

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 3, 2022, 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. 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 13 and 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Stephanie Hankins appeared before Council to address concerns with traffic on Liveoak Street. She presented a petition signed by residents on Liveoak Street requesting speed bumps be installed.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt the flowing ordinance which was introduced at the September 19, 2022, meeting:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-11**

**AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF September, 2022  
ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
EARL MINSHEW STREET AND EAST PROMENADE AVENUE.**

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 adopt the flowing ordinance which was introduced at the September 19, 2022, meeting:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-12**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH HOSPITAL DRIVE AND WEST MEADOW AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt the flowing ordinance which was introduced at the September 19, 2022, meeting:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-13**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NUMBER 11-76-04 DATED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1976 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC FLOW IN FRONT OF JAMES A. MULKEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the flowing ordinance which was introduced at the September 19, 2022, meeting:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-15**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2014-01 DATED THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2014 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR RECEIPTS FROM TAXES HEREIN DERIVED WITHIN THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Action was tabled on the flowing ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2022-14**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR GUIDELINES FOR PARKING ON SOUTH COMMERCE STREET FROM THE INTERSECTION OF EAST TOWN AVENUE AND SOUTH COMMERCE STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH COMMERCE STREET AND EAST WESTVILLE AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council Member Fountain moved to authorize use of Fowler Park by Lewis and Clark Circus. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution un-earmarking previously earmarked local revenues, authoring the closing of bank accounts for deposit of such funds and authorizing the opening of a bank account for reserve funds. 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 Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution authorizing only the Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and City Clerk/Treasurer as individuals authorized to sign for banking activity and to remove any other individuals listed on any accounts. 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 he has been asked by a resident of Glendale Avenue to bring before Council a request to reduce the speed limit from 25 mph to 15 mph on that street. Council requested a study be conducted before any action is taken.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the destruction of certain records. 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 Fountain moved to approve an application for Geneva High School to have a parade for homecoming. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the possibility of closing a portion of Academy Street for events such as the car show.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Attendance of the graduation ceremony for police cadets
2. Completion of the Economic Development Academy
3. Update on City Hall project and meeting with the architect

#### 4. Paving Project

Mayor Hayes discussed negative comments regarding the City and City projects on social media platforms. He stated that recently individuals looking to relocate to Geneva had come across negative comments online about the new EV chargers and due to the negativity expressed by some they did not feel that moving to Geneva would be a good choice. He asked that individuals think about their comments and how it can dissuade people and potential business from coming to Geneva. He stated individuals are always commenting on the business they want to come to Geneva but don't think about how a business will perceive negative comments about the community.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the splash pad project and getting recertified as an Alabama Certified Planning and Zoning Official.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave an equipment and project report.

Police Chief Mock announced he has assigned Officer Michael Hornsby as the permanent school resource officer for the elementary school. He reported that all officers' CEU were up-to-date and exceeded the minimum required. He reviewed plans and actions taken to ensure safety during homecoming week. Chief Mock informed Council of an incident that resulted in City officers participating in the chase of an individual through town. He shared the details of a community fundraiser his officers are participating in and gave an activity and statistics report for September.

Chief Mock also discussed plans for security for homecoming and a meeting by the Chamber where school safety will be discussed with various law enforcement agencies participating.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported demolition of houses and the next round of notices being sent.

Fire Chief Latimer reported his department has received donations to help fund materials for conducting a fire prevention and training program for students but needs an additional \$500.00 to completely fund the project. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the expense from the general fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Senior Director Owens reported the new refrigerator for the center has been purchased. She reported on assisting seniors applying for energy assistance funding and offering Zumba classes through the center. She presented a calendar of center events for the month.

Council Member Gillespie asked about executing the contract with SARCOA. She discussed that SARCOA did not regulate the food or food contract and that meals were still being provided without the signed contract. She stated that by signing the contract the City will receive funding that can be used for other expenses. She asked that since nothing was being accomplished with the quality of food by not signing the contract, if it would be beneficial to sign so the City receives the additional funding?

Council Member Bixby moved to approve signing the contract with SARCOA. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a four (4) to two (2) vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Bixby, Gillespie, Lee and Coleman. Council Members McCoy and Fountain voted against the motion. Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote.

Recreation Specialist Jay Howell appeared on behalf of the recreation department to review quotes for a mower and recommended purchasing a Cheetah Kawasaki. Council discussed options submitted and recommended looking at a side discharge vs. a rear discharge.

Council Member Coleman reported he has a request for a speed bump on College Avenue behind C & M Grocery. He asked if the speed bumps have been removed from Glendale Avenue.

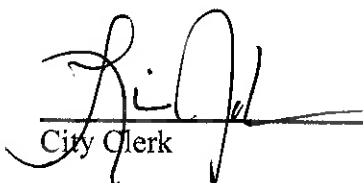
Council Member Gillespie inquired about opening bids for grounds maintenance services and if the low bid had to be accepted.

Council Member McCoy inquired about the status of the complaint in his district with abandoned and junk vehicles.

Council Member Lee reported he has citizens in his district concerned about a recent dog attack. Council heard a report on the incident from the Police Chief. Council Member Lee informed Council a few years ago the right-of-way at the driveways in Herring Subdivision had been paved by the City but the ones on Goat Hill Road had not been paved. He requested they be paved. There was discussion regarding the road being a county road. Council Member Lee stated he has been receiving complaints on the condition of the west end of Mulkey Avenue. He asked about the status of Project Greenlight.

Council Member Bixby requested a street light on Borland Street. He inquired if the City has had any contact with Spectrum regarding the franchise renewal and audit.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 17, 2022, 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, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell 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 Coleman gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 3, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

With due public notice given bid for performing grounds maintenance services were publicly opened on October 13, 2022. One bid was received as follows:

J P Lawn Care	Total Annual Cost \$42,723.00
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Council Member Gillespie moved to award the bid to J P Lawn Service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve a permit to hold a Christmas parade on December 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve a permit to hold a Veterans Day parade on November 11, 2022, pending receipt of application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson certified costs relating to the final assessment for abatement of structures at 112 E. Hart Avenue, 108 E. Hart Avenue, 106 E. Hart Avenue, and 308 N. Morris Street deemed unsafe under the City's Dangerous Building Ordinance. A public hearing was scheduled for December 5, 2022, to give the property owner due process.

Council Member Fountain arrived at 6:09 p.m. during discussion of final assessment.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution adopting a policy on fees for public records with cost established at one dollar per page for hard and digital copies. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Award of a CDBG grant for rehab and demolition
2. Airport negotiations
3. Project Green Light
4. Economic Development Board Meeting
5. Progress on the concession/bathroom facility for the soccer complex
6. Funds through Senator Chesteen for paving of the parking lot for the soccer complex

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Mayor Hayes reported he had met with personnel involved with Court to get a good understanding of how the court operates.

Police Chief Mock answered questions regarding an incident during homecoming week brought up by Council Member Fountain; he reported that overall there were no major issues that had to be addressed during the week. He reported on the department's fundraiser and a burglary of a business.

Mayor Hayes stated a work release program was discussed in the court meeting. He asked Chief Mock if he would be able to help make that program happen.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer gave an equipment and project report.

Senior Director Owens reported on center events.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the department did not receive the grant for the jaws of life. He reported on two demonstrations scheduled by vendors so personnel can inspect and test the models available.

Code Enforcement Officer reported he has been in contact with the owner of a dilapidated mobile home on Hart and advised he has two weeks to abate the nuisance or further action will be taken.

Building Inspector Wuest reported on the process for requesting street lights and the status of previously requested lights.

Council discussed contribution towards the farm city dinner. They also discussed the contribution must be made to a non-profit or government agency or subsidiary. Council Member

Lee moved to contribute \$350.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Fountain reported he has received a request to make the intersection of Morris Street and Purvis Avenue a four-way-stop. Chief Mock stated he felt that would be a good idea.

The new policy on school traffic and the stop on Hospital Drive was discussed. The possibility of installing cameras was also discussed.

Council Member Fountain requested a street light be installed in the triangle where Glenn Street and Liveoak Street intersect onto Maple Avenue.

Council Member Lee inquired about receipt of funds from SARCOA and if the County had been contacted. He asked Superintendent Brewer to look at the west end of West Mulkey Avenue and see if he can make any improvements. Council Member Lee requested that the street light for Dismuke Street be followed up on.


Council Member Gillespie asked that when the speeding issue on Liveoak is addressed for speedbumps or cameras she thinks Campbell should also be looked at.

Council Member Coleman inquired about stripes for newly installed speedbumps. He expressed his appreciation for work on Fleming Avenue.

Council was invited to an upcoming Chamber meeting. Mayor Hayes inquired about board appointments.

Mayor Hayes entertained questions from members of the audience. Roads, drainage, animals and speeding were addressed.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Freddy McCoy, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee and Kim Gillespie 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 Tidwell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of October 17, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a three (3) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Tidwell and Bixby abstaining.

Mrs. Debra Dunn with the Geneva County Farm City Committee discussed the purpose of the committee, the various events they sponsor and are involved in and the upcoming Farm City Banquet. She requested someone from Council serve on the Committee. Mayor Hayes signed a proclamation declaring Farm City Week.

Council heard a complaint from Mr. James Sullivant regarding the fire department not knocking on doors and informing residents of fires in their neighborhoods. He complained about burnt properties near his home not being cleaned up. He also alleged he was assaulted several years ago by a former City Attorney.

Upon advertising on two separate occasions in the *Geneva County Reaper*, the City received one proposal for a Fixed Based Operator for the airport from Kachemak Bay Flying Services. The proposal listed the services the company wishes to perform and amount of compensation to be paid to the City.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize Kachemak Bay Flying Services as FBO for the airport and to allow the Mayor to negotiate the terms of a contract prepared by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution establishing the fee to use the EV charging stations at \$2.50 per kWh. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes informed Council he has received notice the City's application for the EV Grant has been approved.

Attorney Gray presented and reviewed a franchise ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to Charter Communications.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution adopting a policy for off-duty employment by police officers. 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 Tidwell moved to approve the August 2022 financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Halloween at the Junction
2. Stop signs and speed bump located in the paving project
3. Repaving of the parking lot for the new park
4. Veteran's Day program
5. Ribbon Cuttings

City Clerk Johnson reported on the CDBG project and presented a map of the target area for review.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and the closing on the old trestle property.

Mayor Hayes reported on equipment and projects for the street and sanitation departments.

Council Member Coleman asked the Mayor to look at the sidewalk project recently completed on Liveoak Street as there have been complaints regarding the area not being cleaned and the finish of the concrete.

Council Member McCoy requested speedbumps on Palm Street.

Police Captain McDuffie gave an activity and statistics report for the month of October. He reported on equipment ordered for the department, the fundraiser project and training.

Fire Chief Latimer informed Council the department has seen demonstrations on different extrication tools. He recommended purchase of a unit through Municipal Emergency Services under a Sourcewell contract in the amount of \$33,389.00.

Council Member Bixby moved to amend the budget to allow the purchase with funds being paid through the ½ cent bank account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Code Enforcement Officer reported the house on Water Street and the house on Crosstimbers Street are within the 60-180 day period for compliance. Due to asbestos being present in both houses the cost for demolition on \$26,000.00 and \$21,000.00 respectively. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the cost of demolition. 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 Coleman thanked crews for work to the ditch on Fleming Avenue. He asked when repairs to streets by the Water Board will be completed and the status of erecting signage on the school route under the new ordinance.

Council Member Tidwell expressed appreciation for the resurfacing in his district and complemented the quality of work.

Council Member Fountain discussed street signs at the intersection of N. Forrest and Purvis.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

  
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Mayor

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

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 21, 2022, 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, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Ryan Tidwell 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of November 7, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a three (3) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Lee and Gillespie abstaining.

Mayor Hayes announced the award for Farmer of the Year had been presented earlier in the day. He announced the Farmer of the Year was Jeff Gray of Gray Farms.

