

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

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 4, 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 Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Taylor Vice with Charter Communications, was present to answer questions regarding the cable franchise agreement and service issues. He also reported on plans for expanding service.

City Attorney Gray informed Council the Senior Citizens Director had asked that he revise the Covid policy written for the senior center that was presented last meeting. Council Member Lee moved to table adoption of a policy until the City Attorney could make revisions. 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 approve financials for the month of August 2021. 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 Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2021-08

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR TENTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY

OF GENEVA; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

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

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 10-2021-08 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions:

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

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

Council discussed the possibility of adopting an ordinance regarding persons living in vehicles.

Mayor Hayes' report was as follows:

1. Commended Police Chief Mock on his performance during his first month in office.
2. Gave an update on his recruitment efforts of two potential businesses, one being from Canada.

3. Thanked Council Member Lee for presiding over the previous meeting as Mayor ProTem.
4. Thanked the Chamber for launching their campaign Two, Rivers One Heart.
5. Thanked Council Member Gillespie and her husband Barry for decorating the planter boxes downtown for fall.
6. Presented figures from Municipal Court.
7. Reported he has secured donated labor to run wiring at Fowler Park and the cost for materials will be \$3000.00 to \$3500.00.
8. Reported homecoming banners for the light poles downtown have been ordered.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve running wiring at Fowler Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie stated she would like to see the camp sites at the park updated. Council Member Bixby stated he would like to see additional camp sites added.

City Clerk Johnson reported she has received a request to close the street between 101 S. Liveoak to 308 S. Liveoak on October 29th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a public trick-or-treat event. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the closing of the street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Attorney Gray reported he has received an agreement for housing inmates at the county jail. He stated under the agreement, the cost to house inmates will double from \$20 per day to \$40 per day with a \$20 payment to the County Commission and a \$20 payment to the sheriff. Council expressed concerns over the increase.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve the new agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on tiny homes and presented plans for a proposed home to be located in town.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a project and equipment report and reviewed the holiday garbage schedule for the Columbus Day holiday.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report and reported on training and monthly meetings for the department.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported letters have been sent to seven properties under the new dangerous buildings ordinance. He stated he is working on the next list of houses for Council's review.

Council Member Coleman's report included the following:

1. Asked if large trucks could be restricted on Madison and Lincoln Streets.
2. Reported on constituent complaints regarding dogs on Purvis Avenue and Trinity Street.
3. Asked if a decision has been made on the type of speed bumps to be used
4. Inquired about a burn ordinance.
5. Requested the intersection at College Avenue and Iris Street be made into a four-way-stop.
6. Inquired about an ordinance regulating golf carts on City streets.

Council Member Fountain requested the property on the left side of the road going to the Junction be cleaned up.

Council Member Coleman stated he has received complaints on dogs going to the Junction.

Mayor Hayes expressed his apperception to Council Member Fountain's church for sponsoring an appreciation dinner for emergency responders.

Council Member Bixby informed Council that he has been contacted by homeowners on Beck Place regarding paving their road. He stated they have an estimated cost and are willing to contribute funding towards the project. He stated he will get more details and present at a future meeting.

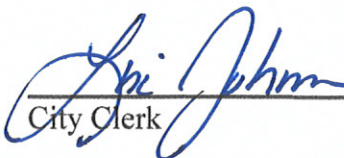
Council Member Gillespie reported Police Chief Mock will be discussing homecoming activities with grades 10, 11 and 12.

Council Member McCoy asked if recreation department football games could be scheduled later in the afternoon due to heat. He stated several individuals had gotten sick from the heat.

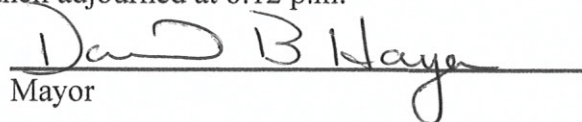
Council Member Lee thanked everyone for their prayers for his family during recent illnesses. He inquired about the opening date for the new seafood restaurant.

David Swinton inquired about insurance for water leakage and was informed he would need to contact the Water Works and Sewer Board regarding the matter. He also stated he has brought the garbage can from his brother's residence to his house and it has been picked up twice. He also inquired about setbacks on Jim Bob Kelly Road.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 18, 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 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 October 4, 2021. 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 Tidwell abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve a parade request for the Greater Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Veteran's Day parade on November 11, 2021. 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 Tidwell moved to approve two event requests from Carl Corey for use of Robert Fowler Park to hold a Christian fellowship motorcycle rally in April 2022 and a dirt cycle fest and race in May 2022 with a \$1000 fee for use of the park for each event and the cost of any emergency service personnel utilized. 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 Tidwell moved to authorize entering into an agreement for time clock services and the purchase of necessary equipment. 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 introduced the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2021-09

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 ESTABLISHING A THREE WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF EAST WALNUT AVENUE AND SOUTH ACADEMY STREET.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2021-10

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 18TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST COLLEGE AVENUE AND NORTH IRIS STREET.

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

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

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

Council Member Rich Bixby

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 10-2021-09 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions:

Council Member Rufus Lee
Council Member Freddy McCoy
Council Member Kim Gillespie
Council Member Ryan Tidwell
Council Member Mike Fountain
Council Member Daniel L. Coleman

Council Member Rich Bixby Mayor David Hayes

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

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 10-2021-10 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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

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

City Attorney Gray provided a copy of the City's current burn ordinance and asked Council to review the ordinance for any recommended changes.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance from the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Grant Fund and committing matching funds in the amount of \$341,775.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson explained that currently her department shares an employee with the Police Chief. The employee is assigned 20 hours as custodian and 20 hours for animal control. She further explained there have been no applications for the van driver for the senior citizens department and because this employee has a CDL license he has been filling this position during the time he needs to be performing custodial duties. She requested the current employee be transferred to the senior citizens department as van driver or assigned as full time for the police/animal control departments and then she could hire a custodian. Chief Mock stated that he could use the employee during the 20 hours for community service projects.

Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the manning document to add 20 hours to the police/animal control department and amend the budget as necessary. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A work session was scheduled for October 27th at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Hayes gave the following report:

1. The grant to repair the trestle from WRC&D has been approved for \$8,000.00.

2. The City will receive additional covid funds for the airport and he proposed constructing a bathroom for use by pilots.
3. A meeting was held on the soccer project with the engineer.
4. Homecoming was successful.

City Attorney Gray reported on City Court dates, a meeting with GA Foods and continued issues with the cable company franchise. He reported on the next steps in the abatement of unsafe structures under the new ordinance.

Mayor Hayes also commented on the meeting with GA Foods and reported two state officials have visited and monitored the food being delivered to the senior center.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allen Brewer gave an update on projects.

Police Chief Pepper Mock reported on a meeting with various officials and organizations regarding mental health issues. He also reported on activity relating to homecoming.

Chamber President Shelby Danley thanked the Mayor and Council for their support. She presented numbers for visitors during the weekend of Rock-a-Dock.

Council Member Fountain reported potholes in his district.

Council Member Lee's report contained the following:

1. A request for speed bumps on S. Morris Street and E Promenade Avenue.
2. A request for an update on the status of the tree removal in the ditch near the church on N. Morris Street.
3. Potholes on Railroad Avenue and Westville Avenue

He requested that part of his report time be allotted to business owners in his district. Mrs. Serina Fleming, owner of the Vintage Room questioned City policy and ordinances regarding noise as it related to homecoming activities.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about a start date for beginning to decorate downtown, particularly the planter boxes.

Council Member Coleman's report contained the following:

1. Inquired about closing streets for events
2. Reported vehicles are driving up in people's yards on N. Sunflower Street
3. Reported complaints on speeding on Jernigan Avenue


City Clerk Johnson reported the District Engineer's office will not approve the closing of South Commerce Street for River Junction Cruisers to hold a car show. The club has requested to

move the event to Robert Fowler Park on October 30th. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the use of Fowler Park for the annual car show. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

Work Session GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
~~REGULAR MEETING~~ ←
OCTOBER 27, 2021
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A work session was held on October 27, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

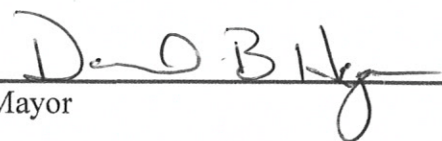
Topics of discussion included:

1. A new City Hall
2. Amending the manning document to increase part-time aid positions to \$8.50 per hour
3. Per diem rates and policy

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

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

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 1, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. 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 Lee arrived at 6:30 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting. 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 18 and 27, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Tidwell and Bixby abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented the Mayor's Certificate of Appreciation to Truett Gilmore for volunteering and cleaning up at Robert Fowler Park.

Mayor Hayes read and signed a proclamation declaring the week of November 19th through the 25, 2021, as Farm City Week.

Council discussed the need for a new City Hall. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the Mayor to select an architect and begin plans for the new facility. 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 issues with the food being served at the Senior Center and the contract with SARCOA. They discussed not renewing the contract and hiring a cook and preparing their own meals.

Council Member Lee arrived at 6:30 p.m. during discussion of the SARCOA contract.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council she is having trouble getting individuals to apply for the custodian position and the Senior Citizens Director and Librarian have had issues with

receiving applications for part-time aide positions. She asked Council to consider setting the pay for part-time custodian and aide positions at \$8.50 per hour.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the manning document to increase the starting pay of the part-time custodian and part-time aides to \$8.50 per hour. 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 the current per-diem rate. Council Member Lee moved to increase the reimbursable per-diem rate at a maximum of \$60.00 per day for meetings and training when meals are not already provided as a part of a conference, etc. and upon submittal of a receipt. 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 moved to approve an application for the Geneva Festival on the Rivers Committee to hold a parade on April 29, 2022. 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 moved to approve the use of Fowler Park and approve an event request for the Geneva Festival on the Rivers Committee to hold its annual festival on April 29, through May 1, 2022. 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 stated that it was this Council's first year anniversary. He expressed his appreciation to the Council and city employees for working together for the first year of this term. He stated he felt the City was on a good and positive path. He commended all involved with the Halloween functions around the city and reported on the large crowd at the Junction. Mayor Hayes reported on the orientation for the Economic Development Academy and the Christmas planning meeting.

City Clerk Johnson reported on applying for coronavirus funding for the Rescue Squad, preparation for the upcoming audit and time clock project.

City Attorney Gray stated he has enjoyed his first year as City Attorney. He complimented all of the Halloween functions around the city. He also informed Council he is reviewing a new software program for municipal court.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported the Ridgecrest drainage repair is complete, the new three-way and four-way stop signs are up and the delay in deliveries for crusher run gravel.

Captain McDuffie gave the police report in absence of Chief Mock. He gave an activity report, grand jury report, and firing range training report.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens gave a report on the number of violations issued and their status.

Council Member Coleman inquired about painting the road at stop intersections. He inquired about a possible four-way stop at Lincoln Street and Pine Avenue and the status of speed bumps. He inquired about the status of the Boys and Girls Club and reported complaints on speeding on Sunflower Street.

Council Member Gillespie reported the Christmas committee would like to show the movie the Polar Express as a Christmas activity. She inquired about licensing the movie. City Clerk Johnson stated she would handle the licensing and expense the cost to the holiday budget if there were no objections.

Council Member Gillespie reported she has received requests for additional hand rails along the sidewalks on Town Avenue and Commerce Street. She also reported several of the rubber mats at the cross walks are coming unglued and that one has been removed.

Council Member McCoy reported he has received several complaints regarding noise from the bar located on 27 South.

Mayor Hayes reported a public hearing has been held on the sewer project for Council Member McCoy's district.

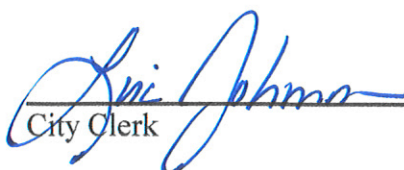
Council Member Lee reported the tree discussed at last meeting has been removed. He stated he would like to echo the compliments on Halloween at the Junction. He inquired about the status of speed bumps for Earl Minshew Street. He informed Council that he attended the recent Alabama Association of Regional Councils Conference and has information on redistricting for the City.

Council Member Tidwell reported on the Economic Development Academy meeting.


Council Member Bixby stated he has received complaints regarding the condition of the paving on levee walking trail. He thanked the residents of Liveoak Street and residents that participated in door to door trick-or-treat.

Council Member Fountain stated the trestle looks great. He complemented the Liveoak Street and Junction Halloween events. He thanked everyone involved in having the tree discussed at last meeting removed and expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council for a great first year in office. He also commended all involved with the annual car show that was a big success.

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



City Clerk



Mayor

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

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 15, 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 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 November 1, 2021. 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 Tidwell moved to approve an event request for the Chamber of Commerce to hold an Easter egg hunt at Robert Fowler Memorial Park on April 9, 2022. 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 Coleman moved to adopt a resolution authorizing application of an AFG (Assistance to Firefighters) Grant and committing the City's match for the purchase of a new thermal imaging camera. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Police Chief Mock requested the addition of a part-time (24 hour week) evidence custodian position for his department. He asked that the starting salary be set at \$11.00 per hour.

City Clerk Johnson requested that Council consider increasing the starting salary for the Administrative Assistant position in her office to the same rate of pay \$11.00 per hour.

Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the manning document to add the position of part-time evidence custodian with a starting salary of \$11.00 per hour, increase the starting salary of the Administrative Assistant in the Clerk's Office to \$11.00 per hour and amend the budget to reflect the changes. 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 Lee abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize payment of incentive pay as budgeted. 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 gave his 2nd biennial financial report for this term of office. He presented financials to Council. Council Member Bixby moved to approve the financial reports 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.

Mayor Hayes reported on

1. A potential business prospect.
2. Decorating for Christmas
3. Veterans Day Parade
4. A meeting with Reliable Products representatives regarding potential facility upgrades.
5. 2nd Congressional District meeting.

City Clerk Johnson reported she had attended the annual Alabama Clerk's Association meeting via zoom. She reported on upcoming changes regarding taxing in the police jurisdiction and asked if Council would like to have a workshop to discuss the issue. A work session was scheduled for November 22nd at 5:00 p.m.

City Attorney Gray reported on court dates.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report and reported that patrolman LC Bishop would be graduating from the academy on the 24th.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on receipt of the 10 new air packs for the department. He requested permission to sell the old units. Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution declaring 10 old SCBA units no longer needed for use or public purpose and authorizing their sale. 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 Coleman requested the striping at the five-way stop at the school be repainted. He reported he has received a donation from the Lions Club to purchase meat for the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving dinner.

Council Member Coleman moved to temporarily rename Commerce Street Santa Clause Lane for the month of December and put up two signs, provided there is no objection by ALDOT. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. Attorney Gray stated he would contact ALDOT.

Council Member Gillespie stated she would like to discuss the possibility of applying to become a part of Mainstreet USA. Council Member Bixby stated he was in favor of pursuing Mainstreet status. She asked that the City look at contracting for website services.

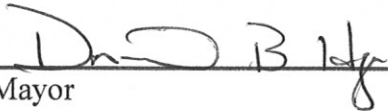
Council Member Lee reported street lights out on Church Street.

Council Member Tidwell reported a record number of participants signing up for the Recreation basketball season.

Council Member Fountain reported he is still receiving complaints regarding the noise from motorcycles in the Hart Street area. He stated he feels there is a problem with squatters in the City. He requested the drainage issue on Merritt Street be addressed.

The City's annual safety meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 8th.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 22, 2021
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on November 22, 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, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Tidwell 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 discussed items relating to revenue in the police jurisdiction and funding under the American Rescue Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

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

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on December 6, 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 Lee 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 15, 2021. 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 Tidwell moved to approve an event request for the Geneva High School FBLA to hold a March of Dimes Christmas walk through Robert Fowler Park on December 16, 2021. 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 presented the Geneva 2021 Outstanding Young Farmer award to Fletcher Green.

Mr. Scott Webster was present to address any concerns Council has received regarding noise from a motorcycle club that holds meetings at his residence on Hart Avenue.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the City's participation in NASPO ValuePoint, a buying cooperative, and authorizing the purchase of an autoloader stretcher for the Rescue Squad from any existing contracts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Members discussed obtaining meals for the Geneva Senior Center through Christian Mission Centers. Council Member Tidwell asked to hold a work session to discuss the cost of participating in the program. A work session was scheduled for January 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve a one time leave buy back with the following participation requirements:

1. Minimum beginning balance of accrued time for participation three weeks
2. Maximum number of hours for purchase 40
3. Minimum remaining balance of accrued time after purchase must be 80 hours
4. Not eligible for any transfer of time by other employees if leave is depleted during the year

The motion carried by a six (6) to one (1) vote with Council Members Coleman, Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Bixby and Fountain voting for the motion and Council Member Tidwell voting against the motion. Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote.

Mayor Hayes commended everyone involved in Christmas activities. He stated it was one of the biggest parades and opening night attendance for the Junction in years and he has received nothing but positive comments. He reported on the following:

1. Friends of Fowler Park will be selling seedlings from the ole oak with proceeds donated to the City
2. A \$15,000.00 donation from the Geneva Rotary Club for the new downtown park
3. The Christmas movie scheduled for viewing at Fowler Park
4. The status of Project Green Light
5. Food donation program through SEACAP

Attorney Gray reported on Court dates and procedures.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on the French Avenue drainage project and the completion of the Lakewood Loop project. He reported on repairs to the backhoe and the two new trucks are ready for pick-up.

Captain McDuffie gave an activity report for the police department, reported on a safety grant and new parade route.

Code Enforcement Officer Clint Owens gave a report on properties who have been served notice under the dangerous building ordinance.

Mayor Hayes recognized Mr. Jessie Quillen, Executive Director of Wiregrass Economic Development Corporation, who was in attendance.

Mayor Hayes congratulated Mr. Russell Clausell on his promotion to the Executive Committee of the State Board of Education.

Mayor Hayes reported he has attended a meeting of the River Festival Committee and there are plans to hold the event next year.

Council Member Lee reported street lights are needed on Water Avenue between Academy and Commerce Streets.

Council Member Gillespie reported she has received compliments on the newly painted lines at stop signs. She stated she also received comments that the town was looking cleaner since the new garbage ordinance was adopted.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the status of the proposed splash pad. He asked that lines be painted at the stop sign at Sunflower Street and Camilla Avenue. He stated he has received complaints on how narrow Sunflower Street is and inquired about changing the speed limit on the street between College Avenue and Maple Avenue to 15 mph.


Mayor Hayes encouraged Council to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Lee inquired about the possibility of informing citizens of holiday garbage schedules earlier than currently being advertised.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on December 20, 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, 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 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 November 22, and December 6, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed an issue with a storage building being lived in on Johnson Street. Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported the owner is supposed to have the building removed by the first of the year.

Chamber President Shelby Danley announced winners for best floats in the Christmas Parade and presented them with certificates of award.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the 2022 holiday schedule for City employees. 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 Coleman moved to accept a letter from Stryker Corporation as a sole source vendor for Power Load stretchers and to authorize the purchase of one unit for Geneva Rescue. 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 moved to authorize the youth minimum wage rate for the City as the same as the minimum wage rate for adults. 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 gave the following report:

1. The Senior Citizens Christmas party was a success.
2. He has been involved with two meetings regarding the food at the Senior Center, one of which Senator Chesteen was present.
3. The City's annual safety lunch and Police Christmas Party were a success.
4. The airport survey is underway for the upcoming grant project.
5. Traffic stops are resulting in drug arrests.

City Clerk Johnson reported the Water Works and Sewer Board has agreed to put a holiday garbage schedule in with the next billing cycle and she will prepare a mail out now that Council has approved the holiday schedule.

Council Member Gillespie asked that she include information about Council meetings.

City Attorney Gray reported Court is seeing a large number of defendants and stated that it may be possible for some matters to be resolved before court date if the defendant will contact the Magistrate. He also reported on some of the new court procedures.

Building Inspector Wuest reported he had reviewed the request for a street light on Walnut Street there was already a light in the area. He stated that trimming the limbs could help the situation. Council advised the light needed was on Water Avenue at the intersection of Commerce and Academy.

Three lights on the levee were reported out and damage to the Charlie Monk street sign.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported on an issue with pot belly pigs running at large and reported the tents on Water Street have been removed.

Police Chief Mock gave the following report:

1. Several tents have been removed where individuals were squatting on City property and drug arrests were made in connection with their removal.
2. Improvements to the firing range at the airport are being made.
3. The new records custodian has started to work.
4. Two officers were sworn in as mental health officers.

Council Member Fountain had questions regarding officer Moore's assignment to drug task force duties and how it worked with him being a City employee. He also discussed issues with motorcycles and an incident where they almost hit a child.

Council Member Lee stated there are issues with mobile homes being moved into the City and not being fixed or renovated. He stated he would like to discuss the issue at a future work session.

Council Member Gillespie reported a light out on Skyline Avenue and inquired about the City upgrading to reflective stop signs.

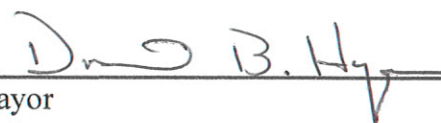
Attorney Gray reported he has worked on an ordinance requested by Council Member Coleman and presented a copy for Council Member Coleman's review.

Council Member Fountain stated he would like for the City to extend a formal invitation to County Commissioner Bart Wilks to attend a City Council meeting.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING &
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 3, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on January 3, 2022, at 5:00 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, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Council discussed meals for the Senior Citizens program and the current mobile home ordinance.

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, Mike Fountain, Rich Bixby and Daniel L. Coleman (Council Member Lee arrived at 6:15 p.m. and Council Member Bixby arrived at 7:01 p.m.). 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of December 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Dawn Ivey with Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority appeared before Council to discuss the City renewing its current contract with the Authority. She gave the history behind the development of the authority and gave a current update of operations.

Mr. Austin Hill appeared before Council and offered to serve as a volunteer for the City and asked in what ways he could be of service.

Council Member Lee arrived to the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution entitled:

**ADOPTING THE 2021 SOUTHEAST ALABAMA REGIONAL
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

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 stated that he was appointing Captain Michael McDuffie as the City's representative to the Geneva County Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee.

Chamber of Commerce President Shelby Danley presented award certificates for winners of the Christmas display contest at the Junction.

Mayor Hayes reported:

1. Two Egg TV has contacted him regarding including Geneva in a future broadcast
2. He is scheduling an appointment with an architect regarding the new City Hall
3. The clean up project for Fowler Park and the creekside walking trail is under way
4. He has requested a meeting with the Director of ALDOT to seek funding
5. ALDOT has installed new handicap ramps along Magnolia Ave
6. He will be contacting the engineer on the soccer project who has gotten behind schedule

City Attorney Gray gave a report on municipal court and court dates.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report. He reported on a leadership meeting, restructuring of the department and a training schedule. He informed Council his department was researching disposal of old confiscated and abandoned items. Chief Mock stated he will be attending the job fair sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on issues with equipment.

Building Inspector Wuest reported requested street lights have been turned over to Alabama Power.

Council Member Bixby arrived at 7:01 p.m.

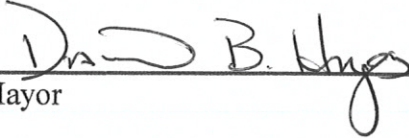
Council Member Lee stated he would like the minutes to reflect the passing of a former businessman Mr. Eugene Simpson.

Council Member McCoy inquired about the status of the nuisance complaint on the house that burned on Deer Street. He also reported an issue with abandoned cars in Pinecrest. Code Enforcement Officer Owens gave an update on the status of the two complaints.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about having the planter boxes weeded downtown.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the status of the speed limit and stop sign ordinances.

Council Member Lee moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 18, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on January 18, 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, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie, 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Benny Speigner requested permission to address Council regarding a notice of violation he has received on property he owns on 303 E. Promenade Avenue. Mr. Speigner requested a 60-day extension to bring his property into compliance before further action is taken by the City.

Council Member Lee stated the property was in his district and he felt that a 45-day extension would be in order. Building Inspector Wuest outlined items needing completion to bring the property into compliance. He stated the following areas of renovations were needed: electrical, plumbing, flooring, bathroom, kitchen and windows.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize a 45 day extension which could be revisited if sufficient progress was being made to the items noted by the building inspector. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy. The motion carried by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

With due public notice being sent by certified mail to property owners, along with publication in the *Geneva County Reaper* and posting in public places, a public hearing was held at this time to address abatement for violations of ordinance number 04-2021-02 on the following properties:

312 Merritt Street
302 Promenade Avenue
205 E. Promenade Avenue
115 E. Hart Avenue

Ms. Rebecca Cade was present to request an extension to abate the violation at 312 N Merritt Street by having the structure demolished.

Ms. Amy Marshall, property heir, was present to request an extension to abate the violation at 205 E. Promenade Avenue, Street by removing the mobile home on the property.

No owners or representatives were present to speak regarding violations 302 E. Promenade Avenue and 115 E. Hart Avenue.

No one from the public was present to comment regarding the properties.

Council Members discussed granting a 45-day extension to abate violations at 312 N. Merritt Street and 205 E. Promenade Avenue in response to the requests for extension. It was explained that the properties could be declared in violation of the ordinance and abatement ordered after 45 days from the date of this public hearing and regular meeting if not voluntarily abated.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution granting 45 days for compliance and entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022-01

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 312 N. MERRITT STREET GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804203005003003, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARIALY ABATED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF JANURARY 18, 2022

and to adopt a resolution granting 45 days for compliance and entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022-03

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 205 E. PROMENADE AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804203019009000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE

CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARIALY ABATED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF JANURARY 18, 2022

The motion to adopt the two resolutions was seconded by Council Member Lee. The motion carried by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray noted that no one was present regarding the property located at 302 E. Promenade Avenue. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if the notices of violation and public hearing were mailed and received. Code Enforcement Officer Owens stated they were mailed and accepted via certified mail return receipt.

Attorney Gray asked if there has been any contact by the owner(s) or representative of this property regarding this violation, to which there were none.

City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which was part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature.

City Attorney Gray noted that no one was present regarding the property located at 115 E Hart Avenue. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if the notices of violation and public hearing were mailed and received. Code Enforcement Officer Owens stated they were mailed and accepted via certified mail return receipt.

Attorney Gray asked if there has been any contact by the owner(s) or representative of this property regarding this violation, to which there were none.

City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which was part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he completed the form and if that was his signature on the form. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature.

