

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2025
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on January 6, 2025, 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.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

City Attorney Gray gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the December 16, 2024, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented a Mayor's Certificate to recreation employee Craig Galloway in recognition of his dedication to the City of Geneva and being named the 2024 Support Staff Member of the year for ARPA District 6.

Mayor Hayes presented a Mayor's Certificate to Recreation Director Landon Adams in recognition of his dedication to the City of Geneva and being named the 2024 Young Professional of the year for ARPA District 6.

Mr. Carl Cory reported on the Geneva County Journal and outlined services and pricing available to the City.

Mayor Hayes discussed replacing the Hugh Herring Levee sign. Council Member Fountain suggested reaching out to Reliable to see if they were able to prefabricate a sign through one of their shops as a community project.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- City Hall project
- New asphalt plant
- Airport projects
- Park project
- Devco sewer project
- Upcoming meeting with Attorney General
- Innovate Alabama Grant

- 2024 year end review

Council Member Tidwell commented on 2024 projects accomplished and the success of the projects.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the 24 audit and redistricting for the voters list.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Council Member Coleman reported on an incident during the recreation basketball program and commended the director on handling the situation.

Council Member Lee commented on accomplishments since the current administration took office, stating this has been one of his best terms in his 37 years as a member of council.

Council Member Tidwell also commented on accomplishments since the current administration took office in relation to his 12 years as a member of council.

Council Member Bixby reported on the success of the GHS girl's basket ball team for the season.

Council Member Lee stated he would like to see the tours of the various districts continue into the new year. He complimented everyone involved in decorating the junction and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Fountain expressed congratulations to the recreation department and reported he has received complaints about the columns in front of the new City Hall being painted white.

Police Chief Mock gave a December and year end activity report. He reported on vehicle repairs and CEUs for officers.

Building Inspector Wuest stated he is working on lights at the Junction.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on Lakewood Loop and school curbing projects.

Rescue Director Creamer asked for a \$2,000.00 budget amendment for training to help with cost of licenses and renewals for employees. Council Member Lee moved to approve the budget amendment as requested. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on the installation of the equipment through the FEMA grant and CEUs for firefighters.

Council Member Lee asked about warming stations.

Mayor Hayes called for public comments.

Chamber President Carl Corey gave a Chamber and DAV report.

Council Member Bixby asked if future parades could be coordinated in conjunction with other events, such as school functions.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk