

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on March 21, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 7, 2022, The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Keith Hundley, CPA, with the City's audit firm, Carr, Riggs, & Ingram CPAs and Advisors, reviewed the FY 19-20 audit for the City of Geneva. He explained that a recommendation was made in the audit to move the booking functions of the library to the City Clerk's office. He stated this recommendation was not based on any wrong doing it was recommendation to consolidate all books of the City which would make the financial reporting more efficient.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve the financials for the year as audited. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve and accept the auditor's recommendation and consolidate the library's books into the City's books. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A copy of the audit report follows a part of these minutes:

Mr. James Sullivant appeared before Council to register a complaint and seek compensation for an incident he alleges occurred in 2008. Mayor Hayes informed Mr. Sullivant he should have his attorney contact the City Attorney.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt an Hours of Operation/Time Clock Policy. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the financial reports for January 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Meeting with the Director of ADECA and Senator Chesteen
2. Park project
3. Electric car charging stations
4. Meeting with DOT
5. Soccer project
6. Drainage issues due to recent rains

City Clerk Johnson reported on a date for the City-wide yard sale.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and encouraged individuals to contact the court office prior to court to see if issues can be resolved. He informed Council, Chief Mock had assigned an officer to function like a bailiff during court. He also reported on continued work on nuisance abatements.

Police Chief Mock gave an activity report for the weekend and reported on a second meeting regarding the new reporting system.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Allen Brewer gave an equipment and project report. He reported on drainage issues and possible solutions. He also reported on the demolition of the first house under the abatement process of the dangerous building ordinance.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported the mobile home at 205 E Promenade Avenue has been removed, he does not see any progress on the property at 303 E Promenade Avenue, and he has received the asbestos report on the house at 115 E Hart Avenue.

Council Member Fountain discussed drainage issues on Choctaw and Merritt Streets; a nuisance complaint on a mobile home at 120 E Hart Avenue; a burnt house on Choctaw Street; and time extension for the property at 303 E Promenade Avenue. He also informed Council he is demolishing the old house at 119 E. Hart Avenue.

Council Member Tidwell reported pot holes and washouts on Spring Avenue and opening day for the baseball/softball/t-ball season.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the route for the garbage truck. She stated she has received calls regarding the truck running at different times than usual.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a policy granting a \$2.00 per hour increase in pay to all permanent hourly employees upon completion of 25 consecutive years of service with the City of Geneva effective the next full pay period following the 25 year anniversary.

Upon discussion Council Member Tidwell questioned the fairness in the exclusion of department heads.

Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which carried by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman requested yield signs at the intersection of Choctaw Street and College Avenue and the intersection of Westmont Street and Skyline Avenue be changed to stop signs. He asked that Mrs. Gail Whitehead be allowed to speak as part of his allotted time. Mrs. Whitehead discussed drainage issues on her property.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk