

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 5, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on January 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Hayes and Council Members Zack Dodson, Junior Mixon, Ronnie Baine, Rich Bixby, Sarah Tinsley and Scott Stough. Council Member Rufus Lee was 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 Dodson gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Mixon moved to dispense with the reading and approve minutes of December 15, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Amanda Hines, CPA with Aldridge Borden, presented and reviewed the FY 24 audit with Council. The audit is as follows:

Council Member Bixy moved to authorize an alcohol license for the off-premise sale of beer and wine for Tulsi Management LLC, which was considered at last meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Tewanna Marks was present and presented an application and parade route for a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Walk on January 19, 2026. Council Member Dodson moved to authorize the parade application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tinsley moved to allocate \$500.00 to the Geneva County Historical Society to promote Black History Month. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson presented Rebuild Alabama Report for FY 25 to Council.

Council Member Dodson moved to authorize a park change order in the amount of \$69,000.00 for a playground surface. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Financing for the Industrial Park
- Airport paving
- Airport FBO
- Street resurfacing project
- Explanation of leaks in the water system
- Several businesses are interested in locating in Geneva

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

City Council Member Tinsley requested a workshop to explain the grant for the industrial park. She stated that since pipe issues are a problem in her district she is actively seeking grant opportunities to assist with correcting the issues. Council Member Tinsley commended the volunteer fire department. She stated that she has talked with owners and management of some of the local industries and does not think having a volunteer department will in anyway deter a business from locating in Geneva. Council Member Tinsley informed Council she is seeking volunteers and donors to assist with cat issues and has been working with a group to trap, relocate and spay/neuter strays that have been identified as a problem. She stated the animal ordinance is outdated as well as several other ordinances and would like for a committee to review ordinances to be established.

Council Member Dodson reported some visibility issues on the right-of-way on Pinecrest Circle caused by undergrowth of vegetation. He inquired about the noise ordinance and how it works and is enforced.

Police Chief Mock reported on two candidates for hire in the department. He reported he is applying for a public safety grant through Fire House Subs to purchase level 3 ballistic vests. Chief Mock gave a calendar year end activity report.

Fire Chief Latimer gave an activity report for November and December 2025.

Rescue Director Creamer reported he has seen an \$800 savings in gas since purchasing the new transport van. He gave year end run totals.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects which included sign replacement and culvert replacements.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation. There was none.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:25 p.m.