

**GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 21, 2023, 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 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 February 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Gillespie, Tidwell and Bixby abstaining.

Council received a parade permit application and application to use Fowler Park for the Geneva River Festival. City Clerk Johnson stated she was asked by a member of the River Festival Committee to inquire about the approval including the outside parking lots as well as inside the gates. Council inquired if they were wanting the camping sites outside the park also and Clerk Johnson stated she had told them the City retains the rental on outside lots.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the applications. 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 adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Geneva to join the State and other local governments as participants in current and future opioid settlements, agreeing to settlement and disbursement agreements and authorizing the City Clerk to execute necessary documents. 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 authorize an agreement with Avenu Insights to collect past due business license with a 50/50 share of collections. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson certified costs relating to the final assessment for abatement of structures at 608 E Bryant Avenue deemed unsafe under the City's Dangerous Building Ordinance. A public hearing was scheduled for April 3, 2023, to give the property owner due process.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Airport project
2. Core test at the airport
3. Soccer project
4. Paving bid for parking at the soccer complete

City Clerk Johnson presented a report on revenue in the police jurisdiction that is mandated by the State.

Mr. Daniel Keller appeared before Council to make a complaint on a citation he received and stated he felt he was being targeted because he has received other citations on different occasions for the same violation.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and equipment.

Police Chief Mock reported on completion of the first RAD class. He reported on a shooting incident at Riverside Homes.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the specs for the new thermal camera are complete.

Council Member Tidwell requested the Street Superintendent look at Ridgecrest Avenue down at the mobile home park when he has time. He inquired about the status of the splash pad, a streetlight out behind the First Baptist Church and reported on recreation department programs and park preparations.

Council Member Lee informed Council he saw the City's new EV charging station location pinned on a national news station. He reported on a recent local NAACP legal forum and reported he has received complaints on property at the intersection of King and Promenade. Council Member Lee gave information on a weatherization program and stated he has applications available if Council Members know of eligible constituents that may be interested in the program.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the status of the City Hall project and a dog incident on Westville Avenue. She stated there are properties on Westville Avenue that need to be cleaned up and asked if they fall under the nuisance ordinance. Council Member Gillespie informed Council it was on the news that Geneva County was one of the only two counties in Alabama that did not have a pediatrician and asked if there was a way to recruitment one.

Council Member Coleman informed Council he has received complaints of individuals burning household garbage on Camellia Street. He stated he has been contacted by owners of property that adjoins a platted section of Valley Avenue that is not open for access. He stated the property owners want a written statement if it is a City street or an abandoned street. If it is

abandoned they want written permission to place gravel on the road. The Mayor stated the owners should attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk