

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
MAY 4, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on May 4, 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 moved to dispense with the reading and approve minutes of April 20, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. The motion was approved by seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

The Geneva queens representing all categories were present and introduced to Council. Mayor Hayes presented Certificates of Recognition to each queen.

Council Member Stough moved to appoint Council Member Tinsley to the Geneva City Planning Commission as the Council representative. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tinsley abstaining.

Mayor Hayes called for nominations to expired terms on the Geneva Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Council Member Tinsley nominated Jennifer Crow. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Lee.

Council Member Stough nominated Todd Mote. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Dodson.

Council Member Lee nominated David Swinton. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Stough.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on nominee Crow. All Council Members voted in favor. Mayor Hayes abstained.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on nominee Mote. All Council Members voted in favor. Mayor Hayes abstained.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on nominee Swinton. All Council Members voted in favor. Mayor Hayes abstained.

Council Member Tinsley nominated Ross Bixby as a supernumerary member. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Dodson.

Council Member Dodson nominated Jimmy Dale as a supernumerary member. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Bixby.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on nominee Dale. All Council voted in favor. Mayor Hayes Abstained.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on nominee Bixby. All Council Members voted in favor expect for Council Member Bixby who abstained. Mayor Hayes abstained.

City Clerk gave an overview of the budget reports for March 2026. Council Member Stough moved to approve the reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. The motion was approved by seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Attendance at the League convention and connections made
- Meeting with Alabama Power representatives, Lt. Governor and Secretary of State while at the convention.
- Meeting with ADECA Director Boswell and potential funding opportunities
- Sidewalk Project
- Urgent need Grant – for city projects and cleanup only with no assistance to private sector
- Upcoming meeting with the Governor
- Meeting with representatives from the airport FBO company and possible requests to change the lease agreement
- Necessary repairs to the gas system at the airport and needed gate repairs
- Request for the City to install a kitchen at the FBO hangar to provide food for pilots visiting the airport and maybe at a later date for a food service establishment to the public
- Hayes Park – handicap paving, benches ordered, and dedication
- Commended the River Festival Committee for their dedication and hard work making the festival a success
- Rock a Dock wants to come back to Geneva this year
- Opening of Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
- Potential business wanting to locate to Geneva that will employ 25 people – needs sewer to the site
- Meeting with ALDOT representatives – paving project and sidewalk projects will start soon
- Light project for Chapman Park to start soon
- Lighting situation at the airport – damage caused by contractor and lights have been shut off until they meet FAA approval – contractor to pay half the cost as extra work was performed
- Job numbers city wide

Council Member Lee inquired about funding for the requests at the airport. City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that all revenue derived from the airport had to be earmarked back to the airport. She stated that looking at the current budget there was enough money budgeted

under repair and maintenance of equipment for the gas, gate and light repairs and there is probably enough budgeted in building repair and maintenance to cover the kitchen. There is enough in the bank to cover all expenses.

Council Member Lee moved to approve the airport expenses with project oversight by the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the Innovate Alabama grant, America250AL grant and Seeds grant.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Lee asked if the holding pen located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Street was checked for compliance by the code enforcement officer.

Council Member Dodson inquired about the status of a previous light request on park Avenue. He thanked street department for putting the street sign back up. Council member Dodson invited everyone to National Day of Prayer sponsored by the Geneva Ministerial Association and wished all the mothers Happy Mother's Day.

Council Member Baine commented on all the work by City employees, esp. Ray and Allen, and the River Festival Committee to make the festival a success. He stated there is a lot behind the scenes that people don't see.

Council Member Bixby reported residents of Lakewood Loop are happy with recent work on the road. He inquired about the status of the speed bump project. Council Member Bixby recommended a work session to discuss the dog ordinance. A work session was set for May 11th at 4:00 p.m. He also suggested discussing the alcohol license request at the work session.

Council Member Stough stated he has a good price from a good band for another City concert and would like to discuss if further maybe at the work session. He asked what service the street sweeper provides and the schedule.

Street Superintendent Brewer inquired about repairing second cans bought by individuals and businesses. He was advised that the City would only repair City owned cans. He also reported on an issue with can damage by employees of the pick-up company.

Recreation Director Howell reported on a job exploration training program for youth that would be no cost to the City and that he would like to participate in. He also reported on the end of regular spring season play and the start of Allstar selections, fall sports sign up and resignation of the part-time employee.

Water manager Austin reported the Waterworks and Sewer Board had been renamed to the Greater Geneva Water Authority. She also reported on an incident on Trinity Street.

Rescue Director Creamer reported at the Mayor's direction he has scheduled CPR and first aid classes for City employees during the month of June. He requested to be able to purchase a used ambulance for \$20,000.00. Mayor Hayes questioned if he needed the stretcher requested at

last meeting or the ambulance more? He stated the ambulance. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase of the ambulance in lieu of the stretcher. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baine and was approved by seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Director Creamer requested a budget amendment of \$1,000.00 for uniforms. Council Member Dodson moved to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Library Director Hidle reported on the upcoming summer program, window replacements, new flooring and new sign for the library.

Fire chief Latimer gave an April call volume report. He discussed the need to redo the flooring at the station and presented quotes for materials. Council Member Bixby moved to approve a flooring project but to authorize the Mayor to select flooring and oversee construction. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Police Chief Mock reported on the River Festival and parade and over-time hours for the event. He reported he has had an officer resign and gave an activity report for the month of April.

Council Member Lee asked about the status of hiring an extra employee for the recreation department.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Mr. Andy Braswell informed Council the work on Westmont Street had helped the situation he had previously reported.

Council Member Stough reported next week is National Hospital Week.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.