

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 2, 2026  
REGULAR MEETING  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on March 2, 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.

Pastor Russell Clausell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the pledge of allegiance.

With due public notice given, a public hearing was held at this time to consider the temporary closing of a portion of W. Promenade Avenue.

City Attorney Gray gave a review of the area of road to be temporarily closed. He explained this would need to be accomplished by the adoption of an ordinance and reviewed proposed Ordinance Number 03-2026-04.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation in favor of said closing. There was no one present in favor of closing. Mayor Hayes called for public participation in opposition of said closing. No one was present in opposition to the closing. Mayor Hayes called for Council discussion there was none. Mayor Hayes declared the public hearing closed.

Council Member Dodson moved to dispense with the reading and approve minutes of February 17 and 24, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Baine. Council voted six (6) to zero (0) on approval of the February 17th minutes, with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Stough abstaining. Council voted six (6) to zero (0) on approval of the February 24th minutes, with Mayor Hayes and council Member Bixby abstaining.

Mayor Hayes signed a proclamation declaring March 2026 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month in Geneva. Council Member Lee spoke on the importance of Merle Wallace Purvis Center.

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the issuance of an alcohol license to Dollar General Store 31471. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to introduce the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2026-04**





The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Bids for the demolition of blighted properties under a CDBG were received as follows:

#	Demolition Address	Lewis, Inc.	Shiver & Sons LLC
1.	117 East French Avenue	5,250.00	7,330.00
2.	106 East Promenade Avenue	4,200.00	4,760.00
3.	110 East Campbell Avenue	13,200.00	12,835.00
4.	205 West Purvis Avenue	2,940.00	4,645.00
<b>TOTAL BASE BID:</b>		<b><u>\$25,590.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$29,570.00</u></b>

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution awarding the bid to the low bidder Lewis Inc. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mixon and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tinsley abstaining.

Council Member Stough moved to adopt a resolution naming Poly, Inc. as the engineering firm for a Community Development Block Grant Urgent Need grant from the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs. 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 Stough moved to approve the January 2026 budget reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tinsley and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Completion and opening of the new park
- Dedication ceremony for the new park
- Congratulations to Coach Bixby and team for playing and representing Geneva in payoff
- Meeting with prospective tenant at the airport and site selection
- Planned visit to Geneva by Senator Tuberville
- Meeting with hospital CFO
- Sidewalk damage on Commerce Street and issues with removal

Mayor Hayes reported that during the meeting with the hospital CFO it was noted that the City's currently listed member of the Geneva County Healthcare Authority was the Mayor from its creation back in 2008. Mayor Hayes recommended appointment of City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson to the seat.

Council Member Lee moved to appoint City Clerk/Treasurer to the seat on the board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Dodson reported grading work on Franklin and culvert pipe on Pinecrest has been completed.

Council Member Baine reported the tree on Glendale has been removed.

Council Member Tinsley requested a copy of school board members and appointments.

Council Member Stough reported he has received complaints regarding speeding around the high school. He asked how location of speed bumps on the request list were determined. He stated from the stop sign at N. Iris Street to the school is where most of the complaints occur. Council Member Stough recommended a bottle filling station and playground cooling equipment be installed at the new park. He reported street repairs have been made by the water department. Council Member Stough informed Council the Rural Hospital Investment Program generated over a half million dollars for Wiregrass Hospital.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported grading is being held up as fiber optic is being ran on Westmont Street. He requested a budget ament for new mowers in the amount of \$17,000.00. Council Member Stough moved to approve the amendment. 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 reported there is a bill in the State House that if passed will increase rates being paid by insurance and Medicare for ambulance service. He gave an activity report for February.

Fire Chief Latimer requested permission to apply for an AFG Grant in the amount of \$25,700.00 for equipment with a \$2,500.00 match by the City. Council member Bixby moved to approve the grant application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Dodson and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Police Chief Mock reported on his attendance at the Police Chief's conference, and staff training. He requested a budget amendment in the amount of \$1,094.00 per year for access to the AlaCourt system. Council Member Bixby moved to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stough and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock gave an activity report for February.

Council Member Stough commended Officer Dylan Webb's actions at a recent basketball game.

Mayor Hayes called for public participation.

Mrs. Gayle Courtney inquired about benches for the new park.

Mr. Danny Coleman was present and reported on the Lion's Club pancake supper.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:30 p.m.