Mayor Hayes presented the Business of the Year Award to Speigner Furniture. Mr. Benny Speigner was present to accept the award.

City Attorney Gray read and reviewed an ordinance for a cable franchise agreement. Council discussed the ordinance with some members expressing they would like for the time to be reduced to a five-year agreement.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022-16**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC, L/K/A CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN GENEVA, ALABAMA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes Council Member Lee Council Member McCoy Council Member Gillespie Council Member Coleman	Council Member Fountain	Council Member Tidwell Council Member Bixby	

The Mayor declared that without unanimous consent, the motion did not carry.

Council Member Lee moved to approve contracting with ArchiveSocial to record social media and website activity for compliance with public records laws and amend the budget in the amount of \$3,992.00 for services through September 2022. 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 Coleman moved to authorize a one-time buyback of up to 40 hours of unused paid time off for employees with a minimum of three weeks of PTO. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize the transfer of \$1,019,614.68 from the general fund bank account to the reserve bank account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes informed Council that the proposed company for the FBO at the airport needs to know the weight limits of aircraft that the runway will support. He explained this will require a GEO study and testing estimated to cost \$10,000.00+/- . Council Member Lee moved to amend the budget and authorize funds from the T-Hangar bank account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Meeting with a local company that installs splash pads
2. Soccer project
3. Graduation from the Economic Development Academy
4. Decoration for Christmas
5. Project Greenlight

City Clerk Johnson reported on the upcoming audit. She presented a request for the Geneva High School FBLA club to hold a March of Dimes walk through Fowler Park on December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the walk. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and the closing on the old trestle property.

Senior Citizens Director Owens reported on center events and activities.

Recreation Director Stough reported on the basketball season and number of registered participants.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and projects.

Police Chief Mock reported on equipment ordered for the department and training.

Council Member Coleman requested the Santa Lane signs be put up before the parade.

Council Member Gillespie reported the City had received the Heart of the Wiregrass Award for 2022 from Wiregrass RC&D.

Council Member Lee stated several street lights are out and requested citizens call Alabama Power to report lights that are out.

Council Member Gillespie informed Council she has been contacted by the owner of the property on Crosstimbers Avenue that has been served notice of intent to demolish. She presented an email from the owner to Council.

Council Member Fountain requested a street light at the intersection of Purvis Avenue and Merritt Street. He asked Police Chief Mock if he felt a four-way-stop was needed at the interaction of Purvis Avenue and Morris Street. Chief Mock stated he felt the stop was needed. City Attorney Gray stated he would prepare an ordinance for next meeting.

Mayor Hayes stated the paving crew had added a stop sign at the intersection of South Greenwood Street and Westville Avenue. He asked that the sign be added to the ordinance.

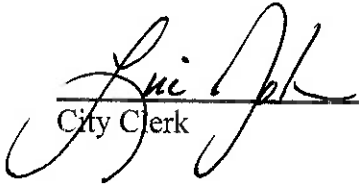
Council Member Coleman stated the stop sign at the intersection of Azalea Street and Camellia Avenue is missing.

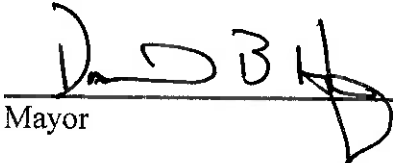
Council heard a report from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Jessie Quillen with Wiregrass Economic Development Corporation was present and presented labor stastics. He informed Council WECD has employed a grant writer if the City needs any assistance with grants.

Recreation Director Stough reported that Attorney Gray and his brother had donated Christmas decorations that belonged to the late Mrs. Jewel Gray.

Council Member Lee moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
DECEMBER 5, 2022  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on December 5, 2022, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent (Council Member Lee arrived at 6:30 p.m.). 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.

With due public notice being hand delivered to the property owner, a public hearing was held at this time to address assessment for abatement costs for the following properties:

106 E Hart Avenue  
108 E Hart Avenue  
112 E Hart Avenue  
308 N Morris Street

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 106 E Hart Avenue had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02. He stated the structure had been abated by the City and the cost of abatement was \$1,526.12.

Attorney Gray asked if any of the property owners or their representative were present to object to or speak regarding the cost as presented. No one was present.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt a resolution setting abatement cost and authorizing a lien entitled:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 106 E HART AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1804203014009000, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE**

**BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes Abstaining.

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 108 E Hart Avenue had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02. He stated the structure had been abated by the City and the cost of abatement was \$5,965.18.

Attorney Gray asked if any of the property owners or their representative were present to object to or speak regarding the cost as presented. No one was present.

Council Member Fountain moved to adopt a resolution setting abatement cost and authorizing a lien entitled:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 108 E HART AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1804203014008000, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes Abstaining.

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 112 E Hart Avenue had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02. He stated the structure had been abated by the City and the cost of abatement was \$13,885.26.

Attorney Gray asked if any of the property owners or their representative were present to object to or speak regarding the cost as presented. No one was present.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution setting abatement cost and authorizing a lien entitled:

**RESOLUTION**

**A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 112 E HART AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1804203014007000, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes Abstaining.

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 308 N. Morris Street had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02. He stated the structure had been abated by the City and the cost of abatement was \$1,549.63.

Attorney Gray asked if any of the property owners or their representative were present to object to or speak regarding the cost as presented. No one was present.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution setting abatement cost and authorizing a lien entitled:

### RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 308 N MORRIS STREET, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1804203014009001, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes Abstaining.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the use of the property with a lien assessment.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of November 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Tidwell and Bixby abstaining.

Mayor Hayes announced the award for Farmer of the Year had been presented earlier in the day. He announced the Farmer of the Year was Jeff Gray of Gray Farms.

Mayor Hayes presented the Business of the Year Award to Speigner Furniture. Mr. Benny Speigner was present to accept the award.

City Attorney Gray read and reviewed an ordinance for a cable franchise agreement informing Council that the agreement was for five years.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt the following ordinance which was considered at the last meeting:

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-2022-16**

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO SPECTRUM SOUTHEAST, LLC, L/K/A CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN A CABLE SYSTEM IN GENEVA, ALABAMA SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING THE GRANT OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION AND USE OF THE SYSTEM AND THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS HEREIN

The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes Abstaining.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2022-17**

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF December, 2022 ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH MORRIS STREET AND EAST PURVIS AVENUE AND ESTABLISHING A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF WEST CAMELLIA AVENUE AND NORTH AZALEA STREET AND ESTABLISHING A FOUR WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH GREENWOOD STREET AND EAST WESTVILLE AVENUE.

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent/Not Present:	Abstentions: None
Mayor David Hayes Council Member McCoy Council Member Gillespie Council Member Tidwell Council Member Bixby Council Member Fountain Council Member Coleman	None	Council Member Lee	

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 12-2022-17 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent/Not Present:	Abstentions:
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Council Member McCoy                      None                      Council Member Lee                      Mayor Hayes  
Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby  
Council Member Fountain  
Council Member Coleman

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize incentive pay using the following scale:

- Part-time Employees - \$50
- Less than 1 Year Service - \$50
- 1 Year Service - \$100
- 2 Year Service - \$125
- 3 Year Service - \$175
- 4 Year Service - \$225
- 5 Year Service - \$275
- \$50 Per Year over 5 Years

The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes Abstaining.

Council Member Lee arrived to the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Bixby moved to approve the 2023 holiday schedule with an amendment that the days observed for Christmas Eve and Christmas would be December 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes Abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Meeting the Alabama Secretary of State
2. Soccer project
3. Downtown park grant being recommended to National Parks for funding
4. Workforce
5. Housing needs
6. City Hall project
7. Decoration for Christmas and the snow machine donated by the Woman's Club

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Senior Citizens Director Owens reported on center events and activities.

Recreation Director Stough reported on the basketball season and number of registered participants.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and projects.

Police Chief Mock reported on equipment ordered for the department and training. He gave statistics for November and the period of December 1, 2021 to December 1, 2022.

Council Member Fountain inquired about the status of the hot dog stand at the old Raceway site being brought into compliance.

Council Member Bixby reported he has received compliments on Fowler Park from a family camping there.

Council Member Tidwell reported on recreation basketball and stated many participants come to play in the program from surrounding towns.

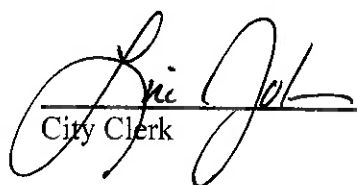
Council Member Lee inquired about Project Greenlight. He asked if the County has been contacted about the driveways on Goat Hill Road. He inquired about Fire Department procedures regarding blown transformers.

Council Member McCoy asked about an ordinance regulating big trucks on City streets in his district.

Council Member Gillespie reported the street and police departments responded and blocked off the street where utility lines were torn down. She inquired about upgrading the electricity and campsites outside the gates of Fowler Park. She asked if RFPs could be sought to repair the deck and to extend the deck on the pond at Fowler Park. Council Member Gillespie also reported pole lights that were out at the Junction.

Council Member Coleman requested the street be patched in front of 303 Woodland Street. He asked if the City could purchase hams for the Senior Center Christmas party. He informed Council the senior center needs several repairs and outlined the needs.

Council Member Fountain moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2022  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on December 19, 2022, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of December 5, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. John Jones appeared before Council regarding a nuisance complaint on neighboring property on Bryant Avenue.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2022-18**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.10 "FEES" OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2017-05 DATED THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-2022-08 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND SETTING FEES THEREOF; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AS LAST AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council discussed the ordinance and set a work session for 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023, to discuss the ordinance.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize a resolution to approve and adopt the following:

City of Geneva Rehabilitation Policy and Procedures Guide  
CDBG Program Number: LR-CM-RR-22-007

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:

1. Decorating and events for Christmas
2. State inspection and monitoring of the soccer project
3. Airport project
4. Diesel spill in town
5. Scheduled meeting with the head of DOT
6. City Hall project

City Clerk Johnson discussed transferring funds into the reserve fund since earmarking has been removed from various revenues. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to transfer funds from the General Fund bank account to the Reserve Fund bank account as they deem feasible. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He stated he will review current City ordinances regarding nuisances and see if updates are needed.

Police Chief Mock reported one officer has withdrawn his resignation but the department will still have two vacant positions. He reported on a payback from Houston County on an officer recently finishing the academy. He also reported officers have responded to a call where there was a positive test for fentanyl.

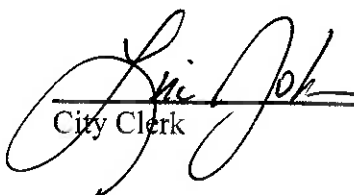
Senior Citizens Director Owens reported on center events and a recent meeting held by five centers regarding food. She also reported on dates the center would be open during the Christmas holidays.

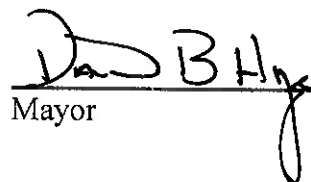
Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and projects.

Council Member McCoy reported he is still having issues with big trucks on Hendrix Avenue and Griffin Street and complaints with the number of cars at a residence on Park Avenue. He inquired about having the streets in his district resurfaced.

Council Member Fountain reported on an area in the road near 112 Live Oak Street that needs repair. He reported stop signs have been installed in areas he requested. He reported a bad area in the road near the four-way-stop on Merritt Street.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING & WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 3, 2023  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on January 3, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Council reviewed the draft of a new ordinance on building permit fees. Fees were discussed and recommended changes recorded.

Work session adjourned at 6:00 p.m. and regular session began all Council Members were present.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council Member Tidwell 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 December 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reviewed proposed Ordinance Number 01-2023-01 adopting new building fees. This ordinance included changes suggested in the work session and was declared the first reading.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Airport lease
2. He praised city employees in all departments for their hard work during the busy holiday season
3. Meetings scheduled in Montgomery
4. DOT meeting
5. Plans to attend Retail Association Convention to recruit businesses
6. Scheduled meeting with the head of DOT
7. City Hall project
8. Splash pad project
9. Concession stand/bathroom for soccer project
10. Review of an ordinance regarding big trucks on City streets
11. Sewer project for the DEVCO area

12. CDBG grant
13. Funding for paving at soccer complex
14. Trucks being damaged on railroad tracks and leaking on streets

Mayor Hayes discussed signage for the airport. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the Mayor to secure a sign at his discretion. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson reported her office has sent out business license notices for 2023 and she has sent notices to tenants at the airport of the change in management.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He stated he will review current City ordinances regarding large trucks on City streets.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment and projects.

Police Chief Mock reported the department has gone to shift change schedules. He reported on a potential new hire and a pursuit that resulted in use of the new road spikes. Chief Mock also reported on CEUs for officers with all officers exceeding the required minimum with the lowest being 20 hours and gave an activity report.

Fire Chief Latimer reported that recent contact with FEMA representatives leads him to believe the City will receive a grant for the purchase of a thermal camera.

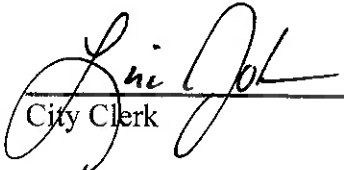
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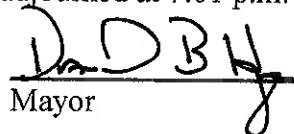
Council Member Gillespie reported she had a resident on Live Oak Street contact her regarding concerns with the sidewalk project near his residence.

Council Member Lee reported he has received complaint on a goat on S. Morris Street. He stated he has been contacted by several ladies in town wanting a dress and shoe shop.

Council Member McCoy reported a nuisance complaint of a dead dog in a yard on Griffin Street.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on January 17, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was 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.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Gillespie moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reviewed the following ordinance which was presented last meeting:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 01-2023-01**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.10 "FEES" OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2017-05 DATED THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-2022-08 AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND SETTING FEES THEREOF; TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE AS LAST AMENDED AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the ordinance as read. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-2023-02**

**GRANTING AN ELECTRIC FRANCHISE TO ALABAMA POWER COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA**

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor Hayes		Council Member Bixby	
Council Member Lee			
Council Member McCoy			
Council Member Gillespie			
Council Member Tidwell			
Council Member Fountain			
Council Member Coleman			

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Gillespie that Ordinance Number 01-2023-02 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor Hayes		Council Member Bixby	
Council Member Lee			
Council Member McCoy			
Council Member Gillespie			
Council Member Tidwell			
Council Member Fountain			
Council Member Coleman			

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

City Clerk Johnson presented a local fuel tax report and Rebuild Alabama Tax report to Council.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution declaring several vehicles no longer needed for public use and authorizing their sale by auction using the online site GovDeals. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported the Geneva City Planning Commission had met and recommended the rezoning of multiple properties to an agricultural zoning and to incorporate wording into the ordinance to define and regulate confined feeding operations.

Council Member Lee moved to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes with the date depending upon when the City Attorney could get an ordinance amendment prepared and meet required advertising guidelines. 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:

1. Interest by a fast food restaurant to locate in Geneva
2. Project Green Light
3. Removal of an old hangar and another building at the airport
4. Liberty Award program held at the elementary school
5. Renovations to businesses around town
6. Soccer project
7. Testing of the runway

Mayor Hayes stated he would like for the City to give some recognition to Buck Williams for all of his years of dedication to the airport, such as naming the field in his memory. Council Member Tidwell moved to leave the name of the airport Geneva Municipal Airport but have signage that reads Geneva Municipal Airport - Buck Williams Field. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson presented a report on rescue revenues and billing. Council discussed in house billing options. Rescue Director Campbell reported on the need for new patient care software that will integrate with the billing system used by the current billing company. She reported the estimated cost would be between \$400.00 and \$500.00 per month.

City Clerk Johnson also reported on the first tranche of funding from the class action settlement relating to opioids. She stated there are regulation on specific uses of the money and that she has asked Chief Mock to recommend uses that will benefit emergency services and meet guidelines.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He reported on the airport lease agreement and stated there was a need for executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss pending litigation.

Fire Chief Latimer requested the City pay for software for FEMA reporting each month out of general fund instead of tobacco tax. Due to the fact the funds are budgeted and being paid, no action was taken to designate a specific bank account.

Police Chief Mock reported on a new hire for the department. He reported on a robbery across the state line that resulted in the arrest of the suspect by Geneva officers.

Mayor Hayes reported the NextStep program would be closing. Chief Mock stated the building was owned by the Presbyterian Church and members want to use the building for a

community project so he has made suggestions and will continue to work with them to help identify a project.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects, equipment, being short staffed and a new hire.

Council Member Fountain reported on pot holes near the intersection Hart Avenue and Merritt Street and on N. Liveoak before the yield sign.

He discussed increasing the allowable payout of PTO time for retirees. Mayor Hayes asked for a workshop of the issue. Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the personnel handbook to allow employees that retire under the State Retirement System guidelines to cash in up to four weeks of PTO. 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 Tidwell asked if the City could repair the cut-through road in front of the tennis courts at the high school. The question arose if the City could work on the area because it is school property. Council Member Lee moved to approve the assisting the school contingent upon determining if it was legal to do so. 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 inquired about the street light for Dismukes Street. He asked if there is an ordinance prohibiting goats and if not, could one be drafted. Council Member Lee also asked the Street Superintendent to look at the west end of West Mulkey Avenue as it needs repair.

Council Member Gillespie reported on dog complaints in the neighborhood behind Subway. She stated there has been some positive feedback with members of Rock-a-Dock wanting to return to Geneva.

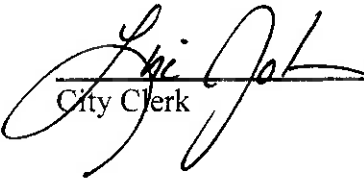
Council Member Coleman reported he has attended the first Farm City meeting and gave details of items discussed.

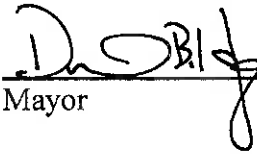
Council Member Fountain moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent
Mayor Hayes		Council Member Bixby
Council Member Lee		
Council Member McCoy		
Council Member Gillespie		
Council Member Tidwell		
Council Member Fountain		
Council Member Coleman		

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously. It was stated there would be no announcement following. Executive session began at 7:50 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray, City Clerk Johnson and Police Chief Mock remained in attendance for executive session.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn executive and regular session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 6, 2023, 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, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell 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 Fountain moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of January 17, 2023, with a correction to add that the Mayor asked for a work session on the issue of increasing PTO cash out for retirees. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council set a public hearing for March 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. to consider a recommendation by the Geneva City Planning Commission to amend the City's zoning ordinance and map to rezone multiple properties from their current zoning designations to an AG-1 (agricultural) designation and to establish a definition and regulations regarding confined feeding operations.

City Attorney Gray reviewed an ordinance prohibiting goats.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 02-2023-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.15 "DEFINITIONS" OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2016-04 DATED THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2016 AND REPEALING AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

It was moved by Council Member Coleman that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Mayor Hayes called for the vote, the roll was called with the following results:



City Clerk Johnson reported on several reports that are due. She informed Council she had an inquiry about the use of Fowler Park around the same time of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Council set the date for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> and agreed the individual could use the back side of the park the same day provided they restrict traffic around 3:00 p.m.

City Clerk Johnson discussed the need for an additional office employee. Council recommended the Mayor and Clerk meet with the Recreation Director to see if the office personnel for the recreation department could be utilized.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and gave an overview of driving school.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects, equipment, and material shortages with vendors.

Police Chief Mock reported on sponsoring a RAD class and child trafficking class. He reported he had attended an orientation in Dothan for a program they have called the 334 Program which is held in schools and targets drug prevention and would like to bring a similar program to Geneva. Chief Mock reported on the cost to send the new hire to the academy and gave an activity report for the month of January.

Chief Mock reported that he has received a revised quote for kennels at the dog pound. He reported this quote was for a more permanent solution to the problem where the first quote that was a cheaper and temporary solution to the issue. The quote provided was \$8,846.00 which is about twice the original amount in the budget. Council Member Coleman moved to approve the budget amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Building inspector Wuest reported there is a new engineer for this area with the power company and he hopes the issue with the length of time it takes to install a street light will be resolved. He informed Council he will also participate in a night time inspection of lighting in conjunction with the company.

Council Member Lee inquired about the light being removed between Commerce and Academy Streets. Council Member Lee stated the light was removed at the request of a citizen. It was discussed that citizens did not have the authority to have lights approved by the City taken down and Inspector Wuest was instructed to see about having the light put back up.

Senior Citizens Director Owens reported on events, a free program that provides product to seniors, bingo machine problems and food shortage by GA Foods. She asked Chief Mock if he could conduct a self defense class for seniors.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the new jaws of life is in and the City received the grant for the thermo imaging camera.

Rescue Director Campbell reported the new power load stretcher has been installed.


Council Member Coleman reported on the Lion's Club pancake supper and asked for volunteers to help.

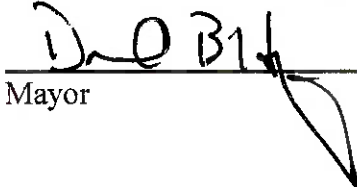
Council Member McCoy inquired about sewer for his district and reported semitrucks are still traveling residential roads.

Council Member Lee vacated his report time to Mrs. Tewanna McElwee, with the Geneva County Historical Society, who presented a brochure and invited Council Members to an event celebrating Black History Month.

Council Member Fountain inquired about patching on Glenn, Merritt and Live Oak. He reported that he has been contacted by the pastor of a church who asked if his congregation volunteered to clean up along Ward Street if the City would pickup the bags of trash.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on February 21, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson 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 Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Members Gillespie, Tidwell and Bixby abstaining.

Council received a parade permit application and application to use Fowler Park for the Geneva River Festival. City Clerk Johnson stated she was asked by a member of the River Festival Committee to inquire about the approval including the outside parking lots as well as inside the gates. Council inquired if they were wanting the camping sites outside the park also and Clerk Johnson stated she had told them the City retains the rental on outside lots.

Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the applications. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Geneva to join the State and other local governments as participants in current and future opioid settlements, agreeing to settlement and disbursement agreements and authorizing the City Clerk to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize an agreement with Avenu Insights to collect past due business license with a 50/50 share of collections. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson certified costs relating to the final assessment for abatement of structures at 608 E Bryant Avenue deemed unsafe under the City's Dangerous Building Ordinance. A public hearing was scheduled for April 3, 2023, to give the property owner due process.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Airport project
2. Core test at the airport
3. Soccer project
4. Paving bid for parking at the soccer complete

City Clerk Johnson presented a report on revenue in the police jurisdiction that is mandated by the State.

Mr. Daniel Keller appeared before Council to make a complaint on a citation he received and stated he felt he was being targeted because he has received other citations on different occasions for the same violation.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and equipment.

Police Chief Mock reported on completion of the first RAD class. He reported on a shooting incident at Riverside Homes.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the specs for the new thermal camera are complete.

Council Member Tidwell requested the Street Superintendent look at Ridgecrest Avenue down at the mobile home park when he has time. He inquired about the status of the splash pad, a streetlight out behind the First Baptist Church and reported on recreation department programs and park preparations.

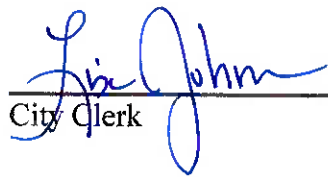
Council Member Lee informed Council he saw the City's new EV charging station location pinned on a national news station. He reported on a recent local NAACP legal forum and reported he has received complaints on property at the intersection of King and Promenade. Council Member Lee gave information on a weatherization program and stated he has applications available if Council Members know of eligible constituents that may be interested in the program.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the status of the City Hall project and a dog incident on Westville Avenue. She stated there are properties on Westville Avenue that need to be cleaned up and asked if they fall under the nuisance ordinance. Council Member Gillespie informed Council it was on the news that Geneva County was one of the only two counties in Alabama that did not have a pediatrician and asked if there was a way to recruitment one.

Council Member Coleman informed Council he has received complaints of individuals burning household garbage on Camellia Street. He stated he has been contacted by owners of

property that adjoins a platted section of Valley Avenue that is not open for access. He stated the property owners want a written statement if it is a City street or an abandoned street. If it is abandoned they want written permission to place gravel on the road. The Mayor stated the owners should attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on March 6, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson and various department heads and employees.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Myra Thames appeared before Council to register dog and nuisance complaints in her neighborhood on Park Avenue.

Engineers Michael Cole and Keith Shippey appeared before Council to discuss an issue regarding the purchase of land needed for a project at the airport. They explained the project and stated they have not been able to negotiate a price with the owners of the needed property.

Attorney Gray stated due to possible litigation on the issue, any further discussion would need to occur in executive session and recommend it be conducted at the end of the meeting.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Attendance of a meeting for local elected leaders and state representatives
2. Discussions with state leaders about growing G-Tech
3. Fast-food restaurant that is interested in locating in Geneva
4. Soccer project and parking areas
5. Bid for splash pad

City Clerk Johnson reported on attending a meeting on broadband. She asked Council, once a new employee is hired for the payroll account clerk position, if they will allow a training period for them to work with the current payroll clerk before she retires. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize a three-month training period for the new employee. The motion was seconded by

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

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court. He reviewed the process for vacating and closing streets.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and equipment.

Police Chief Mock reported on a multi-jurisdictional class on child sex trafficking and plans for future classes in schools to help make children aware of dangers and how to identify them. He stated he is planning another Jr Academy and an event involving various local emergency agencies where families can come out and engage with representatives. Chief Mock informed Council he is starting to recruit for police reserves. He presented an activity report for the month of February.

Building Inspector Wuest reported Alabama Power has installed three street lights that were requested eight months ago and there are eight still pending. He stated the new engineer is working to try to resolve the issue with requests taking so long.

Fire Chief Latimer reported bids will be opened for the new thermal camera on March 13<sup>th</sup>, the department is undergoing CPR recertification and he needs volunteers.

Council Member Coleman expressed appreciation for City volunteers at the Lion's Club pancake supper and for work done on Camellia Avenue.

Council Member McCoy requested a slow child at play sign and speed bump on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Council Member Lee inquired about the process of having the E 911 Board change addresses when the City renames streets. He stated Jerry McClain Avenue and Martin Luther King Avenue are not being recognized by the post office and are not showing on gps systems. City Clerk Johnson stated she has contacted the Director of the Board and asked that he get the matter corrected with the post office. The Mayor stated the Chief is on the E 911 Board and asked if he would see if he could get the matter addressed.

Council Member Lee expressed appreciation for getting the street light up on Dismukes Street. He reported pot holes on E. Railroad Avenue and E. Campbell Avenue and informed Council that the 186<sup>th</sup> Engineering Company out of Dothan may be able to assist the City with road projects.

Council Member Tidwell stated the speed bumps on Glendale were working there are numerous children that play around the neighborhood and the bumps are slowing traffic and making a difference. He expressed his appreciation for recent police activity at local schools and praised their efforts.

Council Member Lee requested speed bumps on E. Promenade Avenue between Dismukes Street and S. Morris Street. Council Member Gillespie asked if there was a running list on speed bump requests and asked what could be done to get them installed. Council Member Lee stated he

also had a request for one on Earl Minshew down from Badcock. Council Member Gillespie reminded Council there was a request for some on Liveoak.

Council Member Tidwell reported on four recreation program basketball teams making it to state tournaments.

Council Member Fountain reported problems with dogs in his neighborhood. He also asked about a house with numerous cars parked on the property.

Council Member Lee stated Ms. Tommie Burks was present and would like to speak on the recent shooting incident at Riverside Homes. Ms. Burks was allowed to speak along with others in attendance with the main thought being the incident was not caused by residents but people visiting from other places. Chief Mock contributed to the conversation.

Council Member Fountain moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. City Attorney Gray stated that pending litigation was a valid reason for conducting the executive session and the session was in order. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Nays: None
Mayor Hayes	
Council Member Lee	
Council Member McCoy	
Council Member Gillespie	
Council Member Tidwell	
Council Member Bixby	
Council Member Fountain	
Council Member Coleman	

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously. It was stated there would be no announcement following. Executive session began at 7:35 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray and City Clerk Johnson remained in attendance for executive session.

Council Member Coleman moved to executive session and regular meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MARCH 20, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on March 20, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member McCoy arrived late to the meeting. None 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 Tidwell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

With due public notice being published in the *Geneva County Reaper*, a public hearing was held at this time.

City Attorney Gray reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance and map amendments, and the Planning Commission report from a prior meeting recommending the amendments.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for public participation in favor of the proposed amendments. Several individuals in attendance spoke in favor of the amendment and the City Clerk advised a written statement of support from a property owner was also received. Council Member McCoy arrived at 6:11 p.m. during discussion.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for public participation in opposition to the proposed amendments. A couple of individuals in attendance spoke in opposition to the amendments.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for general comments and several questions were received and answered.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for Council discussion. Council discussed the proposed amendments.

Council Member Bixby excused himself from the meeting temporarily.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of March 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining and Council Member Bixby temporarily excused.

Council Member Bixby returned to the meeting.

City Attorney Gray reviewed the proposed zoning ordinance and map amendments.

Council Member Lee introduced the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2023-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.02 “AG-1 GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT” AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2017-05 DATED THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AND REPEALING AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

It was moved by Council Member Lee that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. Mayor Hayes called for the vote and the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: None Absent: Abstentions: None

- Mayor Hayes
- Council Member Lee
- Council Member McCoy
- Council Member Gillespie
- Council Member Tidwell
- Council Member Bixby
- Council Member Fountain
- Council Member Coleman

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Coleman that Ordinance Number 03-2023-03 be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes: Nays: Absent: Abstentions:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Member Lee</li> <li>Council Member McCoy</li> <li>Council Member Gillespie</li> <li>Council Member Tidwell</li> <li>Council Member Bixby</li> <li>Council Member Fountain</li> <li>Council Member Coleman</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Member Fountain</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Hayes</li> </ul> |
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The Mayor declared the motion carried and the ordinance and map amendments passed and adopted as introduced and read.

Council Member Bixby moved to enter into an agreement with the Geneva County Commission called American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement Funding to Provide Government Services. This agreement will allocate funding up to \$100,000.00 for the Geneva Rescue Department, provided certain criteria is met by the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

With due public notice given, bids for providing a thermal imaging camera were publicly opened on March 13, 2023. One bid was received as follows:

Base Bid	\$8,785.00
Additional Equipment	\$ 275.00

Council Member Gillespie moved to award the base bid and alternate bid to Coastal Rescue Solutions in the amount of \$ 9,060.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to approve the use of Robert Fowler Park on May 20, 2023, by the Geneva Lion's Club to hold a music festival. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining and Council Member Coleman abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. State inspection of the rescue department with a score of excellence
2. Splash pad plans have been received and is almost ready for bid
3. Issue with tanks at the airport needing cleaning and building repairs
4. Interest by two businesses locating to Geneva
5. Congratulated basketball All-Star teams on representing Geneva in state tournaments
6. Crepe Myrtle trees were cut by Alabama Power contractors not the City
7. Retirement of Recreation Director Jay Stough

City Clerk Johnson reported on attending a meeting on broadband. She asked Council, once a new employee is hired for the payroll account clerk position, if they will allow a training period for them to work with the current payroll clerk before she retires. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize a three-month training period for the new employee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court and the airport project and FAA guidelines.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and being shorthanded.

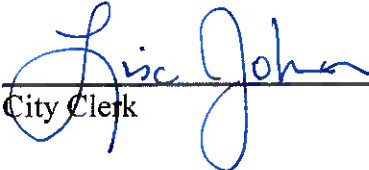
Police Chief Mock reported on a possible future awareness event for students around prom time that would target awareness of consequences relating to drunk driving and drug use. He also answered questions regarding the auxiliary police force.

Mr. Carl Corey was present and reported he is the new Chamber President and reviewed the new list of officers.

Council Member Coleman reported on a Mardi Gras event for the Senior Center.

Council Member Gillespie asked for the status of the list of properties in the nuisance process or slated to be cited.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

  
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Mayor

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on April 3, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None 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 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Ricky Brackin appeared before Council and requested that holes be filled in on a portion of Valley Avenue that is still showing on maps but has never been opened for public travel. City Attorney Gray discussed the process for vacating the street. Mr. Brackin stated he would be satisfied with the City filling in the holes.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize the Mayor to prioritize needs for the City and adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to request Congressionally Directed Spending funds through Senator Tuberville. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson presented information on grant funding through the Department of Transportation for vans for senior centers. Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize applying for two vans if allowed. If not, apply for one van and the City look at purchasing a second van. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Progress on airport project and FBO beginning operations
2. Splash pad project
3. Civil engineers have been on site and working on the City Hall project
4. Opening day for the baseball/softball season

5. Proclamation for Child Abuse Prevention Month
6. Potential businesses look to locate to Geneva and looking at existing buildings
7. Project Green Light

Council Member Lee moved to amend the manning document to create a position for a temporary maintenance worker with a starting rate of \$25.00. This position can be used for the temporary hire of skilled workers for skilled and specialized maintenance and construction projects. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson presented a request from Ft. Rucker's 1-13<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment Trainees to hold an offsite physical training run from the courthouse to Fowler Park on either 28 April or 09 June at approximately 0545-0600 am. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the event. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on municipal court.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on the status of ordered equipment and the need for a new garbage truck. He discussed the idea of a one man operated truck with a dumping arm.

Police Chief Mock reported the Police Reserve program, gave a March activity report and discussed fleet repairs.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on the needed repairs to the concrete apron at the front of the station. He reported the cost to repair the rescue truck is \$5,232.54 and that he would like to sell the vehicle and purchase a new one. He also reported on the need to recruit volunteers. Council Member Lee moved to authorize the repair to the rescue truck. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie discussed complaints on LaShay Lane and compliance through the court system. She reported the intersection of Promenade and Live Oak was not draining properly. She also inquired about the status of the sign for the airport.

Council Member Coleman asked if the light that was installed on Water Avenue could be relocated or turned because it is shining in a residence.

Council Member McCoy stated the problem with the cars on Park Avenue has not improved.

Council Member Lee reported the street sign at the intersection of Trinity and Mulkey has been run over and there are pot holes near the same intersection. He asked if the ditch at the west

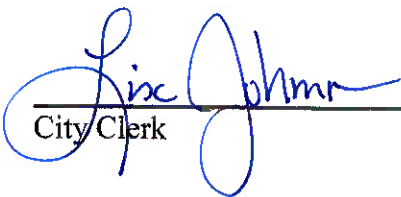
end of E. Mulkey Avenue could be dug out and no parking signs placed on the road going into Riverside Apartments. He reported the street light out at the intersection of McClain and King.

Council Member Tidwell reported on opening day for the baseball/softball season and encouraged attendance.

Council Member Bixby complimented the police department for the way an officer handled an incident.

Council Member Fountain asked the Street Superintendent to look at the drainage pipes on Choctaw Street near the Gaulin residence.

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

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on April 17, 2023, 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, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, 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.

Police Captain McDuffie gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of April 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. David Swinton appeared before Council to request to purchase a lot in Herring subdivision provided the City will clean debris that has been placed on the property. Mayor Hayes stated the City will have to review the amount of debris on the property and investigate who has been dumping on City property before action could be taken.

City Attorney Gray reviewed the following ordinances:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2023-04**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-91-06 DATED THE 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991 AND REPEALING AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2023-05**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-2014-02 DATED THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2014 AND REPEALING AND ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No action was taken the ordinances were introduced as the first reading.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution opting out of the provisions of Act 2022-53. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve a permit for the placement of a well at 603 S. Pensacola Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. The hiring process for the Recreation Director and that he will hire the best candidate with no bias
2. Congratulations to the GHS Baseball team and coaches
3. Discussed holding more recreation program tournaments
4. Completion of the airport project and the new FBO assuming responsibilities
5. City Hall project
6. Splash Pad
7. Issue with a platted road in the Pinecrest area
8. City fall music festival
9. Grants to repair the pier
10. Meeting with ALDOT

Two pictures, one of the pier and one of a dead tree at Fowler Park, were presented to Council at the request of Council Member Gillespie who was absent. She requested the pier be blocked off and the tree removed before River Festival.

City Clerk Johnson reported on the EV project and Van grant. She stated there were several personnel and manning document issues that Council will need to consider. A work session was scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment, receipt of the new tractor, projects and preparations for the River Festival.

Police Chief Mock reported on a scheduled active shooter program, the Jr. Police Academy and use of opioid funds for a youth drug program.

Council Member Lee reported the light at the intersection of Martin Luther King Avenue and Jerry McClain Street was still out. He informed Council Member McCoy the sewer for DEVCO was discussed at the Water Board meeting and the Board was waiting on receipt of funds from the State. He also reported pot holes on Mulkey and S. Whitney Street.

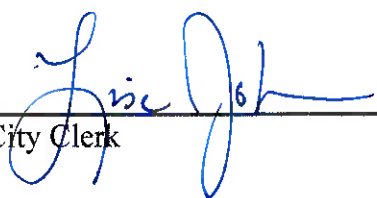
Mayor Hayes reported Ms. Juanita Clay has issues with a ditch running by her home and he is working on the issue.

Council Member Coleman asked if any progress has been made on Valley. He stated something needs to be done to accommodate the elderly and handicap with getting their garbage cans to the road.

Pick up of garbage not in the can and placement of cans for pickup was discussed.

Chamber President Carl Cory discussed the mural project and reported on the DVA Chapter.

Council Member Coleman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
APRIL 19, 2023  
4:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on April 19, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

Council discussed various personnel and manning document issues and the grant for new vans for the senior center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 1, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on May 1, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of April 17 and 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved, that per Mr. David Swinton's request to purchase a lot in Herring subdivision provided the City will clean debris that has been placed on the property, that the City offer the purchase of the lot to Mr. Swinton with an additional \$200.00 to remove a small amount of logs and vegetative debris that has been dumped on the lot. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reviewed an ordinance on police reserves and an ordinance including changes recommended at the last meeting on parades. He stated the first reading of the ordinance occurred at the April 17, 2023 meeting and the ordinance could now be voted on.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the following ordinance on police reserves:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2023-04**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-91-06 DATED THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 1991 AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Mayor has declared the ordinance adopted.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt the following ordinance on parades:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2023-05**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 06-2014-02 DATED THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2014 AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Mayor Hayes declared the ordinance adopted.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt a resolution authorizing a Section 5310 transportation assistance project grant application for two vans for the senior center, authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents and committing matching funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the manning document to add a position of part-time Senior Citizens Director, establish a salary not to exceed \$37,000 a year and include a notation that only one director position can be filled at a time. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Members discussed a salary range for hiring a new Director of Parks and Recreation. Several proposals were presented. It was discussed that the new director will be expected to perform more duties than the current director such as maintenance and office duties. Council Member Fountain moved to approve a salary range of \$45,000.00 to \$50,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Coleman abstaining.

Cutting the full-time office position in the recreation department, moving registration to the City Clerk's office, adding an additional office clerk position in the City Clerk's office, and reevaluating the need for a part-time office worker at the recreation department at a later date was discussed. It was also discussed that the current office employee in the recreation department could be offered the new position in the Clerk's office at her current rate of pay. Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the manning document to remove the Administrative Assistant position in the recreation department, add a full-time office clerk position to the City Clerk's office with a starting salary after probation of \$12.00 per hour and create a job description. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Coleman abstaining.

Council discussed reevaluating the starting salary for the position of Payroll/Accounting Clerk. This position was formerly the position of Personnel Clerk and was upgraded to the new title with additional duties last year. Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the manning document to set the starting salary at \$16.00 per hour with \$1.00 per hour differential for each 10 years of

experience up to \$20.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes asked about tabling the two board appointments on the agenda. Council Member Lee stated he has served on the Geneva Water and Sewer Board for a number of years without compensation and if the Council seen fit to reappoint him he would continue to do so without compensation. He stated he would like to remain on the board to see the DEVCO project completed and asked for Council's consideration for him to serve another term.

Council Member Tidwell stated he would like to nominate Council Member Lee for reappointment to the Geneva Water and Sewer Board. Council Member Lee stated he would second the motion at which time the City Attorney advised he should not second the motion. Council Member Gillespie seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mayor Hayes called for the vote. Council Members Tidwell, Gillespie, Bixby and Lee voted in favor of the motion. Council Member Lee was reappointed to the Geneva Water and Sewer Board by a majority of four (4) votes.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for nominations to the Geneva School Board. Council Member McCoy nominated Kayleigh Austin. There was no second to the nomination. Council Member Lee nominated Tewanna Marks. The nomination was seconded by Council Member Fountain. There were no other nominations. Mayor Hayes called for the vote. Council Members Lee and Fountain voted for Ms. Marks. Ms. Marks was appointed to the Geneva City School Board to the expiring term of Member Karen Simmons by a majority of two (2) votes.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Things are looking and moving good with the City
2. Park project
3. Commended everyone involved with the River Festival
4. Soccer project
5. Future repairs at the library
6. Airport FBO signing

Mayor Hayes reported some of the seniors had baked cakes for Council and they would be available after the meeting.

Mayor Hayes expressed his frustration with the process at times and the division sometimes caused by some agenda items.

Council Member Lee informed Council there was a recent function at Riverside Homes that occurred without any incidents and he appreciated the police departments involvement with assisting with security.

City Clerk Johnson reported two tourism grant applications were submitted and a public hearing on the van grant was held. She reported that she and Council Member Gillespie were

working on two grant applications to assist with repairing the pier and that Council Member Gillespie was working to secure additional funds for the project.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and complemented all the work put into the River Festival.

Council Member Gillespie expressed appreciation for work being completed at the Junction that she had requested. She stated she would like to see properties going to the park cleaned up.

Council Member McCoy inquired about the cars on Park Avenue.

Council Member Lee reported on a health fair being sponsored by one of Geneva's former students and residences Dr. Whitney Brown.

Council Member Tidwell requested the Street Superintendent look at a drainage issue with a wash out and water running on property in Phase II of Oakdale Subdivision. He asked if it would be possible to remove curbing to redirect the flow of water.

Council Member Lee inquired about how many miles in the police jurisdiction the police department covered.

Council Member Bixby asked Chief Mock if anyone from the school has discussed closing the road between the school and stadium for graduation.

Council Member Fountain reported a bad hole in the road at Whitney Street and Maple Avenue.

Council Member McCoy reported the street sign on Griffin Street is missing at the intersection of Griffin and Deere and asked for a new stop sign at the intersection. He also requested a new Franklin Avenue sign.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on equipment, projects, work schedules for completion and staffing. He informed Council he has received a proposal for a new garbage truck with cheapest being \$316,000.00 with estimated delivery in 2025. Private contracting was discussed. Council Member Bixby stated he has talked with other cities that are currently contracting service.

Police Chief Mock reported on a recent case with forged checks. He reported two issues with street signs and properties not having addresses displayed. He presented an activity report for April.

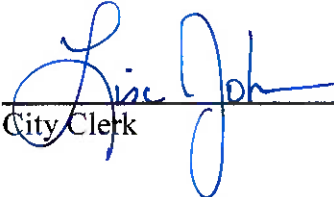
The issue of failure to appear was addressed. City Attorney Gray explained the process and penalties associated with some issues in court.

Senior Director Owens reported on Older Americans Day.

Fire Chief Latimer reported a leak at the fire station.

Chamber President Carl Cory discussed a membership drive and presented applications to Council. He reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 15, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on May 15, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rich Bixby was 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 Tidwell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Jawona Clay was present regarding drainage on her property from water coming off an unopened alley beside her property at the corner of Morris and Promenade. It was discussed that a building had possibly been erected on the alley easement on the Magnolia Avenue side which could have an impact on drainage. Council Member Lee moved to authorize a survey of the alley. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Melissa Lambert appeared before Council to request a license to establish a private family cemetery. Council Member Tidwell moved to approve the license pending compliance with all state requirements and meeting all health department regulations. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented a Geneva City Planning Commission report recommending the rezoning of property identified on Geneva County Property Maps as parcel # 34 18 09 31 2 001 001.000 and parcel # 34 19 07 36 1 003 002.001 from AG-1 (General Agricultural District) to R-3 (Residential district). Council discussed needing additional information about the intent of the property owner with regards to construction of housing if rezoned.

Council Member Gillespie moved to table the issue until answers regarding the request could be answered. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed redistricting. Council Member Lee moved to hold a work session on the subject on May 22, at 4:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Boards and appointments were discussed. It was noted that several boards have members that have resigned, passed away or terms have expired. It was also noted that several boards have not been active or met in years. Council discussed the need of advisory boards, especially if they have not been meeting on a regular basis.

It was noted that the Senior Citizen Board was advisory in nature and has not met in several years. Council Member Tidwell moved to dissolve the Geneva Senior Citizen Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

It was noted that the Airport Board was advisory in nature has not met in several years. Council Member Tidwell moved to dissolve the Geneva Airport Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

It was noted that the Recreation Board was advisory in nature has not met in a couple of years. Council Member Tidwell explained the purpose behind the board and their functions. He stated he felt the board served a purpose and that he plans to resign from the board. It was discussed that some of the functions the board was performing should be handled by the Recreation Director. Council Member Fountain moved to dissolve the Geneva Recreation Board. 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 Tidwell asked what was the point in cutting advisory boards and if any were required by State Law. Mayor Hayes stated that those advisory boards that had not met in a couple of years were not functioning and that a non-functioning board served no purpose. City Clerk Johnson stated that state law provides for certain types of boards and their powers but does not require the appointment of such boards. She also explained that Council could appoint committees and advisory boards at their discretion.

Council asked if there were any other advisory boards. The City Clerk explained that she cannot find on record an ordinance or resolution establishing the board under state code. (Boards not adopted by ordinance or resolution listing statutory authority are generally deemed advisory.) When asked about the difference between the Advisory and Trustees listed for the Library Board, the Clerk explained that with that form of organization it appears the board is functioning more like an incorporated board which presents several problems such as employees being on City benefits. She and the Mayor stated the board has been active lately and the Mayor explained they have their own funds and have plans for renovation of the library. He stated the current board had recently met with him and the Clerk on issues. Council Member Tidwell stated that if other advisory boards have been cut then all advisory boards should be cut. Council Member Gillespie moved to dissolve the Geneva Library Board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Other Boards such as Planning, Board of Adjustments and Industrial Development Board were discussed and if they were needed. City Clerk Johnson explained if the City desires to have zoning then a Planning Commission and Board of Adjustments were required but if the City did not

want to enforce zoning they were not required. Eventually dissolving the Industrial Development Board and replacing it with an Economic Development Board was briefly discussed.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Splash pad project
2. Possible dog park on the newly purchased property past the trestle
3. Applications for the director position for the recreation department
4. Founders Day proclamation and ceremony
5. Speaking at a function on mental health issues
6. New mental health clinic opening in June
7. Park project
8. Soccer project
9. City Hall project

Council Member Fountain advised he has been contacted by citizens interested in the City starting a disc golf course. Possible locations were discussed.