Attorney Gray stated this property was involved with a tax sale. He also stated this property will require additional steps during demolition due to conditions noted during inspection.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt two resolutions entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022-02

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 302 E. PROMENADE AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1809292005002000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2022-04

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 115 E. HART AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804203008021000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS

The motion to adopt the two resolutions was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a three (3) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Fountain abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize renewing a contract with Southeast Alabama Solid Waste Disposal Authority. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2022-02

**AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 20TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2021
ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF
NORTH SUNFLOWER STREET AND WEST CAMELLIA AVENUE.**

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

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes Council Member Rufus Lee Council Member Freddy McCoy Council Member Mike Fountain Council Member Daniel L. Coleman		Council Member Kim Gillespie Council Member Ryan Tidwell 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 Coleman that Ordinance Number 01-2022-02 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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

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

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE 1-2022-01

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADJUST SPEED LIMITS
AND TO POST SPEED LIMIT SIGNS**

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

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 01-2022-01 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes		Council Member Kim Gillespie	
Council Member Rufus Lee		Council Member Ryan Tidwell	
Council Member Freddy McCoy		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 authorizing an application under the Rebuild Alabama Act grant program and commit matching funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A work session was scheduled for January 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor has reported on the following:

1. Project "Green Light"
2. The City's participation in the job fair hosted by the Chamber
3. Scheduled meeting with the engineer on the soccer project
4. Update on the park and splash pad project and donations

City Clerk Johnson presented and reviewed a report on the Rebuild Alabama Act Tax collections for FY 21. She reported on the status of setting up a .gov account for the City.

City Attorney Gray reported on court dates and a new format for court to help expedite the large number of cases being handled on court dates. He reported he is working with the Chief of Police to update some ordinances to help the police department operate more efficiently.

Police Chief Mock reported on a new and cost-effective paint scheme for vehicles and new uniform designs.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a vehicle maintenance report and scheduling issues due to equipment being repaired. He reported on the Fowler Park clean-up project.

Council Member McCoy inquired about the status of the nuisance complaint on junk vehicles in the Pinecrest area.

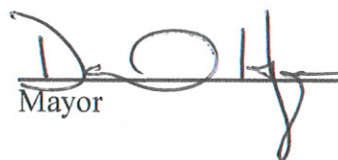
Council Member Lee requested a street light at the intersection of E. Bryant Avenue and Westville Avenue.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the status of a drain repair at the intersection of Morris Street and Maple Avenue. He reported on drainage issues where water was standing in the street on E. Hart Avenue and Liveoak Street. He also inquired about an issue with a mechanic shop operating on Fleming Avenue and if a license was issued. Council Member Fountain asked that the Code Enforcement Officer look at properties on Westville Avenue going to Fowler Park.

Council Member Lee moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 7, 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, 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Gillespie and Bixby abstaining.

Mr. David Swinton was present and had his daughter Pamela Gregory on speaker phone to address Council concerning lot #43 in Herring Subdivision. Ms. Gregory stated she was interested in purchasing the lot. Ms. Frankie Lett was also present and informed Council she was a former resident of Baptist Bottom and would like to qualify to receive the lot as a former displaced resident. Council stated they would like for the City Clerk and City Attorney to meet, discuss and research the requirements of a former grant regarding the property and advise Council on any requirements.

Council Member Bixby excused himself from the meeting at 6:15 p.m. during discussion of the issue.

Council Member Gillespie moved to table action until the next meeting to give the City Clerk and City Attorney time to research the issue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Tewanna Marks McElwee, with the Geneva County Historical Society, was present and invited everyone to the annual Black History Program.

Mayor Hayes informed Council item C on the agenda had been resolved prior to the meeting.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve a request from the Chamber of Commerce to reschedule the Easter egg hunt to April 16, 2022. 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 Lee moved to adopt a resolution ratifying the City's millage rate at 12 mills for the period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

The Mayor reported on the following:

1. Architect for the city projects
2. LWCF soccer project
3. Economic Development Class
4. Sidewalks along Magnolia Avenue
5. Street paving grant opportunity

City Clerk Johnson reported on increased insurance premiums for airport liability insurance and informed Council that under the Affordable Health Care Act the City will be required to offer insurance to rescue workers that have exceeded hour worked limits.

City Attorney Gray reported on court dates. He informed Council he is working on regulations on restraints for individuals with multiple arrests for certain violations and crimes. He recommended updating the City's Covid policy to mirror CDC guidelines. Attorney Gray also informed Council they may be contacted by individuals regarding legislation on low speed vehicles and gave an update on the draft beer resolution.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens gave a status report on open nuisance violations.

Chief Mock gave an activity report for the month of January. He reported on planned community service projects for the department and fundraiser events. He asked Council if they would set a workshop to discuss police salaries.

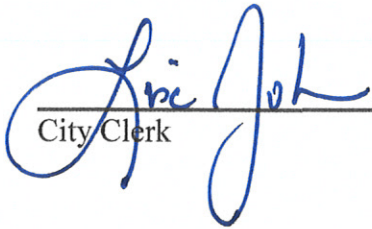
A work session was scheduled for February 15th at 4:00 p.m.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a report on projects and equipment. He informed Council he has been unable to purchase cold patch and that the dirt pit the City uses has closed.

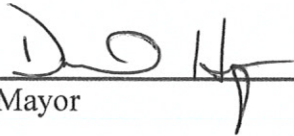
Due to equipment breakdowns and the delayed schedule in receiving new equipment Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer requested authorization to purchase a dump trailer at a cost of \$13,495.00 and grapples with a total cost of \$3,480.00 Council Member McCoy moved to amend the budget and authorize the purchase with funds coming from the ½ cent 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.

Council Member Gillespie stated she would like for the City to research the possibility of using Covid funds to purchase street signs as it will help direct emergency personnel. She also asked about the status of the City joining the Main Street program as a networking community.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

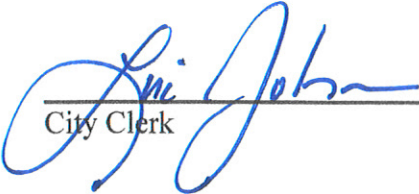
GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 15, 2022
6:00 P.M.

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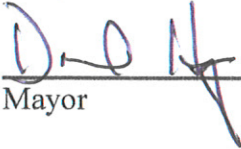
The Geneva City Council met in work session on February 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Items discussed included: employee salaries, an additional employee for the recreation department, Herring Subdivision and American Rescue Plan funds.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 22, 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, 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 Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 7, 2022. 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 Tidwell abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Lee and Tidwell abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to offer lot #43 in Herring Subdivision to Ms. Pamela Gregory for \$5,000.00 and to offer one of the remaining lots to Ms. Frankie Lett at the same price. Upon discussion Council Member Gillespie moved to amend her motion to include that if Ms. Gregory did not accept the offer that the lot be available to Ms. Lee for the same price. The motion as amended was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The amended motion was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve a 5K run for Two Rivers One Heart along the river trail at Fowler Park. 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 Lee moved to approve the FY 22 first quarter financials as presented. 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 Tidwell discussed the simplified sellers' use tax being received by the City from the state. He discussed needed projects and recommended earmarking a portion of the tax.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. New City park and ground breaking
2. Electric car charging stations
3. Bids for the LWCF soccer project

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He informed Council he is reviewing Treasury's Final Rule on the use of ARP monies.

Police Chief Pepper Mock reported on outstanding and active warrants. He reported he and the City Attorney were close on having new ordinances relating to abandoned and seized property and its disposal and assault and harassment to public employees and officials. Chief Mock reported on the status of the new CAD system and asked Council if they had given any thought to his requests from the last work session.

Another work session was scheduled for March 7th at 4:00 p.m. prior to regular meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Clint Owens reported on four new properties to cite for ordinance violations.

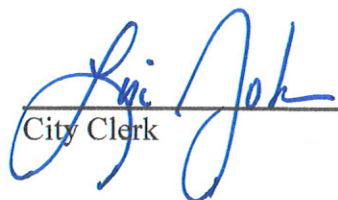
Building Inspector Ray Wuest reported the need for new street lights on Fleming Street, E Bryant Avenue and Azalea Street. Council Member Lee moved to approve the lights. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman discussed yield signs on N. Choctaw and College and Skyline and Westmont that need to be made into stops. He inquired about the 15 mph sign for Sunflower Street.

Council Member McCoy asked that Griffin Street and Hendrix Avenue be considered for resurfacing. He inquired about prohibiting semi-trucks on Hendrix Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell discussed streets in his district in prior grant applications and the need to use the simplified sellers' use tax for matching funds.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION &
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 7, 2022
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on March 7, 2022, 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.

Council discussed salary adjustment requests by various departments and zoning.

Work session adjourned at 6:00 p.m. 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, 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 22, 2022, with a correction that Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion to approve the financial report. 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 Bixby abstaining.

Mayor Hayes informed Council that due to unforeseen circumstances, the auditor for the City was unable to attend and present Item A on the agenda. Instead three ordinances were added to the agenda for consideration.

Attorney Gray reviewed proposed Ordinances 03-2022-03, 03-2022-04 and 03-2022-05.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2022-03

LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GENEVA ALABAMA BY THE POLICE CHIEF AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Council Member Bixby that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinances be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. 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 Bixby that Ordinance Number 03-2022-04 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 Tidwell introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2022-05

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR

Council discussed a delay in the removal of the mobile home at 205 E. Promenade Avenue and the expiration of the extension granted to abate the violation. Council Member Coleman moved to grant an additional 45 day extension to remove the mobile home. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mrs. Sirena Fleming appeared before Council to voice her concerns with individuals living on the ground floors in a business in downtown and stated that her interpretation of the ordinance prohibited such. Council discussed the wording of the ordinance and viewed the zoning map. Different interpretations of the ordinance were given. Other areas in which violations may exist were also noted. No action was taken other than comments that the zoning ordinance could be reviewed in the future for updates and public comments could be taken into consideration.

Council Member Bixby moved to approve the use of Robert Fowler Memorial park for a 5K run for Two Rivers One Heart. 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 the following:

1. Electric car charging stations
2. Soccer Project
3. Interest by three (3) prospective retailers
4. Cleaning along state highways by DOT
5. Meeting with architects on a new City Hall

Mayor Hayes informed Council he would like to purchase new banners for light poles to be used for the spring/summer seasons at an estimated cost of \$7,000.00. Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the budget and authorize the purchase of banners. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson reported on grant opportunities and applications she is working on. She proposed a City-wide yard sale at Robert Fowler Memorial Park with a charge for space rentals and proceeds to be used for Halloween or other events. Council member Tidwell moved to authorize the City Clerk to organize a City-wide yard sale. 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 on municipal court and encouraged individuals to contact the court office prior to court to see if issues can be resolved. He gave an update on the status of the draft beer legislation. He encouraged Council to submit ideas for review for the use of ARP funds.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allen Brewer gave an equipment and project report. He informed Council unless there were any objections he would switch to using on-road diesel in city equipment to save money due to the increased cost of fuel.

Police Chief Pepper Mock reported on the calendar fundraiser, new policies to help save on the cost of fuel, and outstanding warrants. He reviewed statistics for the month of February.

Code Enforcement Officer Clint Owens reported on asbestos testing for houses to be abated.

Fire Chief Ben Latimer appeared before Council to request approval for the purchase of two pairs of turn-out gear pants at a cost of \$1,378.00. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the purchase. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Latimer also discussed the sale of old SCBA tanks and any liability. Attorney Gray stated he would review the information and decide if the equipment could be sold. He also reported on three (3) grant applications for the department.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the manning document to increase the starting rate of pay of certified and non-certified police officers by \$2.00 and to increase the corporal's salary to \$19.00 per hour and increase all remaining certified and non-certified police officer's salary by \$2.00 per hour effective at midnight. 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 moved to amend the City's Manning Document to add the position of recreation specialist II in the recreation department with a starting salary of \$10.25 during probation and \$10.50 after probation. 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 Tidwell moved to increase the salary of the senior foreman in the Street and Sanitation Department and the mechanic by \$.50 per hour. 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 reported on a grant opportunity through Wiregrass RC&D to renovate and/or expand the dock at Fowler Park.

Council Member Lee requested a street light at 208 Dismukes Street be redirected towards the road.

Council Member Lee addressed paying for use of personal vehicles for City business and call-outs. Court Magistrate Smith informed Council that a prior Council had approved her to be paid mileage for use of her vehicle and call outs but it had been stopped by administration.


Council Member Lee moved to pay all City employees mileage for call-outs after normal hours using IRS rates and make the Durango at City Hall available for use during regular hours. 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 commended Mayor Hayes on his leadership.

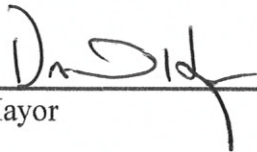
Council Member Fountain requested the intersection of Minshew and Promenade be evaluated for a four-way-stop.

