

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 17, 2026
REGULAR MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Hayes and Council Members Rufus Lee, Zack Dodson, Junior Mixon, Ronnie Baine, Rich Bixby, Sarah Tinsley, and Scott Stough. None were 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Lee requested the addition of an Item G to the agenda to discuss retiree bonuses.

With due public notice published in the *Geneva County Journal*, a public hearing was held at this time to consider the adoption of an ordinance establishing minimum residential dwelling size requirement and prohibiting certain structures from being used as habitable dwellings within the city limits.

City Attorney Gray gave an overview of the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation in favor of said ordinance. There was no one present to speak in favor of the proposed ordinance. Mayor Hayes called for public participation in opposition of said ordinance. No one was present in opposition to the proposed ordinance. Mayor Hayes called for Council discussion. Council discussed the proposed ordinance. Mayor Hayes declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the minutes of August 3, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough. The motion was approved by a seven (7) to 0 (zero) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to introduce for first reading and consideration the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL DWELLING SIZE REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN STRUCTURES FROM BEING USED AS HABITABLE DWELLINGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GENEVA, ALABAMA

The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Attorney Gray presented a resolution requesting a local act to allow for appointments to the Geneva City School Board from outside the city limits but within the school district. Council Member Dodson questioned a provision that would provide for a candidate for appointment to have a child in the school system.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt an amended version of the resolution that removed the requirement to have children in the school system. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution adopting a Transportation Plan for FY 26-27 pursuant to the Rebuild Alabama Act (Act 2019-2). The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Mixon moved to authorize a Jr. NBA League Operator Agreement and MLS GO League Operator Agreement for city recreation sports. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baine and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed rules, regulations and operation of electric vehicles on streets within the City.

Mrs. Carrie Parish appeared before Council to request use of the Fowler Park by the GHS Class of 2007, on October 16, 2026 from 9:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. to hold a homecoming party/concert as a free public event. She asked if the band was willing to play an extra 30 minutes if it would be allowed to go past 11:30. Mrs. Parish stated she wanted to disclose there would be alcohol involved, it would not be sold or distributed, but individuals may bring their own. She stated she understood the insurance requirement and asked questions about the security requirement.

Mayor Hayes asked the City Clerk to explain what all was needed. City Clerk Johnson stated the rental of one or more facilities or the entire park, insurance, a noise permit and security which must be provided by the Geneva Police Department with the cost being reimbursed at an overtime rate including benefits. She also stated that due to liability issues the City Council does not grant permission for alcohol on its properties.

Council Member Stough moved to grant use of Fowler Park with an extension of the noise permit to midnight. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Retiree bonuses were discussed. No action was taken.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Visibility issue on N Iris Street
- Need to send a letter regarding cleanup to owners of the property on Commerce Street
- Meeting with contractor to get the first eight to ten speed bumps installed

- Closeout of paving project
- He is performing Code Enforcement duties
- Requested a wellness check on a citizen
- Status of the opening of Roberts
- Sidewalk project

City Clerk Johnson reported on issues with delinquent alcohol taxes. She stated she is going to provide final notice to tax payers and any future delinquencies she will follow provisions in the ordinance and give notice to appear before Council.

Clerk Johnson also reported she will have a first budget draft ready by Friday if Council wants to set a couple of work sessions to review the proposals and make changes. Works sessions were scheduled for August 24th and 31st.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Dodson requested vegetation be cut on the right side of W. Hickory.

Council Member Baine stated he has received complaints on an issue in District 7. He stated the Council person for the district has received similar complaints and will address the issue.

Council Member Stough informed Council he has received complaints on the speed bump on Glendale Avenue. The bump is causing a drainage issue on the road and flooding of the hospital parking lot. He requested it be removed.

Building Inspector Ray Wuest stated there are several street lights along state roads that need to be fixed. He informed Council to get the lights working Alabama Power will require the conversion to LED, the City will have to assume the cost of the service and he needs a resolution for Alabama Power authorizing the switch of service.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution authorizing a change to LED and in service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Creamer presented information regarding a bipartisan bill aimed at increasing Medicare payments for ambulances.

Fire Chief Latimer gave a run report for the month of July.

Police Chief Mock reported on a new hire for the department.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Mr. Ira Barker appeared before Council regarding an issue with garbage service on Skyline Avenue.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:41 p.m.