Council Member Tidwell asked if the drainage issue on Oakdale could be looked at by the street department. He asked if lines could be added to two of the tennis courts so they will serve a dual purpose of tennis court and pickle ball court. Mayor has stated that courts could possibly be added at the area were the basketball court is being developed at the soccer complex. Council Member Tidwell also asked that the lights at the tennis court be checked.

Council Member McCoy inquired about a noise permit being issued for a birthday party in a neighborhood and what the process is for obtaining one. He stated the individual that requested the permit had issues with his neighbor and used the opportunity to play extremely loud music for several hours resulting in complaints from other neighbors.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the status of fixing the sidewalk on Live Oak Street. She asked if the street department could look at Franklin Avenue because there are some areas that two cars can not pass one another. Stop sign near Jessica Lane has grown up and limbs are blocking the stop sign at the intersection of Campbell and Morris. She asked if the owner of Graceful Ray's has contacted the City about parking.

Council Member Lee stated he has heard a lot of concerns about the black bear around his district.

Council Member Coleman stated now that it is summer it would be a good time to fix the bad areas on Wilson and Trinity Streets. He invited everyone to the music festival to be held that weekend sponsored by the Lions Club.

Police Captain McDuffie reported on the Junior Police Academy, active shooter training and National Night Out. He reported on the graduation ceremony for the new cadet at the academy.


City Clerk Johnson reported on a meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. at the community center to explain the CDBG grant program to individuals in the target area that may be interested in participating. She stated she needs to open two bank accounts for the grant program. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize opening the two accounts. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.


City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Chamber President Carl Cory reported on plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

The concessions contract for the recreation programs and allowing the band to sell Italian ice was discussed.

Council Member Tidwell moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

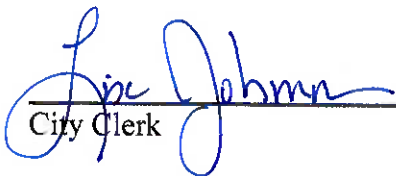
  
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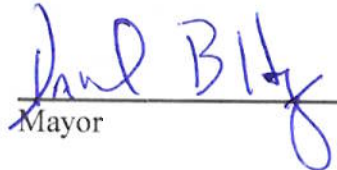
  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING  
MAY 22, 2023  
4:15 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on May, 2022, at 4:15 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray.

Mr. Scott Farmer, Executive Director, Southeast Alabama Planning and Development Commission, was present and discussed redistricting requirements and redistricting plan for the City. He presented numbers and proposed maps.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 6, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on June 6, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Hayes read and signed a Founders Day Proclamation.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of May 15 and 22, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

Council discussed the Planning Commission report that was tabled last meeting. The report recommended rezoning of two properties at the request of Mr. Ashley Smith and Mr. Hunter Ward. Mr. Smith appeared before Council to discuss his request for rezoning. He stated he is looking at a couple of options. One option is to request the property be rezoned for multifamily usage and to possibly sell the property for a housing development. The other option is to leave the property agricultural if it can be divided into five acer plots for housing development. He asked if the provisions of the subdivision regulations such as paving would apply to his second option. City Attorney Gray stated he would have to review the subdivision regulations and see plans for development to be able to answer Mr. Smith question.

Council Member Lee moved to table action until the City Attorney could review regulations.

Council discussed a letter received from Mr. Hunter Ward outlining his plans for a housing development if his property is rezoned. Council Member Gillespie stated the City should be able to move forward with Mr. Ward's request and it not be tabled. Council Member Lee stated he would withdraw his motion.

Council Member Gillespie moved to hold a public hearing on July 17<sup>th</sup> on the rezoning request for the Ward property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mrs. Paula Crews and Mr. Philip Carter appeared before Council to discuss the recent action to dissolve the Library Board. Mrs. Crews explained that state funding would be cut if the City did

not have an active board. Several former board members were in attendance and requested the board be reinstated.

Council Member Tidwell spoke on action to dissolve various advisory boards and that the City was not aware that funding was tied to the establishment of a library board when it was dissolved. He stated that even though funding was not tied to some of the other boards dissolved he felt they served a purpose, such as the recreation board. Council Member Tidwell moved to reinstating the Geneva Library Board as it was before, an advisory board. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Kendra Owens appeared before Council to request permission to live in a travel trailer/5<sup>th</sup> wheel for approximately six (6) months until she could find permanent housing. Attorney Gray advised there was no provision in the City's current ordinance that would permit the request's approval. A revision to the ordinance for case by case request was discussed. No action was taken at this time.

City Clerk Johnson advised Council of new information she has received from State Health Officials regarding licensing cemeteries and procedures. No action was taken to change any action or requirements for licensing as discussed at previous meetings.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize a contract with Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission to provide services for redistricting for City elections. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to approve the second quarter financials for the City. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee excused himself from the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Hayes discussed updating camping sites on the outside area of Fowler Park and presented estimated pricing for seven (7) sites. Council Member Bixby moved to update nine (9) sites understating the cost will be greater than presented and remove the old outdated sites from rental. 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 reported on the following:

1. Soccer project
2. Ft. Novosel meetings and relationships
3. Meeting with Airport FBO
4. Presentation from a company on lighting for the City

5. Library renovations
6. Interviews for a director for the recreation department and a magistrate for court

The status of the delivery of equipment and vehicles was discussed. Bidding in the future versus purchasing from state contract was also discussed.

Council Member Fountain reported the ditch behind 303 N. Whitney Street needs to be cleaned. He inquired about individuals being able to bid on vehicles at the impound yard and reported a light that needs repair at the junction.

Council Member Bixby stated the walking trail on top of the levee needs resurfacing and that he would like to see it extended to Highway 27 South.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about the status of curbing to fix the drainage on Oakdale Street, the repair of the light at the tennis court and drawing of lines for the pickle ball courts. He reported on a coach pitch ball tournament being hosted by the recreation department.

Council Member Gillespie reported someone has dumped garbage in the ditch that has recently been cleaned out near the church on N. Morris Street. She stated she has been contacted again by the owners of Graceful Ray's coffee about removing the city curbing to create parking spaces. It was recommended the owners attend a meeting to discuss the issue.

Council Member Coleman expressed appreciation on behalf of the Lions Club for use of the Junction for a music festival. He stated the bathrooms need to be renovated and electrical outlets throughout the park need to be replaced. He discussed complaints received on stray dogs spreading fleas and vicious dogs biting individuals and asked if people were being cited and were they being fined in court.

Police Chief Mock reported on graduation of an officer from the academy, vacancies in the department and the need for a new copier. He presented statistics for the month of May. He reported on certification programs officers are participating in and the drug program for the schools.

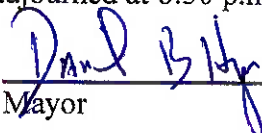
City Clerk Johnson reported the senior van grant and a grant to repair the pier through RC&D have been submitted. She reported the State is accepting applications for grants for energy efficiency lighting and recommended applying to replace lights at Chapman Park. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the City Clerk to work with SEARPDC on submitting a grant. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson reminded Council they can make a recommendation for appointment to the Board of Equalization, reported on the splash pad bid opening and a \$18,000.00 payment on the opioid litigation has been received.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 20, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on June 20, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Mike Fountain was 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 Tidwell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon due public notice, a public hearing was held at this time to address assessment for abatement costs for 608 E. Bryan Avenue.

City Clerk Johnson certified the abatement cost for the property was \$6,879.80.

Attorney Gray stated that the structure at 608 E Bryant Avenue had met the criteria as an unsafe structure under Ordinance 04-2021-02. He stated the structure had been abated by the City and the cost of abatement was \$6,879.80.

Attorney Gray asked if any of the property owners or their representative were present to object to or speak regarding the cost as presented. No one was present.

Council discussed the abatement process. It was determined that individuals could make payments to the City after a lien was filed on the property.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of June 6, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Lennard Sullivant appeared before Council alleging that several years ago his civil rights were violated by former officials and employees and demanded \$25,000,000.00.

Mr. Sylvester Sikes appeared before Council to request that he be allowed to purchase five (5) lots in Herring Subdivision.

Council Member Tidwell moved to introduce an ordinance that would approve the sell of five (5) lots in Herring Subdivision to Mr. Sylvester Sikes and his spouse for \$25,000.00 and that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration

of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby. Mayor Hayes called for the vote and the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor Hayes		Council Member Fountain	
Council Member Lee			
Council Member McCoy			
Council Member Gillespie			
Council Member Tidwell			
Council Member Bixby			
Council Member Coleman			

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

After said ordinance had been discussed and considered in full by the Council, it was moved by Council Member Bixby that said ordinance be now placed upon its final passage and adopted. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The question being put as to the adoption of said motion and the final passage and adoption of said ordinance, with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays: None	Absent:	Abstentions: None
Mayor Hayes		Council Member Fountain	
Council Member Lee			
Council Member McCoy			
Council Member Gillespie			
Council Member Tidwell			
Council Member Bixby			
Council Member Coleman			

The Mayor declared the motion carried.

Council Member Lee moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ASCERTAINING, FIXING AND DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENT TO BE CHARGED AS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 608 E, BRYANT AVENUE, GENEVA, ALABAMA PARCEL ID# 1809292030007000, IN THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA, AS A RESULT OF THE CITY ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING ON THE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-02

The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

With due public notice given, bids for construction of a splash pad were publicly opened on June 14, 2023. Bids received were as follows:

Navigator International	\$257,968.00
Perennial South LLC	\$324,800.00

Mayor Hayes explained upon review of the bids, Navigator International did not have the required license for the installation of splash pads and did not meet the requirements of the bid package.

Council Member Gillespie moved to disqualify Navigator International's bid due to not meeting requirements and authorize the Mayor to negotiate with Perennial South LLC as the sole bidder of the project. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed boards and appointments. They reviewed the following recommendations for the reinstated library board:

	Expiration Date
Philip Carter	6-6-27
Sara Dyess	6-6-27
Carolyn Holloway	6-6-26
Linda Marley	6-6-25
Paula Crews	6-6-26

Council Member Lee moved to approve the recommended members and terms. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

A work session was scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 to discuss vacancies on other boards.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Sign for the airport
2. Soccer project
3. Interviews for Recreation Director and Magistrate
4. Reported on all-star tournament play for the recreation department followed by discussion and information of the City contributions
5. Tree study at the new City Hall site

Council Member Bixby asked that the subject of contract garbage service be added to the work session.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about removing the curb on Oakdale Street.

Council Member Lee reported pot holes on W. Mulkey Avenue, Rail Road Avenue and E. Promenade Street. He inquired about a streetlight being reinstalled on Water Street stating it needed to be in the middle of the street. Council Member Lee asked that the ditch located on E. Promenade and S. Whitney needs to be dug out as it is filling in.

Mayor Hayes informed Council Member Lee he has a contractor looking at Mulkey Avenue for pricing and recommendation on repairs.

Council Member Tidwell inquired about ordinances addressing living in travel type campers and reported there is someone living in one on Newville Street. He stated there is also issues with ATVs messing up the road. He asked that both issues be addressed.

Council Member McCoy inquired about the sewer project for DEVCO. Mayor Hayes reported it is a Water Board project and at their last meeting it was reported funding has been appropriated by the state but has not been received.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about what sized yard debris needs to be cut to be eligible for pickup. She also reported some large logs have rolled out into the road on Live Oak.

City Clerk Johnson reported on requirements for meeting the terms of the agreement with the County for rescue funding.

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on damage from recent storm activity how it delays normal scheduling and required work on the levee identified in a recent inspection by the Corps of Engineers. He also reported the knuckle boom truck should be delivered before the end of the month.

Police Chief Mock reported Officer Torres has begun working full time shifts since graduating the academy. He also reported on the Junior Police Academy.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens presented a list of recent citations issued for violations.

Senior Director Owens reported on programs.

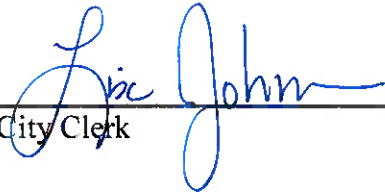
Mayor Hayes informed Council he was asked to swear in Mrs. Marks-McElwee in as the newly appointed school board member.

Council Member Lee reported on the summer program being held at the Will Jenkins Community Center.

Council Member Bixby excused himself at 7:15 p.m.

Council heard reports from the local VA Chapter and Chamber regarding the recent job fair and upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> event.

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

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
WORK SESSION  
JULY 3, 2023  
4:30 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in work session on July 3, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Council discussed uniforms for office employees and the Public Building Authority Board and individuals for appointment.

Mayor Hayes updated Council on a new hire for the Magistrate position. He reviewed top candidate's qualifications with Council for the Director of Parks and Recreation position and candidate's salary expectations. Additional job duties and salary range were discussed.

Work session adjourned and regular session commenced at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of June 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported he had met with the sole qualifying bidder for the splash pad project and the company agreed to reduce their bid to \$290,000 and to increase the thickness of the pad from four inches to six inches. Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution awarding the bid for a splash pad to Perennial South LLC. \$290,000.00. 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 Bixby moved to adopt a resolution authorizing application for grant funding to replace the lights around ball fields at Chapman Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to amend the agenda to add Public Building Authority Board appointments to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to appoint the following members to the Public Building Authority: John Tyrues, Russell Clausell, Mike Bryan, Brad Weeks, Randall Meeks and Shawn Carter. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tidwell abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on vehicle needs and transfers among departments.

Mayor Hayes stated that the Parks and Recreation Director position was discussed at the work session and stated he would place the salary on the agenda for the next meeting unless Council wanted further discussion.

Council Member Gillespie moved to set the starting salary for a Parks and Recreation Director at a maximum of \$70,000.00 with the inclusion of overseeing parks, facilities and other additional duties. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Gillespie, Fountain and McCoy. Those voting in opposition of the motion were Council Members Lee, Tidwell, Bixby and Coleman. Mayor Hayes abstained. The motion did not carry.

Council Member Coleman reported on a nuisance complaint on Johnson Street and spoke about the need for improvements to the drainage pipe on Azalea Street.

Council Member Lee inquired about the status of the survey between Morris and Dismukes and Promenade and Magnolia. He requested the ditches be pulled and work on the west end of W. Mulkey Avenue. Council Member Lee stated he would like to request an executive session at the end of the meeting due to the subject reflection on good name and character.

Council Member Tidwell inquired if soccer fields will be ready for play this fall and if WIFI could be made available at the soccer/baseball park. He inquired about the status of the curbing on Oak Dale and the progress of the nuisance complaints on Newville. Council Member Tidwell requested the ditch by the apartments on Hospital Drive and Glendale be cleaned and was advised it was mostly on private property and can't be cleaned except for part on right-of-way. He reported heavy foot traffic and suspicious activity on Hospital Drive, Glendale Avenue and Meadow Avenue areas.





GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
JULY 17, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met on July 17, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None 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.

Pastor Russell Clausell gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon due public notice a public hearing was held to consider the rezoning of parcel # 34 19 07 36 1 003 002.001 from AG-1 (General Agricultural District) to R-3 (Residential district).

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed a proposed ordinance for rezoning as recommended by the Geneva City Planning Commission.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to participation in favor of the proposed rezoning. None were present. Mayor Hayes opened the floor to participation in opposition of the proposed rezoning. Several individuals were in attendance in opposition of the proposed rezoning. Mr. Carroll Williams acted as spokesperson and stated the main objection is the rezoning would allow for tiny homes that neighbors felt would devalue their property.

Property owner Hunter Ward was present to answer questions regarding his plans for the property. He stated that he would be willing to install privacy fencing and buffers between his property and development and neighboring property.

Mr. Williams stated that if he would be willing to install fencing and buffers he would withdraw his opposition. No others in attendance expressed any further objections.

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of July 3, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes read a resolution recognizing the Reverend James Curtis Harvey, Sr., for his dedicated service to the community. Council Member Lee moved to adopt the resolution. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. A copy of the resolution was presented to Reverend Harvey.

Police Chief Mock presented certificates of achievement to participants of the Jr. Police Academy and certificates of appreciation to volunteers that helped make the event possible.

Architect Joe Donofro was present to answer question regarding the City Hall project and presented a set of plans.

Council Member Coleman introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.02 "AG-1 GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT" AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2017-05 DATED THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2023-03 DATED THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023 AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Coleman moved that all rules and regulations which, unless suspended, would prevent the immediate consideration and adoption of said ordinance, be suspended, and that unanimous consent to the immediate consideration of said ordinance be given. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie. Mayor Hayes called for the vote and the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent: None	Abstentions: None
Mayor Hayes Council Member Coleman Council Member Gillespie Council Member McCoy	Council Member Lee		

Since Council Member Lee voted no, the roll call ceased and the Mayor stated that since there would not be unanimous consent, the motion died and this would be considered the first reading of said ordinance.

Council discussed a change to the manning document that would change the position of one foreman to a lower classification of lead man. Council Member Bixby moved to table action until a work session could be held. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. A work session was set for July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the manning document and any other business.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Park and splash pad project
2. Soccer project
3. Work on Mulkey Street
4. Complaints regarding camper trailers on Dogwood and Edgewood

5. Review of Council Member Tidwell's complaint of foot traffic in his neighborhood
6. Meeting with representative regarding the recreation cheer program
7. Meeting with promotor on the City music event
8. Attendance at Jr Police Academy
9. A recent meeting for parents to answer any questions and give information regarding the direction of the recreation program and the hiring of a recreation director. He stated he felt a need for this meeting due to the intensity of the hire and the attention it has brought and that there were too many questions being asked to the wrong people.
10. Recent work by the police department to apprehend a suspect on recent thefts in Geneva and surrounding areas.

Mayor Hayes stated he can not defend himself on Facebook. He stated that negative comments have been occurring on Facebook regarding the City, with some originating from Council Members. He stated that individuals should bring matters of concern to him face to face and not post differences online.

Council Member Lee reported on overgrowth at the cemetery in the area referred to as the old Baptist Bottoms and light out at the intersection of King and Church. He stated the County has no opposition to the City fixing driveways on Goat Hill Road and asked that the drives be repaved like the others in the area. He also reported drainage issues on Goat Hill Road at the subdivision. Council Member Lee asked that the Mayor, City Attorney and Police Chief meet with a group of concerned citizens of District 1 after the meeting.

Council Member Bixby asked if a representative of a garbage service company could attend the meeting and answer questioning regarding how contracting garbage service works.

Council Member Gillespie inquired if there are any grant programs for housing rehabilitation available in her district.

Police Chief Mock reported on the National Night Out event, a new E-swear system used by officers and plans for radio reprogramming county wide.

Code Enforcement Officer Owens reported on an open complaint on S. Clark Street.


Senior Director Owens reported on food from the new food vendor.

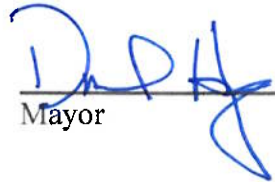
Council Member Gillespie reported on Panther Pride Day.

City Clerk Johnson reported that she did not receive sufficient information from outside sources to meet applying for an energy grant under phase I but that she will try to apply for phase II.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court. training for the new Magistrate, upcoming public hearings on unsafe structures and an incident with an animal complaint.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

  
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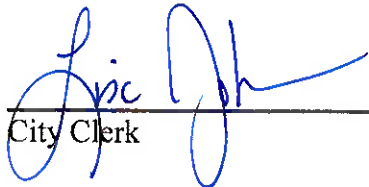
GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
JULY 24, 2023  
4:30 P.M.  
MINUTES

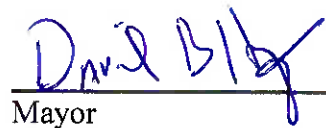
The Geneva City Council met on July 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Ryan Tidwell was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray, and various department heads and employees.

Council heard from a representative of a garbage service company who presented details and different ways contracting service could be structured.

Council discussed manning document changes and salary rates. Council discussed having the Mayor look at salaries and make recommendations for changes in conjunction with the upcoming budget.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 7, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met on August 7, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Fountain arrived at 6:15 p.m. None 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 Lee gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of July 17 and 24, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adopt an ordinance introduced and read at the previous meeting as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.02 "AG-1 GENERAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT" AND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 12-2017-05 DATED THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017 AND ORDINANCE NUMBER 03-2023-03 DATED THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2023 AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Lee abstaining.

Mr. Brandon Hailey appeared before Council to register complaints with tires being stored near his business and residences which are breeding mosquitoes.

Mr. James Sullivant was present and presented a piece of paper with names of current and former officials and employees he alleges are going to be prosecuted.

Mr. Ronnie Richardson appeared before Council and presented a petition for speed bumps in neighborhoods in the Devco area, specifically blocks surrounding 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Council Member Lee asked that speed bumps be added on Earl Minschew Street which has been discussed at previous meetings.

Mr. Richardson also asked if fire hydrants could be installed in the area as there are none. Fire Chief Latimer was in attendance and stated there were other areas in town that also need hydrants. Mayor Hayes asked Chief Latimer to prepare a list of areas that need hydrants and attend the next Water Board meeting to make the Board aware of any needs.

Council Member Fountain arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Ms. Tina Miller was present to request a license to sell alcohol for QB'S Sports Bar and Grill with the applicant through Adams Bar Inc. Questions arose regarding recent arrests on the premises of the current business. Attorney Gray advised that any occurrence that was pending litigation did not need to be discussed unless in executive session. Council Member Bixby moved to consider the request for a license. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a six (6) to one (1) vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Bixby, Lee, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell and Coleman. Council Member Fountain voted against the motion and Mayor Hayes abstained from the vote.

Council Member Bixby moved to amend the City's manning document by removing one foreman position from the street and sanitation department, creating a position of leadman for the department establishing a starting salary of \$13.00 per hour and authorizing a job description be created. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Fountain abstaining.

Council Member Lee moved to approve an event request for River Junction Cruisers to hold a car show at Robert Fowler Memorial Park on September 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed purchasing a new truck for the recreation department. Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer had researched state bids and was only able to find two available vehicles both between \$45,000.00 and \$47,000.00. Council Member Gillespie stated if the unit was bid the City may get a better price. Council Member Gillespie moved to amend the budget and authorize the purchase of a new truck from state contract for the recreation department with fund derived from the general fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council member Bixby moved to authorize a contract for a cloud-based software used for the operation of recreation departments called Rec Desk. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Panther Pride Day
2. Splash pad project
3. Soccer project

Mayor Hayes read a flyer distributed by Council Member Lee inviting the public to a Town Hall Meeting for District 1.

Council Member Bixby requested the Hugh Herring Levee sign be repaired. He discussed having the levee walking trail resurfaced and extended in conjunction with any future paving projects.

Council Member Lee asked if Superintendent Brewer had looked at a dead tree. Superintendent Brewer stated the tree was not on City right of way. He asked the Mayor to include the speed bumps for Earl Minshew Street. He asked if a price had been received to resurface the driveways in Herring Subdivision. Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer stated he has received a quote of \$51,600.00.

Council Member McCoy asked about the status of rock for Newville Street.

Council Member Fountain asked Council Member McCoy about the sewer project for his district. Council Member Lee asked the Mayor if he or Manager Dixon could call the state and inquire when funding will be received.

Council Member Gillespie asked if requests for proposals could be developed and sent out for rebuilding the pier at the Junction. She asked that the list for speed bumps that have been requested could be reviewed by Council. She also asked if the Mayor was going to review needed pay adjustment or if a work session was needed. Mayor Hayes stated he thought Council had authorized him to come up with a proposal for the new budget and that he has been reviewing and working on a plan. Council Member Gillespie reported complaints on the condition of Westmont Street and asked if weight limits could be placed on the road.