Council Member Bixby requested pot holes on Lakewood Loop be filled. He also stated Spectrum has not made any progress on improvements they informed Council would be happening and he plans on contacting them to discuss the issue.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on March 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee 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 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 March 7, 2022, The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Keith Hundley, CPA, with the City's audit firm, Carr, Riggs, & Ingram CPAs and Advisors, reviewed the FY 19-20 audit for the City of Geneva. He explained that a recommendation was made in the audit to move the booking functions of the library to the City Clerk's office. He stated this recommendation was not based on any wrong doing it was recommendation to consolidate all books of the City which would make the financial reporting more efficient.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the financials for the year as audited. 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 approve and accept the auditor's recommendation and consolidate the library's books into the City's books. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A copy of the audit report follows a part of these minutes:

Mr. James Sullivant appeared before Council to register a complaint and seek compensation for an incident he alleges occurred in 2008. Mayor Hayes informed Mr. Sullivant he should have his attorney contact the City Attorney.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt an Hours of Operation/Time Clock Policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the financial reports for January 2022 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.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Meeting with the Director of ADECA and Senator Chesteen
2. Park project
3. Electric car charging stations
4. Meeting with DOT
5. Soccer project
6. Drainage issues due to recent rains

City Clerk Johnson reported on a date for the City-wide yard sale.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and encouraged individuals to contact the court office prior to court to see if issues can be resolved. He informed Council, Chief Mock had assigned an officer to function like a bailiff during court. He also reported on continued work on nuisance abatements.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the weekend and reported on a second meeting regarding the new reporting system.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allen Brewer gave an equipment and project report. He reported on drainage issues and possible solutions. He also reported on the demolition of the first house under the abatement process of the dangerous building ordinance.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported the mobile home at 205 E Promenade Avenue has been removed, he does not see any progress on the property at 303 E Promenade Avenue, and he has received the asbestos report on the house at 115 E Hart Avenue.

Council Member Fountain discussed drainage issues on Choctaw and Merritt Streets; a nuisance complaint on a mobile home at 120 E Hart Avenue; a burnt house on Choctaw Street; and time extension for the property at 303 E Promenade Avenue. He also informed Council he is demolishing the old house at 119 E. Hart Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell reported pot holes and washouts on Spring Avenue and opening day for the baseball/softball/t-ball season.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the route for the garbage truck. She stated she has received calls regarding the truck running at different times than usual.

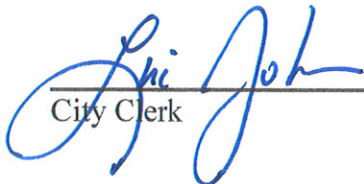
Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a policy granting a \$2.00 per hour increase in pay to all permanent hourly employees upon completion of 25 consecutive years of service with the City of Geneva effective the next full pay period following the 25 year anniversary.

Upon discussion Council Member Tidwell questioned the fairness in the exclusion of department heads.

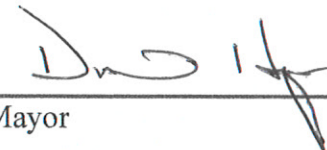
Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which carried by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman requested yield signs at the intersection of Choctaw Street and College Avenue and the intersection of Westmont Street and Skyline Avenue be changed to stop signs. He asked that Mrs. Gail Whitehead be allowed to speak as part of his allotted time. Mrs. Whitehead discussed drainage issues on her property.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 4, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on April 4, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Tidwell arrived at 6:11 p.m. but 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 March 21, 2022, The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Lee and Bixby abstaining.

Ms. Jennifer Braden, Director of the Educational Opportunity Center, provided information on a new Federal Department of Education Grant program called the Educational Opportunity Center which is housed at Enterprise State Community College. The program serves clients in Geneva and their program's goal is to help individuals find and access adult education or higher education programs and opportunities.

Attorney Gray reviewed two ordinances establishing stop signs.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2022-06

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022 ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH CHOCTAW STREET AND WEST COLLEGE AVENUE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2022-07

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 4TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022 ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF WESTMONT STREET AND EAST SKYLINE AVENUE.

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

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinances had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 04-2022-06 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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

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

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Gillespie that Ordinance Number 04-2022-07 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:	Abstentions:
Council Member Rufus Lee		Council Member Tidwell	Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Freddy McCoy			
Council Member Kim Gillespie			

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 Tidwell arrived to the meeting.

City Attorney Gray reviewed a proposed ordinance establishing policies for health and sanitation within the City.

Mayor Hayes addressed possible funding sources for the new park project.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Soccer project
2. A change in command at Ft. Rucker
3. City Hall project and architect fees
4. New banners for downtown
5. Project Green Light
6. New business interested in locating in town including a national chain store
7. Drainage on Crosstimbers and possible solutions
8. Moving a small structure from the Junction to be used as a bus stop near Will Jenkins Community Center.

City Clerk Johnson reported she has submitted three applications for grant funding and is working on a fourth. She informed Council the EV grant cycle has opened.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and encouraged individuals to contact the court office prior to court to see if issues can be resolved. He informed Council he has reviewed the requirements for using ARPA funds and would like to discuss possibilities at a work session. Attorney Gray also informed Council the draft beer legislating has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature. Once signed the City will have 90 days to establish regulations within in the City limits before it becomes law.

A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th, at 4:00 p.m.

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

Police Captain Michael McDuffie gave an activity report for the month of March. He reported on the status of the sale and disposal of old abandoned and confiscated property.

Mayor Hayes discussed the clean up of Robert Fowler Park. He gave an update on the new lights for the levee that is being funded with the help of Senator Chesteen.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported on the second house slated for abatement.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on the status of lights requested through Alabama Power.

Recreation Director Jay Stough reported he has hired an employee for the newly created position in the department and gave status on participation in recreation programs. He requested the City contribute \$800.00 to the school basketball program to assist with work to the gym floors as city recreation program also uses the facility. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the contribution to the school. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Director Stough reviewed umpire pay for the City and surrounding towns and requested the following per game increase for umpire pay:

Boys & Girls 7-8	\$10.00
Boys & Girls 9-10	\$ 5.00
Boys & Girls 11-12	\$ 5.00
Boys & Girls 12-15	\$10.00

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the pay adjustment. 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 Coleman abstaining.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the status of the new speed limit signs in his district.

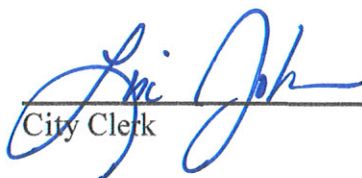
Council Member Gillespie asked the Mayor to pursue looking into disc golf for the City.

Council Member McCoy discussed burning and mobile homes in his district.

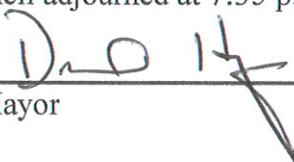
Council Member Lee inquired about the status of street lights in his district. He discussed the action at last meeting where department heads were excluded from the policy granting a \$2.00 per hour increase for 25 years of service expressing his concern about the fairness of excluding positions.

Council Member Tidwell requested further discussion of the 25 year payment incentive at the upcoming work session.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
APRIL 12, 2022
6:00 P.M.

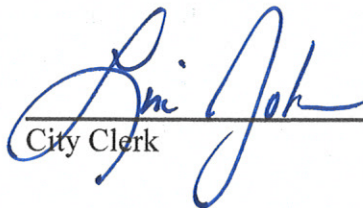
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on April 12, 2022, at 4:00 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.

Council discussed the following:

1. Uses of the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) established under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).
2. Grants and grant opportunities.
3. 25 year incentives for department heads.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on April 18, 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, 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 April 4 and 12, 2022. 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 read and signed a proclamation recognizing April 24-30, 2022, as "Crime Victims' Rights Week". Ms. Katy Lewis, Outreach Coordinator for Wiregrass Angel House, presented a certificate to Mayor Hayes.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution electing to take the standard allowance for revenue loss in the amount of \$1,019,614.68 under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) established through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to increase the salaries of two department heads with 25 years of service by \$4,000.00 each. Council Member Tidwell seconded the motion and stated that for clarification this was for employees with 25 years of continuous service. The motion carried by a six (6) to one (1) vote with Council Members Lee, Tidwell, McCoy, Gillespie, Bixby and Fountain voting in favor of the motion and Council Member Coleman voting against the motion. Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the financial with expenditures for the month of February 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reviewed the prices for quotes received for asbestos removal for one of the houses in the abatement phase of the dilapidated house ordinance. He presented the low quote in the amount of \$5,440.00. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the contract under the

lowest quote. 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 the following:

1. Meeting with the Director of ADOT and a pledge of funding from the state on the City's paving project
2. He will be forwarding to Council a list of proposed streets to pave and asked they contact him if they have any input or questions
3. Update on the airport project regarding the purchase of property for the new taxiway
4. Upcoming meeting with engineers on the park project
5. River Festival plans
6. Clean up along the side of the road by local youth
7. City Hall project
8. Luncheon for AUSA membership and other Ft. Rucker events

Mayor Hayes reported on the passing of Mrs. Pearl Sikes. He proclaimed April 19, 2022 as Pearl Sikes Day.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the upcoming yard sale at Fowler Park, time clocks and reminded Council of the next economic development academy session.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and encouraged individuals to attend and observe how court operates. He informed Council July will mark 90 days on the passage of the draft beer legislation and the City can move forward with establishing regulations within in the City limits. He encouraged Council to submit suggestions for an ordinance. Attorney Gray also explained the standard revenue loss option for ARPA funds.

Mayor Hayes reported he had attended a men's fellowship breakfast at the Will Jenkins Community Center.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allen Brewer reported on drainage issues, the bus stop project, equipment repairs, the pier project, stop signs and speed limit signs.

Superintendent Brewer reported he is having issues retaining employees and getting applicants for openings. He stated he currently has four (4) open positions and requested Council review the pay for street and sanitation department employees.

Council discussed adding the grass on Commerce Street and guard rail areas to the grounds maintenance contract for the remainder of the year. Council also discussed using inmate labor to assist with projects.

Police Chief Mock reported that since the starting salary adjustments were approved he has received several applications and hopes to have all open positions filled in the near future.

Building Inspector Wuest presented a written response from Alabama Power on the status of lights on Fleming Avenue, Water Street, E Bryant Avenue and N. Azalea Street and 2 fixtures in Deerwood Estates. He also reported on the change out of the breaker at Fowler Park.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported he has sent out four (4) new notices under the dilapidate house ordinance.

Council Member Fountain reminded Council that at previous meetings, going up on building permit fees had been discussed. He stated he would like to see the new fees put in place and an expiration time period established for issued permits.

Mayor Hayes asked the Code Enforcement Officer to write a letter addressing replacing a mobile home that has been moved out of a nonconforming area.

Council Member Tidwell reported he will be working to livestream the first round of play-offs for the Geneva High School baseball team on the Panther Sports Network, therefore he will not be able to attend the next session of the economic development academy. He reported on a Addyson Martin Memorial Tournament being held at Chapman Park. Council Member Tidwell commended staff involved with opening day at Chapman Park. He expressed his appreciation for Council supporting the road project in his district.

Council Member Lee requested the street superintendent look at the possibility of grading the northside of the east end of Mulkey Avenue to help with water run-off. He thanked Chief Mock for his assistance with an individual with a mental health issue.

Council Member Gillespie reported issues with dogs on Westmont Street.

Council Member Coleman asked if the issue with the dumpster behind the Porky Barn has been addressed. He asked if there were any plans for planter boxes downtown. Council discussed different options including making benches. It was decided that drift roses would be planted in the next couple of weeks.

Council Member Coleman stated he would like for the City to address providing meals for seniors and decide what the City is going to do. Council discussed different meal options, costs, and possible donations. Council Member Tidwell requested the City Clerk review the budget and make a recommendation of where funding could come from.

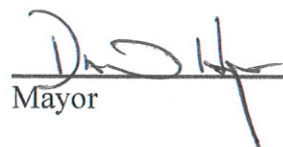
Council Member McCoy stated he could volunteer helping cut grass if needed.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the ditch on Morris Street near EPA Church.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 2, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on May 2, 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, 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 April 18, 2022. 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 Coleman abstaining.

Mr. James Carpenter requested an extension on the abatement of the house located at 115 E. Hart Avenue. Mr. Carpenter stated he would like to compute the cost to renovate the house and the cost that would have to be reimbursed to the City to see if it would be feasible.

Council Member Bixby moved to grant a 30 day extension on abatement. 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 the bid amount for the soccer project and negotiated changes to the scope of the project to cut cost. One major change would be the removal of the concession/bathroom facility. He informed Council to help get cash costs down, the lights would also need to be financed on a power plan through Alabama Power. He informed Council that even with the financing of the lights and changes to the scope of the project the City would still be facing an additional \$250,000.00 cash match.

Council member Lee moved to authorize the changes in the scope of the project, award the negotiated bid to Southeast Construction Co., LLC and proceed with the project. 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 called for nominations to the expired term of Ron Justice on the Geneva City School Board.

Council Member Lee nominated Mrs. Tewanna Marks McElwee. The motion did not receive a second.

Council Member McCoy nominated Mr. Colby Hidle. Council Member Fountain seconded the nomination.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on Mr. Hidle's nomination. Council Member McCoy and Fountain voted for the appointment. Council Member Lee abstained from the vote.

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

Mr. Colby Hidle was appointed to the Geneva City School Board by a quorum of voting Council Members.

Council Member Tidwell stated he would like for the record to reflect that he felt it was a "joke" that members of the Council that were teachers and support personnel could not participate in school board appointments. He stated the electors of the City had elected members to the Council with full confidence in their ability to determine members of various boards and knowing that the individuals they voted for were employees of the school system. He stated he did not feel it was right to restrict participation in appointments. Council Member Bixby stated he agreed with Council Member Tidwell's sentiments.

Mayor Hayes presented service awards to Austin Hill and his children Skye, Cole and Deva Hill for their cleanup efforts along the right-of-way in town.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. River Festival
2. Meeting with engineers on the paving project
3. Call from the Governor
4. Meeting with engineers on the park project
5. He as asked the potential architects on the City Hall project for some rendering examples

Mayor Hayes thanked Council Member Lee for an invitation to attend the district conference held by the Geneva Church of Christ and the opportunity to welcome the State Bishop.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the citywide yard sale, ARPA reporting, receipt of a Walmart grant for Halloween, and receipt of ARPA funding for the fire department that was applied for.

