A. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed negotiating the photography contact with the current photographer rather than bid services. The Mayor and Recreation Director stated they would attempt to negotiate a fair price and if an agreement could not be reached the contract would be bid.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve a standard recreation facility use contract and fee schedule. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolutions authorizing the City's participation in the Tips and Buy Board buying cooperative programs. Council Member Tidwell seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize up to \$300,000.00 for use on IT, security, phone, furniture and appliances for the new City Hall. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed banking services being offered for cases of fraud. City Clerk Johnson stated she has been advised by the bank used by the City they will stop refunding any fraudulent activity transactions made on City accounts. She stated the cost of the services could run between \$15,000.00 and \$18,000.00 per year and asked that since the City is a long-time customer the service be provided at no cost. Council Member Lee moved to table action until the bank responds to the request. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed the upcoming Farm City events. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize a contribution in the same amount as the previous year. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the agenda to move item I to the end of the agenda. Council Member Lee seconded the motion which was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Visit by state officials
- AUSA breakfast
- City Hall project
- Splash pad improvements
- Airport projects
- Park Avenue issues
- Street dedication
- News paper
- New restaurant

City Clerk Johnson reported on Trick-or-Treat and stated she would like to move festivities from the Junction to the new park once it is open. She asked Council to authorize use of the park for Halloween functions. Council Member Coleman stated the City should always get first use of the park for functions and holidays.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Council Member Fountain reported visibility issues at the intersection of Iris Street and Maple Avenue. He reported tires dumped on Whitney Street. Council Member Fountain also reported the boat is still on the property on Hart Street and dumping on Forrest Street.

Council Member Tidwell asked about the City's commitment to the hospital and status of district lists.

Council Member Lee requested ditches in his district be sprayed.

Council Member McCoy asked if the City could pay to have a fence installed at the K-9 Officers house so the dog could roam the yard.

Council Member Gillespie reported 18 wheelers driving on Glen Street. She requested slow children at play signs through the Street Superintendent.

Council Member Coleman asked if the windows at the Senior Center have been fixed and the status of the new vans.

Police Chief Mock reported on National Night Out, being full staffed and a new hire.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and equipment.

Rescue Director Creamer reported on the new ambulance and staffing.

Kenneth Wike with the Fire Department reported on behalf of Chief Latimer that the AGF Grant was approved.

Rescue Director Creamer reported on operations.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments. There were none.

Mayor Hayes called for an executive session to discuss an incident covered by HIPPA. Attorney Gray stated an executive session as requested was in order as discussion met the criteria being covered under HIPPA regulations. He stated executive session was estimated to be 15 minutes and there would be no announcement after.

Council Member Tidwell moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for a roll call vote with the following results:

Ayes: Mayor Hayes, Council Members Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell, Fountain, Coleman.

Nays: None

The Mayor declared the motion passed and executive session approved. Executive session began at 7:25 p.m. with the Mayor, Council Members, City Clerk and City Attorney in attendance.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:40 p.m.