

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2025
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 20, 2025, 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, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Ryan Tidwell was absent and Council Member McCoy arrived to the meeting at 6:34 p.m. 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 lead the pledge of allegiance.

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

Council heard a presentation from Dr. John Simmons, Jr. regarding the operations and financial conditions of the hospital. Dr. Simmons presented information on Alabama's Rural Hospital Investment Program (RHIP), a tax incentive program whereby state taxes could be donated to the hospital and state and federal credits received by the donor.

Ms. Sarah Tinsley was present and reported on the upcoming Farm City Banquet and requested adoption of a Farm City Day proclamation. Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt the proclamation as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Ivan Perez appeared before Council to request permission for his business to rent the Junction to hold a free festival for the community. Attorney Gray explained insurance requirements. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize rental of the park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes read a report from the Geneva Planning Commission recommending Council consider rezoning two lots on Pine Avenue from R-1 to R-2. Council Member Bixby moved to hold a public hearing at the November 17th meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the financials for August 25, 2025, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the agenda to include an Item F – CDBG Resolution and to adopt such resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Homecoming
- Airport project
- Park project
- The new Robert's Service Station will be working with the City to fund bringing the TAP sidewalk project down to its location
- Meeting with individuals on property purchase
- DOT Promenade and Choctaw intersection project
- Street sweeper

City Clerk Johnson reported on attending a meeting for Advantage Alabama programs and preparation for Halloween at the Junction.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Fountain expressed appreciation to his district, Mayor, Council, and employees for working together so well during this term of office.

Council Member Bixby thanked the street department for work on LaShay Lane. He reported he had received calls regarding a recent water problem and stated the water department worked hard to resolve the issue.

Council Member Gillespie explained that a couple of years ago, when Enterprise Rescue, the billing company for the City, changed billing software, it left them incapable to track and provide information on old accounts from the old billing system. She stated she would like to see the books cleaned up for audit purposes with regard to the old accounts. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the City Treasurer to write off \$1,163,706.20 in outstanding doubtful accounts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. She also recommended the billing company provide more detailed information each month.

Council Member Gillespie stated she thanks her district for allowing her to serve and Council for working so well together and that she is proud of all the accomplishments made this term.

Council Member Coleman read a statement regarding his time on the Council and appreciation to citizens and Council.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on the progress of the new Robert's and Dollar General.

Mayor Hayes reported there are lights out on the levee.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer presented two quotes for tree removal on right-of-way. Council Member Lee moved to approve the low quote in the amount of \$5,300.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. Superintendent Brewer also reported on ongoing projects.

Recreation Director Howell reported on working with the Sheriff's office to obtain inmate labor to assist with decorating for Christmas.

Rescue Director Creamer reported the government shut down could impact Medicare payments.

Fire Chief Latimer reported numerous to runs to a particular location in town and Fire Prevention Week.

Police Chief Mock reported on homecoming and a Jag Grant opportunity. Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution authorizing application for a JAG Grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented plaques to outgoing Council Members for their dedicated service.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Ms. Gayle Courtney asked if the snow machines could be placed at City Hall during the parade.

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