

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 17, 2025
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Zack Dodson, Junior Mixon, Ronnie Baine, Rich Bixby, Sarah Tinsley and Scott Stough. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk 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.

Upon due public notice, a public hearing was held at this time to gain public input on the adoption of a zoning amendment that would rezone two lots on Pine Avenue from R-1 to R-2.

City Attorney Gray explained the request was made by Mr. Ricky Brackin and the request had been reviewed by the Geneva City Planning Commission with a recommendation to consider the request. Attorney Gray gave an overview of the proposed zoning amendment. Mr. Ricky Brackin was present to explain and answer any questions regarding his request.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation in favor of the proposed zoning amendment ordinance. No one was present to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance. Mayor Hayes called for public participation in opposition to the proposed zoning amendment ordinance. No one was present to speak in opposition of the proposed ordinance. A brief Council discussion followed with City Attorney Gray answering questions.

Mayor Hayes closed the public hearing.

Council Member Dodson moved to dispense with the reading and approve minutes of November 3 and 6, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mixon. Council voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of November 3rd with Mayor Hayes abstaining. Council voted five (5) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of November 6th with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Lee and Tinsley abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to consider ordinance 12-2025-29 rezoning lots on Pine Avenue at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes signed a proclamation declaring November National Home Healthcare and Hospice month.

Mayor Hayes presented information prepared by the Association of County Commission of Alabama regarding proposed legislative changes to the Simplified Sellers Use Tax. He also

presented a resolution that would authorize Geneva's participation in litigation opposing the proposed changes. Council discussed holding a workshop.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-2025-28

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 17TH DAY OF November, 2025 ESTABLISHING A FOUR-WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH MERRITT STREET AND EAST CAMPBELL AVENUE AND EARL MINSHEW 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 Baine. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member Dodson
Council Member Mixon
Council Member Baine
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Tinsley
Council Member Stough

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 11-2025-28 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baine. 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 Lee
Council Member Dodson
Council Member Mixon
Council Member Baine
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Tinsley
Council Member Stough

Mayor Hayes

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

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Farm City and business of the year
- Park project
- Street resurfacing and Baker Street has been added
- Airport Project
- New tenant for the airport
- Property purchase and need for executive session
- Street sweeper

Mayor Hayes reported he has received a quote of \$65,000.00 to widen Sunflower 2 foot on each side and a quote of \$80,180.00 for a 4 foot widening. He stated he would get with the City Clerk to determine if funds are available.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the upcoming audit and Board of Adjustments meeting.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Lee expressed his appreciation for the resurfacing of W. Mulkey Avenue, reporting that was the first time in 50 years the street has been resurfaced.

Council Member Dodson inquired about the possibility of a dog park. Mayor explained a park is planned for construction in the near future.

Council Member Mixon reported a visibility issue on Morris Street and Brannon Avenue.

Council Member Baine asked that staff check and see who has responsibility for the tree in the cul-de-sac on Glendale as the tree is dead and needs to be removed. He reported he has received a complaint that the garbage truck is turning around in a driveway on Goose Hollow Road damaging the drive. Council Member Baine asked if the traffic situation at the elementary school could be looked at during a work session.

Council Member Stough asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance making the intersection of N. Wilson and W. Pridgen Street a four-way-stop.

Recreation Director Howell reported on basketball registration and decorating for Christmas.

Council Member Stough asked about permanent nets and more lighting for the pickle ball/tennis courts. Recreation Director Howell reported on the project.

Rescue Director Creamer gave a run report for the month of October.

Police Chief Mock reported two of his officers had made an arrest on an area wide theft ring and introduced the officers. He reported on their current fund raiser for DHR.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Ms. Gayle Courtney asked that the snow machine donated by the Woman's Club be placed at the old City Hall during the parade.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

A work session was scheduled for November 25th at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Hayes stated he would include items discussed at this meeting and last on the agenda.

Mayor Hayes stated an executive session was necessary to discuss negotiation on the purchase of property and that no announcement would be forth coming after executive session. City Attorney Gray stated that negotiations for purchases is an allowable cause for an executive session and it meets the open meetings act.

Council Member Bixby moved to go into executive session and adjourn upon conclusion of executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson. Those voting to go into executive session were as follows:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent: None	Abstentions: None
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Mayor Hayes
Council Member Lee
Council Member Dodson
Council Member Nixon
Council Member Baine
Council Member Bixby
Council Member Tinsley
Council Member Stough

Council entered executive session which began at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Hayes, all Council Members and the City Attorney were present for executive session. Executive session adjourned at 7:25 p.m.