Clerk Johnson requested the starting salary for the maintenance position be changed from \$12.00 per hour to be a range of up to \$12.00 per hour depending upon the applicant's qualifications. She stated if enough applicants with actual maintenance experience were not received the position may be more of a custodial type position.

Council Member Bixby moved to amend the manning document to set the starting salary of the maintenance position at a range of \$10.00 to \$12.00 per hour depending upon experience.

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

City Clerk Johnson reported she has received a price of \$300.00 per cut for adding the areas along Commerce Street to the grass cutting contract. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize adding the Commerce area to the current contract. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and encouraged individuals to attend and observe how court operates. He informed Council he is working on drafting an ordinance on building permits.

Mayor Hayes reported on the second session of the Economic Development Academy.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and projects.

Police Chief Mock reported on cleaning up the impound lot, festival security, and presented an activity report for April. He informed Council he would like to revise the policy on reserve officers and try to rebuild a reserve force. He reported on applicants for open positions.

Building Inspector Wuest reported Alabama Power has begun installation of some of the lights that have been requested.

Fire Chief Latimer reported that the Geneva County Commission has agreed to purchase radio equipment for countywide fire departments. He requested approval to purchase spare batteries for SCBA equipment at a cost of \$4,215.00 and an emergency generator for \$5,727.00 out of the ARPA funds received. He requested the City assist in the cost of installation of the generator and change out of lights at the station to LEDs. He presented cost quotes for these services. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the requested purchases and to authorize Danny McDuffie as the contractor for electrical service at the price quoted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported the asbestos has been removed on the house on 115 E Hart Avenue. One owner of a house that has been served a violation is cleaning up the property and the Speigner property is showing progress.

Council Member Fountain asked about GPS devices for city vehicles. He inquired about time clocks. He stated with the new employee for the recreation department being added he would like to see improvements to the parking areas at Chapman Park.

Council Member Bixby reported he has a player that has qualified for the state golf tournament, the first for Geneva. He thanked the police department for assisting him last week after being hit by another vehicle.

Council Member Gillespie thanked everyone for work on the planter boxes downtown and recommended looking at a beautification committee. She reported that a section of the sidewalk along Academy Street needs to be repaired as someone almost fell during the parade.

Council Member Coleman requested a workshop to discuss the manning document, raises and food for the senior citizens. A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, May 10th, at 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Coleman reported a hole near 104 Camellia Avenue on the side of the road. He asked about the status of rebuilding the ditch and re-curbing and area on Fleming Avenue to help with drainage issues. He requested curbing to assist with keeping traffic from driving in a yard at the curve on Pine Avenue. Council Member Coleman also requested a four-way-stop at the intersection of Wilson Street and High Avenue and make the yield at the interception of Lakeshore Avenue and N. Iris Street a four-way-stop and install rumble strips. He informed the Mayor he has streets for the paving list.

Council Member McCoy asked about getting Griffin Avenue and Hendrix Avenue on the paving list.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MAY 10, 2022
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on May 10, 2022, 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, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, 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 discussed the manning document, raises and food for the senior citizens. Work session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 16, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on May 16, 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, 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 May 2, 2022. 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 dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Tidwell and Bixby abstaining.

Mayor Hayes signed a proclamation declaring May Mental Health Awareness month. Ms. Susie Kingry with Spectracare was present and spoke on her agency's involvement with mental health.

Geneva Chamber of Commerce President, Shelby Danley, discussed plans for a 4th of July celebration. Council member Gillespie moved to approve a festival at Robert Fowler Memorial Park and a parade beginning at the intersection of South Liveoak Street and Magnolia Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to set a public hearing on abatement cost for 302 E. Promenade Avenue during the June 7, 2002, Council meeting. 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 presented, reviewed and explained contracts regarding franchise audits. Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution authorizing a cable television franchise fee

payment compliance review using Local government Services LLC; and to adopt a resolution authorizing a telecommunication franchise fee payment compliance review using Local government Services LLC. 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 applying for a LWCF grant for the proposed downtown park. Mrs. Emily Vanscyoc, grant writer for SEARPDC, was present to explain the grant process. Council Member Tidwell inquired if funding the match requirements would conflict with funding other projects such as resurfacing and the soccer complex. Mayor Hayes confirmed that funding for this project would not have any impact on the ability to fund other projects that have been approved

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for a LWCF grant and pledging a 50% match. 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 the following:

1. Progress on Project Green Light
2. Expansion of an existing industry that will include adding a shift and additional employees
3. Has been invited to a meeting in Canada regarding new plans for another existing business
4. Requiring attendance of department heads at Council meetings
5. Ft Rucker events and meetings
6. Plans for new City Hall
7. Resurfacing project
8. Correcting issues with some speed bumps

City Clerk Johnson reported time clocks are going well and a meeting with Alabama Power regarding the EV grant.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He presented and reviewed a draft ordinance on building permits and fees for Council's review and comments. Attorney Gray updated Council on the draft beer legislation. He stated he would like to have an ordinance regulating draft beer in place by July the 5th which is the date the legislation comes into effect.

Council Member Tidwell suggested a work session to draft an ordinance. A work session to work on the draft beer ordinance was scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on June 14, 2022.

Mayor Hayes reported on the second session of the Economic Development Academy.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and projects.

Police Chief Mock reported on the first Jr. Police Academy. He reported on cleaning up the impound lot and the current process for impounding vehicles. Chief Mock explained that drug impounds were taken to the impound yard and redeemed through payment to the City but vehicles

towed for other reasons were taken to the towing company lot and redeemed through the company. The Evidence Custodian was present and discussed the process for disposal of unclaimed impounded vehicles. The Chief requested Council set a fee for towing and impounds. Council Member Lee moved to set the fee at the cost of towing plus \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock requested Council change the City's policy requiring the minimum age of a police officer at 21 to match state law requirements of 19. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the City's Manning Document to change the minimum age of a police officer to 19. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock reported that training cost for the three new cadets to attend the police academy will be \$11,400.00. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the budget and authorize the cost for training. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects in the street department and street sign replacement. He also discussed options for purchasing dirt from local pits.

Librarian Wynn reported on repair to the building and A/C. She reported on summer programs.

Senior Citizens Director informed Council there were still problems with meals. She reported on summer programs. Council discussed meal options and funding.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on the submission of grants for a new thermal camera and new set of jaws-of-life. He reported the County is purchasing radios for the department but they do not include speaker mics. The cost for 22 mics is approximately \$1,500.00. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the purchase of mics for the fire department. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Latimer also gave an update on the generator and light project for the fire station.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported first letters of violation under the dangerous buildings ordinance has been sent out on properties located at 701 E. Water Street, 507 E. Walnut Street and 120 E. Hart Avenue. He has sent lis pendens notices on all four Miller properties located on Hart Avenue. Officer Owens reported Mr. Miller is in the process of demolishing a house at 106 E. Hart Avenue and will also demolish the house at 308 N. Morris Street. He reported the Bottoms property is being worked on and the owner of 107 Academy Street will be demolishing the house at that location.

City Attorney Gray reported on the status of the Crosstimbers Avenue nuisance complaint.

Council Member McCoy inquired about sewer for an area in his district. Mayor Hayes stated he has been discussing the issue with the Water and Sewer Board regarding funding.

Council Member Gillespie stated she could see the progress being made through the efforts of code enforcement.

Council Member Coleman asked about his request for a three-way stop at Pridgen Street and Pine Avenue and a four-way at the intersection of Wilson Street and High Avenue. Chief Mock was asked for his recommendation on the request. He stated that he had reviewed the area and in his opinion, did not see a need. Chief Mock recommended asking all residence in the area's opinion. Council Member Coleman stated he would withdraw his request for the two stops and asked that the stop sign that was approved behind C&M be installed.

Council Member Fountain expressed his appreciation for everyone's involvement in working with the owner of the 115 E. Hart Avenue to determine if the extension was needed and if the property could be salvaged and when it was determined it wasn't feasible having the structure removed. He also expressed appreciation for ditch work near the church on N. Morris Street and requested the old church fellowship hall be addressed under the dangerous building ordinance.

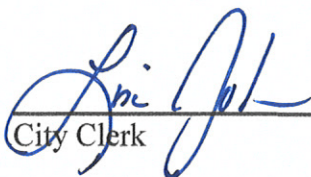
Council Member Bixby reported the issue near Spikes Wholesale has been resolved and thanked the Street Superintendent.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about the status of work on Woodland Street.

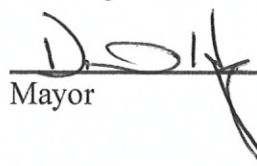
Council Member Lee inquired about the pipe for Crosstimbers Avenue. Council Member Lee introduce Ms. Latoya McNeal who was in attendance. He explained that she owned the property at 965 State Highway 85 and had moved a mobile home located there with the intention of replacing it with a new mobile home. Since moving the mobile home, she has been contacted by code enforcement regarding the fact that the property is not zoned for mobile homes. Attorney Gray reviewed and discussed with Council the mobile home ordinance as it relates to nonconforming mobile homes. It was determined that an upgrade to a nonconforming mobile home could be possible if all criteria was met.

Council member Lee moved to authorize the upgrade of the mobile home provided it was a new mobile home and would be used for Ms. McNeal's family as stated in the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 31, 2022
4:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in a special called session on May 16, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee and Freddy McCoy were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and City Attorney Jeff Gray.

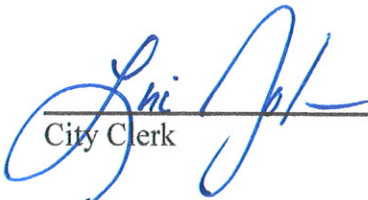
Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Mayor Hayes explained to Council that only one bid was received on the soccer project which was significantly above the project budget. Council Members were presented with a written recommendation from the project engineer which reduced the scope of the project and negotiated a price on remaining items in the project.

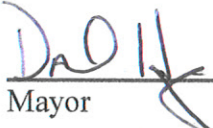
Council member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution awarding to the only bidder, **Southeast Construction Co., LLC**, with a base bid of \$1,489,008.50 and Change Order 1 deduction amount of \$688,133.50 for a net award amount of **\$800,875.00**, the contract to construct the soccer complex and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with **Southeast Construction Co., LLC**, for said construction services. 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 an option to apply for a CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and demolition and clean-up of derelict properties. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize pursuing a grant for such purposes. 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 adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 5:10 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 7, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on June 7, 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, 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 16 and 31, 2022. 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 Bixby arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Members of the Geneva Woman's Club were present and presented the City with a check in the amount of \$3,500.00 to purchase two snow machines. They also presented a letter supporting the downtown park project and pledging \$20,000 in support.

Mayor Hayes discussed the splash pad project and cost. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize a \$250,000.00 for the Mayor to negotiate a contract under a buying cooperative. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Nathaniel Washington appeared before Council to request use of Robert Fowler Memorial Park on July 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. to hold a worship service he is organizing with local churches. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the use of the park for a worship service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Michel Deemer appeared before Council to discuss the purchase of the golf course to be used to train hunting dogs. He requested an amendment to the City's ordinance which prohibits discharging a firearm in the city limits. The item was added to the work session scheduled for the 14th to give the City Attorney time to review the ordinance discussed and the zoning ordinance.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for a Tier 2 EV grant application and committing a 20% match. 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 Gillespie moved to authorize use of Robert Fowler Memorial Park as a stopping point for a motorcycle ride sponsored by the Daleville Chamber of Commerce on August 20, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council received a request from Judge Danner to compensate Stephanie Carter \$20 per hour for 30 hours to train the new Magistrate. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the request from court funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Campbell appeared before Council to request adding two part-time employees as full-time employees with benefits. Council member Coleman moved to amend the Manning Document to add the two employees. 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 moved to adopt a resolution selecting and authorizing Ewing-Conner and Associates, Inc. to commence with the development of a 2022 CDBG application for submission. 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 recent rain and the status of dirt roads. He asked that the minutes reflect the loss of Mrs. Jewel Gray, a beloved citizen that contributed to several city projects through the years.

City Clerk Johnson reported the implementation of time clocks is going well and the status of the EV grant application. She reported on the passing of Mr. Buck Williams the long time FBO for the Geneva Airport. She also advised Council the current FBO contract is up and asked that the subject be added to the work session on the 14th.

Council Member Gray reported he will have options for a draft beer ordinance ready for the work session on the 14th. He asked Council to review the draft ordinance on building fees and let him know if they have any recommendations. He informed Council he will review the firearm ordinance prior to the 14th meeting. Attorney Gray informed Council that Court will be fine during the transition of a new employee.

Mayor Hayes requested the starting salary for the Court Clerk/Magistrate be set at \$14.00 per hour during probation until the person is certified and the salary be increased to \$15.00 per hour upon completion of certification.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the Manning Document to set the new starting salary and probation period as requested by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Recreation Director Stough reported on All-Star tournaments and soccer sign-up. Mayor Hayes informed Director Stough he has received complaints on the condition of the bathrooms at Chapman Part. Director Stough stated he would look into repairs.

Director Stough reported that he was going to utilize the new hire as a part-time employee instead of a full-time employee as this option would work for both the City and the employee. He asked that Council consider increasing the allocation for meals for out of area state and national tournaments to \$9.00.

Police Chief Mock reported on the success of signup for the JR Police Academy, active shooter training, and a drug program for schools. He gave an activity report for the month of May.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the generator and station lights have been installed.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave a project status report. He also reported on an upcoming levee inspection.

Building Inspector Wuest reported that Alabama Power had disconnected a street light on E. Water Avenue at a customer's request and that the light could be moved to another location. Council Member Lee requested the light be moved to the intersection of White Street and Trinity Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported the property owner for 907 Walnut Street has began clean up. The Miller property will be set for public hearing at next meeting. The Bottoms property is still being worked on and the 1st house on Rail Road Avenue and Westville Avenue has been removed.

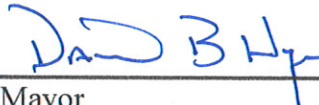
Senior Director Owens reported on the food at the center.

Council Member Lee reported the Will Jenkins Community Center is hosting a summer program for youth. He requested the one-time bonus for retirees be added to the work session of the 14th. He inquired about project Green light and the possibility of getting another hotel to open in Geneva.

Council Member Coleman reported the ditch on Fleming is washing away, an abandoned house on Johnson Street, speeders using Hillcrest as a cut through and issues with parking in the street on Madison Street.

Council Member Gillespie reported on complaints of speeders in Radio Hill on Smith Avenue, complaints on dirt roads and complaints on the condition of sidewalks on Liveoak. She inquired about the status of the Mainstreet application.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Mayor



City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JUNE 14, 2022
3:00 P.M.
MINUTES

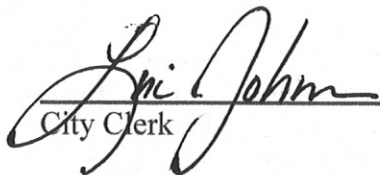
The Geneva City Council met in work session on June 14, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

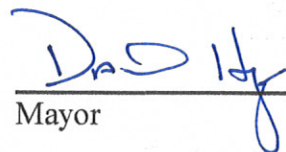
Council discussed the following:

Draft Beer Ordinance
Firearms Ordinance and Zoning Ordinance
Airport
Retiree Bonus
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Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 21, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on June 21, 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, 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

With due public notice being sent by certified mail to property owners, along with publication in the *Geneva County Reaper* and posting in public places, a public hearing was held at this time to address abatement for violations of ordinance number 04-2021-02 on the following properties:

106 E Hart Avenue
308 N Morris Street
112 E. Hart Avenue
108 E Hart Avenue

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 106 E Hart Avenue. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which was part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature.

No one from the public was present to speak regarding the property.

Attorney Lee Knowles was present and stated he was filling in for the attorney representing the property owner Mr. Miller. Attorney Knowles stated they would concede the property met the criteria of the ordinance and has already been demolished.

City Attorney Gray presented pictures showing the site after demolition but noted the foundation had not been removed. He inquired of the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector if foundations were required to be removed as part of the abatement and if any other

nuisance remained on the property. Code Enforcement Owens stated items such as an old TV and paint cans needed to be removed.

Attorney Knowles stated they would concede the property at 308 N Morris Street met the criteria of the ordinance and Mr. Miller was in the process of having the house demolished. He requested a 60 day extension to have the house demolished.

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 308 N. Morris Street. Attorney Gray asked the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector if demolition could be completed in the 60 day time frame. They concurred it was possible.

City Attorney Gray asked Attorney Knowles what his client's intentions were regarding 112 E. Hart Avenue. He stated his intentions were to bring the structure into compliance. City Attorney Gray asked if they stipulate that the house meets the criteria of the ordinance as an unsafe structure. Attorney Knowles stated that some items may comply but that his client feels the house can be brought up to code.

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 112 E Hart Avenue. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which was part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature.

City Attorney Gray asked the Building Inspector what would have to be accomplished to bring the house up to code. He stated that he has not been granted access to the inside of the structure to be able to give a detailed list of items needed brought up to code the violations noted were issues visible from outside only and listed several items on the outside of the structure that would need to be brought into compliance.

Council Member Lee asked the property owner what the anticipated time frame would be to bring the property into compliance. The owner was not able to give a proposed date for completion.

No one from the public was present to speak on the property.

City Attorney Gray asked Attorney Knowles what his client's intentions were regarding 108 E. Hart Avenue and if they stipulate that the house meets the criteria of the ordinance as an unsafe structure. Attorney Knowles stated they did not stipulate and felt the structure was salvageable.

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 108 E Hart Avenue. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which was part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature.

City Attorney Gray asked the Building Inspector what would have to be accomplished to bring the house up to code. He stated that he has not been granted access to the inside of the structure to be able to give a detailed list of items needed brought up to code the violations noted

were issues visible from outside only and listed several items on the outside of the structure that would need to be brought into compliance.

City Attorney Gray asked about a time frame for demolition, the owner, Mr. Miller, stated he has already started making repairs but did not have an estimated date of completion.

Attorney Knowles stated that his client would give access to the City to inspect the two properties that Mr. Miller wishes to bring up to code.

No one from the public was present to speak on the property.

City Attorney Gray asked for any further discussion or comments from the owner, public or Council, there being none he stated the public hearing had conclude.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of June 7 and 14, 2022. 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 on the status of the ordinance regarding draft beer and the process for adoption and becoming law

Mayor Hayes stated that Items B-Fire Arms Ordinance, J-Zoning and L-Golf Course on the agenda all fit together. City Attorney Gray explained that the items were discussed at the work session. He explained the proposed use of the property did not comply with the permitted uses of the current zoning district. He further explained that the zoning issue could be resolved by the issuance of a conditional use permit. City Attorney Gray explained the proper way to apply for a permit and the process and steps necessary to have the issue heard by the Planning Commission and City Council. City Attorney Gray stated that the Fire Arms Ordinance could be amended to address the issue of shooting guns on the property.

Mr. Deemer one of the partners wanting to purchase the property stated he was not sure that the use of the property would be deemed a business and therefore a conditional use permit may not be necessary.

City Attorney Gray stated that to keep the project moving an appointment by Council was needed on the Planning Commission. Council Member Fountain moved to appoint Council Member Gillespie as the Council representative on the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council inquired about how quickly a meeting could be held. City Attorney Gray explained that the ordinance required specific notification to owners and publication that needs to be followed to prevent any possible law suits.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed a permit fee ordinance.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-2022-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.10 "FEES" OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2017-05 DATED THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND SETTING FEES THEREOF; 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 Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinances be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

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

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 06-2022-08 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes		Council Member Ryan Tidwell	
Council Member Rufus Lee			
Council Member Freddy McCoy			
Council Member Kim Gillespie			
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 Gillespie moved to authorize advertising for an FBO at the Geneva Airport. 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 adopt a resolution granting a one-time bonus to retirees through the Retirement Systems of Alabama. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with Priority Soldier. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray stated that at the public hearing Council heard from the property owner that he has torn down the house at 106 E Hart Avenue. That the Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Office has stated a couple of other things need to be done on the property. Council Member Gillespie inquired about the slab. The Code Enforcement Officer stated the slab was required to be removed on other properties in violation of the ordinance.

When asked about the slab the property owner stated he may extend the slab and use it to dry corn and other vegetation to be stored in the other houses. This brought up the question of zoning prohibiting this type activity and it causing problems with rodents.

When asked about renovating and bringing the other houses to code the owner stated he would bring them to code but may not install sinks and cabinets as he was not going to rent them but use for storage. The question arose about being in compliance as residential property. He then stated he would bring them to code to be livable.

The structural safety of the slab at 106 E Hart Avenue was discussed. It was recommended by the Code Enforcement Officer that the slab be removed as was required by other property owners with violations. The Building Inspector stated the slab was not structurally sound.

Council Member Coleman moved that when a structure was to be demolished it includes the slab which would apply to 106 E Hart Avenue. 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 moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A SLAB LOCATED AT 106 E HART AVENUE GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804203014009000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED WITHIN 20 DAYS.

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 stated Council had heard from the Code Enforcement Office and Building Inspector that the house located at 308 N. Morris Street met the criteria under City ordinance as an unsafe structure. They had also heard from the property owner on his intentions to tear the structure down.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 308 N MORRIS STREET GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804203014009001, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARIALY ABATED WITHIN 45 DAYS.

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 stated Council had heard from the Code Enforcement Office and Building Inspector that the house located at 108 E Hart Avenue meets the criteria under City ordinance as an unsafe structure. They had also heard from the property owner that he would like to bring the house up to code.

The question arose about where in the process for abatement is 112 E Hart Avenue in regards to the number of days for removal of the structure. There were also question regarding how allowing the renovation and the pulling of a building permit will impact the number of days for completion since the Unsafe Structure Ordinance and Building Permit Ordinance have different time frames allowable for completion.

Council Member Bixby stated he feels that before a decision is made on 108 E Hart Avenue and 112 E Hart Avenue the Building Inspector needs to be granted access to determine the extent of what will need to be done to bring the house up to code and if it is even possible.

Council Member Fountain moved to table action on 108 E Hart Avenue and 112 E Hart Avenue to give the Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer time to inspect the inside of

the houses. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to allow River Junction Cruisers to hold a car show on S. Commerce Street on September 17, 2022, with the stipulation it is without closing the street. The motion was seconded by Council Member and Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the current policy to increase the meal allowance for recreation participants to \$10.00. 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 Bixby moved to amend the agenda to add a resolution on the paving project. 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 Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution entering into an agreement with the State of Alabama through the Department of Transportation for resurfacing various streets in the City of Geneva; Project # ST-031-999-014, CPMS Ref#100075436. 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 Bixby moved to approve the April financials 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 reported on the following:

1. Splash pad project
2. Meeting with architects on the new City Hall
3. Construction on soccer project to being on June 27th
4. He is working on his appointments to the Planning Commission
5. Attendance at a School Board Meeting where he go to swear in the new Board Member and recognize the girls ball team for their good year

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson reported on the 2021 audit status, submittal of the EV Grant application and Main Street network application. She reported she has hired a custodian for City Hall and that the Geneva Recreation Foundation has received a \$250,000.00 donation to be used for the City's soccer project.

City Attorney Gray reported on Municipal Court.

Street and Sanitation Brewer reported on equipment that is down and stated it may cause delays in some projects and requests. He reported on a contract with a new dirt pit. Superintendent

Brewer report that the cost of materials to repair the sidewalk on Live Oak Street is \$1,750.00 and the Fleming drainage project material cost is \$1,684.00, neither price includes fuel or labor costs. He reported on the upcoming levee inspection and status of new hires.

Police Chief Mock updated Council on the upcoming active shooter training and Jr. Police Academy. He thanked the Chamber for helping solicit donors to provide meals for the kids and reported a \$500.00 donation from an individual.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported he has been working with the Street and Sanitation Superintendent to collect garbage cans. He reported the situation on Water Street with an individual living without utilities and junk all over the yard has not improved.

Recreation Director Stough reported on All Star tournaments. He reported numbers are up for participants in fall sports. He reported on plans for bathroom renovations at Chapman Park.

Librarian Director Wynn reported another section of awing has blown off. She reported on summer programs for the library.

Senior Citizens Director Owens reported on the upcoming luau. She reported a group of seniors had cut back the bushes and cleaned up outside the center.

Council hear a report from the Chamber of Commerce.

Council Member Lee reported the street light at 208 Dismukes Street still has not been installed and a light out on South Morris Street.

Council Member Gillespie requested the Street Superintendent proceed with repair to the sidewalk on Live Oak Street. She also inquired about Alabama Power moving a pole and was informed the Power Company said they will not move the pole.


Council Member Coleman requested the Street and Sanitation Superintendent proceed with the Fleming Street drainage project. Council Member Coleman requested the Mayor talk to the Water Department about repairing an area of road damaged during one of their projects.

Council Member Bixby reported that he just received a text from Mr. Deemer stating his interest rate he has locked in expires July 20th.

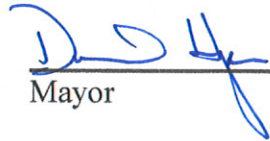
Council Member Gillespie stated she has been asked about the time frame on the new park by an individual that plans on purchasing the building by the old gas station to open up a breezeway and install vending machines.

Council Member Lee stated the Historical Society owns the property past the trestle and really doesn't have a need for he property. He asked if the City acquired the property could it be tied to the park project. Council Member Lee stated the Historical Society had met and would like to offer the property at a price of \$20,000.00.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 5, 2022

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on July 7, 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, 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 June 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed evidence and comments heard at a public hearing regarding 108 E Hart Avenue and 112 E Hart Avenue for which action was tabled last meeting. It was reported that access was granted to 112 E Hart Avenue but the building inspector has not been able to access 106 E Hart Avenue. Attorney/representative for the property owner stated there was miscommunication as to the time access was available.

Mayor Hayes reported the Building Inspector was unable to attend the meeting but had reported to him that he did not believe either property was redeemable. Code Enforcement Officer Owens stated he has been in discussion with the Building Inspector and that he did not feel either structures could be repaired.

Council Member Coleman moved to proceed with action. 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 Coleman moved to adopt the following resolutions ordering the demolition of structures at 108 E Hart Avenue and 112 E Hart Avenue:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 108 E. HART AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID# 1804203014008000 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO

CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 112 E. HART AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID# 1804203014007000 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED.

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

Mrs. Jamie Thornton appeared before Council to announce she has moved back to Geneva and wants to help the community and is willing to be a volunteer.

