

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2025
2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on January 21, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. The meeting time for this regular meeting was changed due to weather conditions. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, and Rich Bixby 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.

Council Member Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the January 6, 2025, minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a proclamation proclaiming February 2025, as Career and Technical Education Month in the City of Geneva. The motion was seconded by Council Member Colman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a proclamation proclaiming January 2025 as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month in the City of Geneva. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented Bryan Pyke a Mayor's Certificate for being named 2023 General Aviation Airport Manager of the Year by FAA.

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the purchase of a drainage pipe for Johnson Street in the amount of \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Lee moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of 2022 CDBG funds to demolish and clear slum and blight properties in the Hart/Campbell Avenue target area. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

The status of a sewer pipe for the ditch along Campbell Avenue and Cherokee Street was discussed.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Snowing in Geneva, Alabama
- Meeting with engineers to discuss roads for a resurfacing project
- Conversations with the Director of ALDOT and available grant applications
- Senior Citizen van
- Devco sewer project
- City Hall and scheduling an Open House
- Airport apron grant project

Council Member Lee inquired about the status of the land purchase for the airport project. City Attorney Gray reported on the issue. Council Member Coleman stated for the record that he was opposed to taking property under eminent domain.

City Clerk Johnson presented a Rebuild Alabama Act tax report for FY 24. She reported on redistricting for voters list and the current audit. She informed Council that there are only two more meetings to make changes to Council salaries. Mayor's retirement, attendance and insurance was discussed.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court.

Police Captain McDuffie reported one cadet has started the academy, plans for roads during the proposed bad weather and an upcoming fundraiser.

Mayor Hayes announced the recreation department has won a statewide recognition award.

Council discussed closing streets because of snow. The Mayor declared roads would close at 5:00 p.m. and open at 7:00 a.m. the following day.

Council Member McCoy inquired about repaving streets in DEVCO due to the sewer project.

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.

Recreation Director Adams reported on program signup.

Mayor Hayes called for public comments.

There were none.

Council Member McCoy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk