

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 21, 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, Sarah Tinsley, and Scott Stough. Council Members Rufus Lee and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk Lisa Johnson 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 Baine moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2026, as presented. Council Member Tinsley seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mrs. Karinne Simmons, Director of SEACAP, thanked Council for the yearly budget allocation. She explained the programs offered by her agency and gave a report on funds spent in the county.

Council received an application from Geneva High School to host a homecoming parade on October 17th. The request deviated from the normal established parade route and was discussed at length. Council Member Mixon moved to approve the application as presented. Council Member Tinsley seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Trick-or-Treat was set for Thursday, October 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Success of the downtown car show
- Success of the annual Ft. Rucker Appreciation Dinner
- Reopening of Hardees
- Status of Robert's service station
- Sidewalk project extension
- The David B. Hayes Park project was selected for community project of the year by SEARP&DC and will be recognized at their annual luncheon
- Airport project
- Meetings in Montgomery
- Speed bump project

Council Member Stough reported the hospital is doing well and reported on their planned 5K run event.

Council Member Tinsley reported pot holes at the intersection of Trinity and Camellia and the intersection of Trinity and Jernigan. She asked that the ditch at the intersection of Johnson and Fleming be cleaned out.

Council Member Baine reported he has been working with individuals wanting to locate to Geneva, that he has been showing them around town and assisting them with locating housing. He commented that the individuals were impressed with Geneva and City departments are doing a good job keeping the town presentable and appealing.

Council Member Mixon reported the ditch on Brannon Avenue needs to be cleaned.

Council Member Dodson stated he was continuing to get calls about speed bumps for his district, particularly Griffin Avenue. He stated he appreciates all the work by departments. Council Member Dodson reported a nuisance issue on Robin Avenue just past Deere Street on the left. He also inquired if there was a cat rescue group that could assist with a cat issue in the area.

Council Member Tinsley thanked the Clerk for the work on the budget and stated she liked the format as it was easy to follow and transparent. She thanked the Street Superintendent and his department for their hard work. Council Member Tinsley asked that the age of mobile homes being placed in the City and business license be addressed at the next work session.

Street Superintendent Brewer gave a project report.

Recreation Director Howell gave a park usage report and program report.

Fire Chief Latimer gave an activity report for the month of August.

Geneva Water Authority Manager Austin reported that notice has been received that the \$200,000.00 grant funding that Council authorized a resolution for has been approved. She thanked the City for assisting with obtaining funding.

Police Chief Mock introduced a new hire for the department. He stated he will be asking for authorization to sell pistols at the next meeting.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments.

Mrs. Angie Braswell offered a griddle on behalf of Camp Wiregrass for the airport project.

Council Member Stough moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 6:58 p.m.