Council Member Tidwell excused himself at 6:15 p.m.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution making known the City's intent to apply to the State of Alabama for 2022 Community Development Block Grant and authorizing the Mayor as the official to execute all documents. And a resolution committing a \$ 18,500.00 cash match to be utilized in conjunction with program management services. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed an ordinance regulating the sale of draft beer.

Council Member Bixby introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 07-2022-09

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING POLICIES FOR THE SALE OF DRAFT OR KEG BEER OR MALT BEVERAGES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GENEVA; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes		Council Member Ryan Tidwell	
Council Member Rufus Lee			
Council Member Freddy McCoy			
Council Member Kim Gillespie			
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 Bixby that Ordinance Number 07-2022-09 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

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

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

Mayor Hayes discussed the construction of the bathrooms and concession stand for the soccer project. He estimated the City could construct the structure for approximately \$85,000.00. Council Member Gillespie inquired about purchasing a modular unit. Council Member Lee moved to approve funds for construction of restroom/concession facilities, for the City Clerk to obtain pricing on a modular unit, and leave it to the Mayor's desecration which option is the most cost effective. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Council Member McCoy inquired about who the soccer project would be named after stating rumors were that it was to be named after an individual who was not involved with the project. Mayor Hayes stated that the only request that has been made is the addition of a plaque that recognizes contributions of individuals involved with the old baseball field project that was not recognized at that time but no requests for the naming of the fields or complex.

Mayor Hayes informed Council an application for a sidewalk grant to construct a portion of the sidewalk and rehabilitate parking around the perimeter of the new city park has been submitted with a required \$155,968.00 match by the City. He informed Council he and the City Clerk are continuing to work with splash pad contractors to get an estimate on a pad within the approved budget. He also reported the EV unit for the City project has been ordered.

Mayor Hayes stated he has been approached by an individual to make an offer on a building.

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase of property at the end of S. Commerce Street from the Geneva County Historical Society for \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported he has met with a new architect on the City Hall building and he can design a building that will fit on the proposed site on Magnolia Avenue. He described some of the ideas presented for the layout. He reported three of the existing manufacturing companies have added a significant number of jobs this year. He also commented on the success of the 4th of July celebration.

City Clerk Johnson reported auditors have started auditing for FY 21. She also reported that she has applied for a grant through Wiregrass RC&D to assist with the cost of the bathroom/concessions building for the soccer project.

City Attorney Gray reported on Municipal Court and training for the magistrate.

Police Chief Mock reported on the use of the community service budget. He informed Council the active shooter training and safety glow necklaces for children for the 4th of July was funded through this budget. Chief Mock reported the new report management system was ready to go online and training for all personnel started this week. He also presented activity stats for the month of June.

City Attorney Gray informed Council of an incident that occurred at his law office in which he required police assistance and how well the Chief handled the issue.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported he had the walk through for the levee inspection. He reported on equipment repairs and that crews have begun to level the site at the new park.

Mayor Hayes informed Council that Building Inspector Wuest had reported to him the engineer for Alabama Power has been off so progress has been made on street light request.

Council Member Coleman inquired if a mobile home could be placed at 403 N. Whitney Street. He stated some of the coaches would like to install a banner for Allstar teams at the triangle on S. Commerce Street.

Mayor Hayes informed Council Member Coleman he has received complaints about a rottweiler in his district and he has the animal control officer looking into it.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the status of the Main Street application and delivery of the new boom truck. She reminded Council they have discussed rocking other City Streets once the Lakewood Loop project is complete and the street department has time on their schedule. She inquired about the frisbee golf course.

Council Member Lee inquired about Project Green Light. He recommended a four-way-stop at the intersection of Promenade Avenue and Earl Minsheu Street and asked Police Chief Mock to look at the request. He reported the stop sign at the intersection of Trinity Street and Magnolia needs replacing. Council Member Lee reported that the light 208 Dismukes Street has still not been turned to face the street and a street light is out on the south side of the Methodist Church beside Badcock.

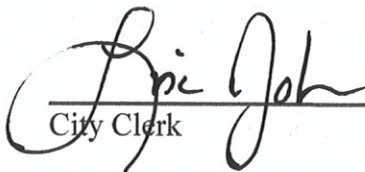
Council Member Gillespie reported limbs blocking the stop sign at the intersection of Campbell Avenue and Morris Street.

Council Member Coleman asked if directional signs could be installed on the stop sign on Pine Avenue.

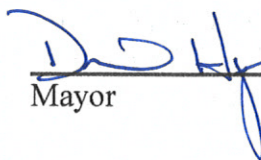
Council Member Bixby inquired if a Planning Commission meeting regarding the use of the old golf course has been scheduled and if Mr. Deemer had been notified.

Council Member Fountain reported a drain near the old Woman's Club on Maple Avenue is almost sanded in and needs cleaning.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on July 18, 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, 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 July 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Police Chief Pepper Mock announced the promotion of Corporal Jacob Godwin to Sergeant and Officer Brandon Rodgers to Corporal. He presented badges and certificates to each.

Mayor Hayes presented a request from Poly Inc., the engineering firm for the soccer project, to increase their fees by \$16,500.00 due to additional cost to the company due to the delay in the project. Council Member Lee moved to approve the additional fees. 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 presented a cost estimate for a modular bathroom/concession stand for the soccer complex in the amount of \$162,000.00. He informed Council city crews could construct a facility for \$90,000.00 or less. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the Mayor to use city crews to construct the building. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new soccer complex was set for Wednesday, July 20th.

City Clerk Johnson presented a request from the heirs of Mr. Buck Williams, to hold an estate sale of Mr. Williams' plane and other property from his hangar at the airport. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the sale provided the family reimburses the salary of a city employee to be onsite and purchases an event insurance policy listing the City as an additional

insured. 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 Bixby moved to authorize a contract with Donofro Inc. for architectural services relating to the new City Hall. 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 Tidwell moved to approve the use of Robert Fowler Park by the River Junction Cruisers to hold a car show on September 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Change of Command Ceremony at Ft. Rucker and other events
2. Geneva's 9-11 Ceremony
3. Progress of the current audit
4. State paving project and the bids for the City's paving project
5. Upcoming Planning Commission agenda

City Attorney Gray reported on the progress of the purchase of the property on S. Commerce Street past the old trestle, Municipal Court and training for the magistrate.

Senior Citizens Director Robbie Owens reported on issues with the air conditioning in the department's vans. Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution authorizing application for a Transportation Grant for a new van for the center and committing the City's match. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Director Owens also requested Council keep the food situation in mind.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on issues with getting enough natural gas to the new generator to power it. He also reported his number of volunteers is low.

Police Chief Mock reported on the sale of old guns. He also reported the Jr. Police Academy will start next week and Captain McDuffie gave a report of activities.

Librarian Wynn reported on problems with homeless individuals sleeping on library property and squirrels in the walls of the building.

Recreation Director Stough reported on All-Star tournaments and a collision with a deer on the maintenance truck.

Code Enforcement Owens reported on vacant garbage accounts and cans.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment repairs. He informed Council many residents do not have their house numbers displayed and it causes issues with

locating call in complaints and delivering garbage cans. He asked that Council look into requiring the posting of house numbers.

Council Member Tidwell asked if a letter could be drafted by the City outlining the plan for providing senior meals and the cost. He stated an official letter would help when soliciting for donations.

City Attorney Gray informed Council he needs to consult with them regarding an issue relating to potential litigation. He stated the information presented would be client-attorney privileged and would qualify under the open meetings act for executive session.

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

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent: None
Mayor Hayes		
Council Member Lee		
Council Member McCoy		
Council Member Gillespie		
Council Member Tidwell		
Council Member Bixby		
Council Member Fountain		
Council Member Coleman		

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously. Executive session began at 7:28 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray, City Clerk Johnson and Code Enforcement Owens remained in attendance for executive session.

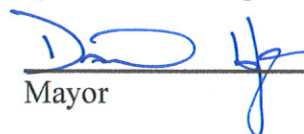
Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Tidwell moved to proceed with the abatement of the dangerous structures located at 108 and 112 E Hart Avenue. 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 moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



City Clerk



Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee 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 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 July 18, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Police Chief Pepper Mock recognized and presented certificates to Captain Michael McDuffie, Lieutenant Ryan Moore, Officer Michael Woodham and Officer L. C. Bishop for their participation in organizing and running the Jr. Police Academy.

Mayor Hayes gave a Planning Commission report for the July 26, 2022, meeting. He reported the Commission had voted to recommend to Council the issuance of a conditional use permit for the property located at 203 River Oaks road to be used for Retriever training grounds and Retriever events.

Council discussed the conditions of the permit and the request for a revision of the firearms ordinance so that events could be held. A work session was set for Wednesday, August 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the issues.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a Resolution setting forth the City's FY 22-23 Rebuild Alabama Act Transportation Plan. 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 reported the bid opening for the paving project was set for August 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the June 2022 financial report 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.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. EV charger project
2. Splash pad project
3. Soccer project
4. Leak at Chapman Park
5. City Hall project
6. Meeting with a potential business with headquarters in Virginia
7. The latest session of the Economic Development Academy
8. Observing the Jr. Police Academy
9. Positive comments and support received from residence about City projects
10. Broadcasting from City Hall by JOY FM

City Clerk Johnson reported on the current audit and announced the second appropriation of ARPA money has been received.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Rescue Director Campbell gave a run report. She expressed a need for a second auto load stretcher. Council Member Tidwell asked the City Clerk to look for possible funding to be discussed at the work session.

Fire Chief Latimer reported issues with the new generator is ongoing.

Senior Citizens Director Robbie Owens reported on center events. She requested that two part-time aide positions be merged and a full-time aid position created. Council Member Coleman moved to amend the manning document to cut two part-time aide positions in the Senior Citizens Department and establish one full-time aide position with a starting salary of \$10.00 per hour after probation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Director Owens also reported the food contract through the State has been renewed with GA Foods.

Police Chief Mock reported on the success of the Jr. Police Academy. He informed Council he is working on a plan to help with issues relating to school traffic. He stated he has one position still open and gave an activity report for July.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment repairs and budget overage in repair and maintenance expense accounts. He advised Council the date for delivery of

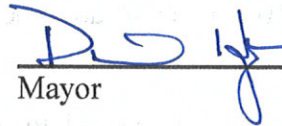
the knuckle boom has been extended by an estimated three months. He advised he is trimming trees that have grown out in the right-of-way and is receiving complaints from tree owners.

Council Member Coleman asked about having streets repaired in areas where the Water Board has performed work and damaged the road. He asked if the City could make the repairs and bill the Water Board. He also requested a direction sign be placed in the curve on Pine Avenue behind McDonalds instead of the style sign that has been installed.

Council Member Gillespie reported she has received complaints about people burning in her district.

Council Member Tidwell requested a list of the streets to be paved in the upcoming project. He inquired about two street lights for Glendale Street.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 10, 2022
4:00 P.M.

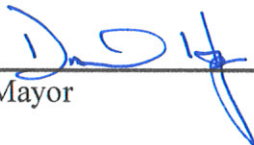
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on August 10, 2022, at 4:00 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 discussed the current firearms ordinance and a conditional use permit for the property located at 203 River Oaks Road to be used for Retriever training grounds and Retriever events.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 5:19 p.m.



Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. 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 Bixby moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of August 1 and 10, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed the terms of a conditional use permit (cup) relating to property located at 203 River Oaks Road. Council Member Tidwell moved to grant the cup as presented and reviewed by City Attorney Gray. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed a new updated firearms ordinance.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2022-10

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-81-2 DATED THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 1981 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion

was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: 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 Gillespie that Ordinance Number 07-2022-10 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:	Abstentions:
Council Member Freddy McCoy		Council Member Rufus Lee	Mayor David Hayes
Council Member Kim Gillespie			
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 ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Sealed bids for providing street resurfacing were publicly opened on August 3, 2022. Two bids were received as follows:

	Midsouth Paving Co., Inc.	Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc.
Base Bid	\$680,506.00	\$539,178.50
Additive Alternate 1	\$ 29,200.00	\$ 10,350.00
Total Bid	\$709,706.00	\$549,528.50

Council Member Tidwell moved to award the bid including the Alternate 1 to Wiregrass Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$549,528.50. 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 a contract with Barge Design Solutions to perform engineering services for the street resurfacing project. 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 adopt a resolution authorizing a line of credit increase from \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.00 on the City's VISA card. 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 traffic issues with car drop off at the elementary school.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Main Street meeting
2. Request by the High School to rent or use the parking spaces in front of the tennis courts. Council discussed the issue and City Attorney Gray stated he would research the issue.
3. 9-11 ceremony
4. Update on City Hall project
5. Clean up around town
6. Meeting with a potential business that manufactures plastic products
7. Lincoln Textiles is growing and employment numbers are increasing
8. Three restaurants are looking to open in Geneva

City Clerk Johnson reported she is working on budget and a bid package for the splash pad.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Police Chief Mock reported he is working on a solution to the school traffic problem. He reported the two cadets in the academy are doing well and he has two openings.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported repairs to streets and equipment. He stated he has begun to work on the property for the new park. He stated he is three employees short.

Mayor Hayes informed Council he has been contacted by the new owners of the old Ward building on Town Avenue.

Building Inspector Wuest reported he has emailed the agreements for the four street lights that have been requested by Council.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported he and the Street Superintendent will be attending training to get certified for asbestos testing.

Recreation Director Stough reported on participant numbers for various sports.

Fire Chief Latimer reported they are going to see if they can get the generator to work off of propane next week.

Rescue Director Campbell gave a run report.

Council heard from the Chamber of Commerce regarding statistical reports on event attendance.

Council Member Tidwell reported Wiregrass Hospital will unveil a new unit and encouraged attendance. He expressed appreciation on Council's approval of the paving project. He informed Council he has received numerous positive comments regarding the new soccer complex.

Council Member Gillespie reported enrollment numbers are up for the City School System compared to the previous year. She expressed concern regarding lack of available housing.

Council Member Bixby reported Mrs. Kelli Litaker, the City's appointment to the Spectra Care Board, is doing a good job and encouraged attendance at the Spectra Care's reception.

Council Member Coleman stated the car line drop off is a problem at the elementary school and is pleased it is being discussed. He thanked everyone involved with helping the Lion's Club serve lunch to the senior citizens. He asked if any progress had been made regarding donations for meals.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 6, 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, 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 Bixby moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of August 15, 2022. 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 Lee abstaining.

With due public notice being sent by certified mail to property owners, along with posting in public places, a public hearing was held at this time to address abatement for violations of ordinance number 04-2021-02 on the following properties:

608 E. Bryant Avenue
610 Cross Timbers Avenue
701 Water Avenue

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 608 E Bryant Avenue. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which were part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he inspected and completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if he took the pictures on record and if the pictures reflected the condition of the property.

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 610 Cross Timbers Avenue. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which were part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he inspected and completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if he took the pictures on record and if the pictures reflected the condition of the property.

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence on 701 Water Avenue. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which were part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he inspected and completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if he took the pictures on record and if the pictures reflected the condition of the property.

No one was present to speak regarding any of the three properties discussed.

Mr. Gary White, Jr. a resident of 207 N. Johnson Street, was present to register various complaints regarding dogs in his neighborhood and one of his neighbors. Police Chief Mock addressed Mr. White's complaints.

Council Member Fountain arrived at 6:22 p.m. during Mr. Whites presentation.

A work session was scheduled for September 13, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. to review the budget and to consider any other items of business the Council felt needed extended time for discussion.

Attorney Gray stated that since the new ordinance establishing building permit fees has been adopted, the City has received complaints that some of the fees were too high. Council asked Building Inspector Wuest to review fees of surrounding towns and to discuss the issue at the work session.

Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby stated they have received complaints regarding the condition of Beck Place. Council discussed rocking the road. Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer stated he has a plan to rock all dirt roads in phases and the road was on the list, however it was not slated in the next phase. He stated he was working on the oldest roads first.

City Clerk Johnson certified costs relating to the abatement of structures at 302 E. Promenade Avenue and 115 E. Hart Avenue, deemed unsafe under the City's Dangerous Building Ordinance. She informed Council she has served notice of final assessment to property owners setting a public hearing on September 19, 2022.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize bids for grass cutting services for the upcoming year that will include two, one-year options for renewal. 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 Coleman moved to set Trick-or-Treat for both the Junction and city wide for Monday, October 31, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to one (1) vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Coleman, Gillespie, Lee, McCoy, Bixby and Fountain. Council Member Tidwell voted against the motion and Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the agenda to include item H – Abatement Resolutions. 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 Lee moved to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 608 E. BRYANT AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1809292030007000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARIALY ABATED WITHIN 45 DAYS

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 610 CROSS TIMBERS AVENEUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID#1804193005023000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARIALY ABATED WITHIN 45 DAYS

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 701 WATER AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID# 1809292014003000, IN COMPLIANCE WITH

SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED WITHIN 45 DAYS

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 on the following:

1. Status of the EV Charger installation
2. Meeting with a company interested in utilizing the airport
3. Completion of the survey for the new City Hall site
4. Update on City Hall project
5. No bids received for the splash pad
6. Functions for the Senior Citizens

City Clerk Johnson reported on additional funding received for the closed-out FEMA grant relating to Hurricane Sally.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the month of August. He discussed continued issues with the car line for the elementary school. The issue was to be discussed further at the workshop on the 13th.

Chief Mock informed Council he has an applicant that is a certified officer for the City of Dothan and lives in Geneva that he would like to hire. He stated the officer was just out of the academy and therefore still under contract with the City of Dothan. The cost of the contract buy-out versus the cost to send an applicant to the academy was discussed with little in cost difference. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the contract buy-out provided there was a contract for repayment to the City if the officer left before two years. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave an equipment and project report. He informed Council he has completed certification for asbestos inspector. He discussed certification for asbestos remediation and stated this may not be feasible due to all workers needing some form of certification.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported on the next list of houses to be served notice under the Dangerous Buildings Ordinance. He reported that he has also completed certification for asbestos inspector.

Fire Chief Latimer reported he has submitted three (3) grant applications for equipment for the department. He reported the generator has been tested and it is not sufficient for supplying power for the cascade system but will run the doors and lights at the station.

Rescue Director Campbell gave a run report.

Mayor Hayes reminded everyone of the 9/11 ceremony.

Council Member Coleman requested a street light on W. Register Avenue between N Wilson Street and Hillcrest Street and a light between 404 and 406 N. Iris Street. He stated he has requests for speed bumps and asked if they could be installed while the contractor was working on the resurfacing project. He inquired if the noise ordinance was applicable to business operations.

Council Member Tidwell reported Wiregrass Hospital will unveil a new unit and encouraged attendance. He expressed appreciation on Council's approval of the paving project. He informed Council he has received numerous positive comments regarding the new soccer complex. Council Member Colman requested a blind spot where you turn on Maple Avenue from Iris Street be addressed.

Council Member Lee recommended a four-way-stop at the intersection of E Promenade and Earl Minshew. He stated he has spoke with the Police Chief regarding the recommendation.

Council Member Tidwell stated there was a rumor that Council has prevented a Super Walmart from coming to Geneva through the years. City Clerk Johnson stated the subject has never been addressed by Council in the 26 years she has been taking minutes for the Council.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on September 13, 2022, 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, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Freddy McCoy, 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.

City Attorney Gray presented four ordinances regulating traffic in various areas of the City for review and comment.

Council discussed building permit fees.

Mayor Hayes reviewed proposed starting salary adjustments, position title changes and job description changes for positions not addressed in March. The following is a recap of proposed starting salary adjustments and position changes:

1. Change position title of full-time aide in the Senior Citizens Department to Senior Assistant
2. Change position title of Accounting/Office Clerk to Accounting Clerk and increase starting salary to \$18.00 per hour
3. Change the position title and job description/requirements of the Personnel/Office Clerk to Payroll/Accounting Clerk and increase the starting salary to \$16.00 per hour
4. New starting salaries per hour
 - Code Enforcement Officer - \$15.00
 - Administrative Assistant Recreation - \$12.00
 - Recreation Specialist II - \$15.00
 - Recreation Specialist I - \$12.00
 - Library Assistant - \$9.00
 - Administrative Assistant Police - \$13.00
 - EOI - \$12.00
 - EOII - \$14.00
 - General Laborer - \$10.00
 - Administrative Assistant City Clerk's Office - \$13.00 with opportunity to advance to \$14.00 per hour once the individual can satisfactory perform all payroll functions as back-up employee.

Mayor Hayes explained that all employees making below the new starting salary will be adjusted to that salary. He stated he then reviewed employees in these positions to see if additional adjustments were needed due to the employee's longevity or skill set. Mayor Hayes stated employees in full-time and permanent part-time positions that had been in their position for six months and were not affected by the starting salary changes or March adjustments were then reviewed for adjustment.

An overview of recommended adjustments being proposed included:

1. A minimum of \$.50 for permanent part-time employees working regular shifts
2. New salary and additional adjustments averaged \$1.00 per hour with some increases up to \$3.00 per hour for full-time equipment operator, mechanic, foreman, labor, animal control, recreation specialist and clerical in nature classifications
3. 5% for salaried employees and department heads
4. \$5.00 per call increase for fire runs

A future position for rescue billing/office clerk was discussed.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson reviewed a proposed budget which included the projected salary adjustments discussed by the Mayor. She recommended un-earmarking all local revenues except for those pledged to education, phasing out the various bank accounts and having one reserve account.

Council reviewed department requests and discussed including the following in the budget:

Rescue:

Auto load stretcher - \$43,105.09

Recreation:

Mower - \$8,865.00 Max

Bathroom Remodel - \$10,176.89

The recreation director should get competitive quotes

Street and Satiation:

Tractor \$125,000.00 from state contract

Barn \$30,000.00 with city labor

Fire Department:

Ventilation fan, hose and gloves - \$5,435.00

Police:

Stop Sticks - \$7,470.00

Chemical spray and holder - \$697.80

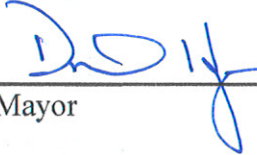
Portable radios - \$3,291.40

Body cameras - \$15,000.00

Protective vest - \$5,500

2 Explorers fully equipped - \$96,614.00

The motion adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor

City Clerk

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 19, 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, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie 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.

With due public notice being sent by certified mail to property owners, a public hearing was held at this time to address assessment for abatement costs for the following properties:

302 E Promenade Avenue
115 E Hart Avenue

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 302 E Promenade Avenue had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02. He stated the structure had been abated by the City and the cost of abatement was \$2,154.73.

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 115 E Hart Avenue had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02. He stated the structure had been abated by the City and the cost of abatement was \$12,427.64.

Attorney Gray asked if any of the property owners or their representative were present to object to or speak regarding the cost as presented. No one was present.

Council Member Fountain moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Carl Corey appeared before Council to request the street between 101 S. Liveoak to 308 S. Liveoak be closed on October 31st from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for a public trick-or-treat event. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the closing of the street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 302 E. PROMENADE AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1809292005002000, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02.

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 115 E HART AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1804203008021000, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02.

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 Coleman moved to adopt a resolution authorizing application for an airport improvement project for the Geneva Municipal Airport during fiscal year 2023 and committing the City's required matching funds. 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 Coleman introduced the following ordinances:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-11

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 19TH DAY OF September, 2022 ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF EARL MINSHEW STREET AND EAST PROMENADE AVENUE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-12

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING

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FOR GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH HOSPITAL DRIVE AND WEST MEADOW AVENUE WITHIN

THE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-13

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-76-04 DATED THE 1ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1976 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC FLOW IN FRONT OF JAMES A. MULKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-14

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR PARKING ON SOUTH COMMERCE STREET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF EAST TOWN AVENUE AND SOUTH COMMERCE STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH COMMERCE STREET AND EAST WESTVILLE AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2014-01 DATED THE 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2014 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR RECEIPTS FROM TAXES HEREIN DERIVED WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

The Mayor declared that without unanimous consent, the motion did not carry.

Council discussed use of Fowler Park by Lewis and Clark Circus.

Council Member Fountain moved to approve amendment to the City's Manning Document that included title and job description changes and new starting salaries. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed the proposed 22-23 budget. The proposed budget included funding for salary adjustments authorized by the Mayor, for full-time and permanent part-time positions not previously adjusted and the employees had been in the position for a minimum of six months. It also included recommendations discussed at the September 13th workshop for equipment purchases for departments. It was noted that salary adjustments for rescue employees were not discussed at the work shop. It was also discussed that the Recreation Director needs to obtain three bids for the proposed mower and the possibility of obtaining a bigger mower.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve the 22-23 proposed budget as present with the inclusion of a 2% adjustment for full-time rescue employees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize the transfer of ARPA funds to reimburse the General Fund under the standard allowance for revenue loss for government services. 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 Bixby moved to approve the July 2022 financials 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.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. The EV charger has been installed
2. Update on City Hall project
3. Clean up for homecoming week
4. Long range planning for road maintenance

Mayor Hayes informed Council there may be some additional funds left in the paving project and asked Council if funds were available if they had recommendation for additional paving. Council Member Fountain recommended Earl Minshew Street to Promenade Avenue.

City Clerk Johnson reported on additional funding received for the closed-out FEMA grant relating to Hurricane Sally.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and upcoming judicial conference.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported on the 20-day timeframe for owners to correct violations will be up next week on three properties discussed last meeting.

Fire Chief Latimer reported he should know in the next couple of weeks if the grant application for the jaws of life was approved. He also reported on educational training for the local elementary school being taught by the department.

Police Chief Mock presented a budget request for the animal control department with new fencing in the amount of \$4,250.00, a new tranquilizer gun in the amount of \$425.95 and air-condition units totaling \$800. Council discussed a split a/c unit. Council Member Bixby moved to approve the request expenditures for the fencing and gun and up to \$2,500.00 for a split a/c unit as part of the new 22-23 budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock also discussed plans for security for homecoming and a meeting by the Chamber where school safety will be discussed with various law enforcement agencies participating.

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

Senior Director Owens reported on center functions and the need for a new refrigerator. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase of a new refrigerator if one located at the community center is not sufficient in size to be transferred. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Pastor and School Board Member Russell Clausell was present and invited Council to a tailgate event at the school and a Untied Way meeting.

Council Member Coleman asked if 205 N. Cherokee is in compliance with ordinances. He also reported someone tried to steal a prefab shed from his property over the weekend.

Council Member Bixby expressed appreciation for work on Lakewood Loop.

Council Member Fountain reported he is receiving complaints regarding speeding on Liveoak Street.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Mayor

City Clerk