Council Member Coleman inquired about the tree limb on Campbell being picked up. He inquired about debris pick-up stating there are several areas that haven't been picked up, one being Live Oak Street. Council Member Coleman asked if he could recognize a resident.

Mr. Bill Jones asked why the animal control and code enforcement officers could not be certified to write citations. He also spoke on dogs, speed bumps and littering.

The Mayor and City Clerk explained there was some confusion on the starting pay for the magistrate position. The former magistrate was being paid \$14.50 because she had received an increase for obtaining her bachelors degree. The actual starting salary for magistrate is \$14.00 per hour before certification and \$15.00 after certification. The new position was quoted at \$14.50 during interview. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the starting salary for the magistrate at \$14.50 per hour prior to certification. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and the new magistrate.

Code enforcement officer Owens reported vehicles on Park Avenue will be moved in two weeks. He reported the travel trailer on Newville Street has moved.

Police Chief Mock informed Council that the National Night Out event for the department is being handled by employee Becky Edwards who was in attendance and outlined details of the event. He reported on car line traffic for the first week of school and presented a July activity report.

Fire Chief Latimer reported on a recent fire.

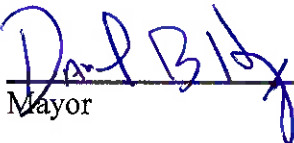
Council Member Lee asked Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer to check on garbage and old furniture being dumped by the curb at Riverside Homes.

Ms. Beth Meeks spoke on garbage cans not being returned by workers in the correct up right position or location at the curb.

Mr. Sidney Smith inquired about rezoning for his area and if his property was not included. City Attorney Gray reminded Mr. Smith he needs to submit a proposal for his plans so that it could be determined what action is need to accomplish his goals.

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

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met on August 21, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Mike Fountain was 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.

Pastor Red Coleman gave the invocation and Mayor Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of August 7, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes introduced the new Court Clerk/Magistrate DeAnna Hetterling and the new Recreation Director Landon Adams.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve a well permit for Drew Thomas to place a well at 359 W. B. Simmons Avenue. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mr. Sidney Smith appeared before Council to express his opinion regarding the use of certain equipment to maintain the levee and its safety.

Ms. Tina Miller appeared before Council to request approval of a license to sell alcohol for QB'S Sports Bar and Grill with the applicant through Adams Bar Inc. which was considered at last meeting and spoke on her character.

Council Member Tidwell asked if it would be appropriate to go into executive session to clarify some questions. Attorney Gray stated it could be and explained executive session.

Mayor Hayes asked if there was anyone else present that wanted to speak on Ms. Miller's behalf or if there were persons present that wanted to speak in opposition. Mr. Charlie Fleming owner of the building of the proposed location, and Pastor Red Coleman of a church located next to the location were in attendance and opposed the issuance of a license. Ms. Miller was allowed to address the Council again regarding her request and some of the opposition comments.

Council Member Coleman moved to go into executive session to discuss issues that could reflect on good name and character and issues which are part of an active investigation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell. Mayor Hayes called for the vote to go into executive session. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:
Mayor Hayes Council Member Lee Council Member McCoy Council Member Gillespie Council Member Tidwell Council Member Bixby Council Member Coleman	None	Council Member Fountain

Mayor Hayes declared the vote to go into executive session carried unanimously. Attorney Gray announced it was expected executive session would last around 10 minutes. Executive session began at 7:22 p.m. All Council Members, City Attorney Gray, City Clerk Johnson and Police Chief Mock remained in attendance for executive session.

Council Member Gillespie moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned and regular session resumed at 7:41 p.m.

Council Member Lee said he would like to make a statement. He stated that initially he had no opposition to the issuance of a license, but since hearing some of the comments from those present in opposition, he could not support the issuance of the license.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote on the issuance of the requested alcohol license. The vote was as follows:

Nays:	Ayes:	Absent:	Abstentions:
Council Member McCoy Council Member Gillespie Council Member Tidwell Council Member Bixby Council Member Coleman	None	Council Member Fountain	Mayor Hayes Council Member Lee

Mayor Hayes declared the vote for issuance did not pass.

After due public notice, bids for construction of a new City Hall were publicly opened on August 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Bids received were as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate 2
CGM Construction Group LLC	\$3,176,000.00	-\$ 65,512.00
Hollon Contracting, LLC	\$3,710,369.00 (- \$250,000.00)	-\$ 68,763.00
Navigator International, LLC	\$3,402,914.00 (- 85,730.00)	-\$ 63,000.00
Reeves & Shaw Construction	\$2,820,000.00	-\$105,000.00
Walker Construction & Consulting Services	\$3,315,000.00	-\$ 62,512.00
Working Properties II	\$3,527,308.78	-\$ 93,000.00

Council Members Tidwell and Gillespie inquired about the Water Works and Sewer Board contributing to the project since their space had increased.

Council Member Gillespie moved to award the bid to the low bidder Reeves & Shaw Construction. 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 Gillespie moved to adopt a resolution entitled:

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **ADOPTING TRANSPORTATION PLAN PURSUANT TO THE REBUILD ALABAMA ACT (ACT 2019-2)**

The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize accepting RFP for garbage service. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Tidwell abstaining.

Police Chief Mock requested he be allowed to cancel a purchase order for two new vehicles that were approved in this year's budget, ordered in October but have not been delivered and allowed to bid the vehicles. He stated the cost could be higher than approved in the budget.

Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the request. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to authorize bids for EV chargers if bidding is required under grant terms. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson informed Council Colonial life insurance would like to quote the City on a short term disability plan for employees and asked for names and birthdays to make a quote. She explained that the insurance company that the City uses for offering benefits to the City does not offer a disability plan.

Council Member Lee moved to authorize providing information to obtain a proposal. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor for nominations for the County Board of Equalization. Council Member Gillespie nominated Mrs. Carolyn Holloway and Council Member Lee nominated Mr. Wynnton Melton. The Mayor stated both names would be submitted to the State and a third nomination was allowed if anyone had an additional nominee.

A work session was set for 4:00 on September 5, 2023, to review a redistricting plan proposal.

Council Member Lee moved to waive business license fees for non-profits holding community events that bring in vendors. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gillespie and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. Passing of current long-time employee Henry St. George
2. Project Green Light is up and running
3. A restaurant looking at Geneva as a potential location.
4. A representative from the Alabama Commissioner of the Department of Senior Services' office coming and reviewing the new food contract for the Senior Citizens Program
5. Splash Pad Project
6. Soccer Project

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the sign for the airport and markers for stop signs.

Council Member Coleman inquired about a community service program.

Council Member Lee inquired about the status of a quote on the driveways in Herring Subdivision.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and the new magistrate. He also reported on the possibility of court funding some of the furniture for City.

Code enforcement officer Owens reported vehicles on Park Avenue will be moved in two weeks. He reported the travel trailer on Newville Street has moved.

Police Chief Mock reported he did a TV interview outlining the community activities they have participated in or hosted. He reported that Council may see officers dressed down some due to the heat.

Fire Chief Latimer reported new radios provided by the County have been placed in use. He reported on new volunteers and the need for more to sign up. Chief Latimer explained a new alert system the department is shifting to as the old system is now obsolete. He also reported on upcoming equipment testing.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the condemned house on Liveoak Street. Mayor Hayes and Attorney Gray explained the process.

Recreation Director Adams reported on adding volleyball to the recreation programs.

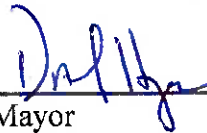
Chamber President Carl Corey was in attendance and spoke on the updating of the Chamber's website.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met on September 5, 2023, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. None 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 Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of August 21, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Ms. Tina Miller appeared before Council regarding a license to sell alcohol for QB'S Sports Bar and Grill with the applicant through Adams Bar Inc. She asked that her Attorney Letta Dillard Gorman be allowed to speak. Ms. Gorman gave a verbal testimony before Council in support of Ms. Miller's license request and presented a written copy asking that it be admitted into the record. No action was taken by Council to enter the testimony into record.

Ms. Sheila Pate appeared before Council stating her son has been racially profiled by the Police Chief.

With due public notice given, Request for Proposals for Residential/Small Commercial Solid Waste Collection were publicly opened on September 1, 2023. One RFP was received as follows:

MDI Mark Dunning Industries – Using City cans \$14.25 per service once per month  
Using MDI cans \$15.10 per service once per month

Council Member Lee inquired about the charge for customers with two or more cans. Representative of MDI stated they would see if the rate for a second can could be negotiated with the owner of the company.

Council Member Bixby moved to accept the proposal from MDI using the City's cans and authorize a three-year contract with hopes that a lower rate could be reached on second cans. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a six (6) to one (1) vote. Those voting for the motion were Council Members Bixby, McCoy, Gillespie, Tidwell

Fountain and Coleman. Council Member Lee voted against the motion with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Attorney Gray presented and reviewed the following amending ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2023-09**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2014-03 DATED THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014 AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Gray stated this was the first reading for consideration of the ordinance. Council discussed the proposed changes the amendment creates. Council Member Lee stated that he hopes the proposed ordinance was for the right reasons.

Council Member Gillespie moved to consider authorizing a special event alcohol license to allow a vendor to provide alcohol at the City's upcoming music festival. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve financial statements for the months April through July 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was approved by a seven (7) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

1. A restaurant looking at Geneva as a potential location is still interested
2. Project Green Light is up and running
3. Continued meetings with Ft. Novosel to build relations
4. A local business is working on a project that would be good for the community
5. Completion of the soccer project and dedication ceremony

Council Member Coleman asked if the City could hire a crossing guard to work on Hwy 52 in front of the elementary school.

Council Member Gillespie asked if the City could get a list of garbage billings each month to reconcile with the MDI bill.

Council Member McCoy requested the speed limit on the Pea River Bridge be lowered. Council Member Bixby asked if the speed limit on the bridge on 52 near Spikes could be reduced.

Council Member McCoy reported the issue with cars and parking in Pinecrest has not been resolved. He reported on issues with the paper work on the grant for the sewer project for his district.

Council Member Lee asked if the street sweeper is out of service. He asked that the issue with dirt washing into the church parking lot at the intersection of Morris Street and Fleming Avenue be resolved. He also requested the storage pen near St. Roberta church be covered to hide the view of contents.

City Clerk Johnson requested Council set a budget work session. A work session was set for 5:00 on September 5, 2023, to review a redistricting plan proposal.

City Attorney Gray reported on court and the new magistrate. He also reported on the possibility of court funding some of the furniture for City.

Code enforcement officer Owens reported vehicles on Park Avenue will be moved in two weeks. He reported the travel trailer on Newville Street has moved.

Street and Sanitation Superintendent Brewer reported on preparations for Halloween and Christmas.

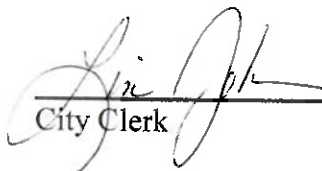
Recreation Director Adams reported on signup for volleyball and changes to the layout of baseball fields and donations for the project. He also reported on opening ceremony for the soccer complex.

Chamber President Carl Corey was in attendance and spoke on the updating of the Chamber's website.

Fire Chief Latimer reported the new radio system has been implemented, however the cost to install radios was not included and will cost \$7,750.00.

Ms. Miller asked about the vote to approve her license. Mayor Hayes informed her that her request was denied last meeting. She stated she would like for Council to issue her license and thought they would vote on it tonight. Mayor Hayes informed her she needs to be placed back on the agenda for reconsideration.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
 WORK SESSION  
 SEPTEMBER 12, 2023  
 5:00 P.M.  
 MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met on September 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members, Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie, Ryan Tidwell, Mike Fountain, and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Freddy McCoy and Rich Bixby were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City and various department heads.

City Clerk Johnson presented and reviewed a proposed budget. Council were provided copies of department requests.

Upon review of the budget and department requests, the following recommendations/changes were discussed for consideration at final budget approval:

Defibulators (2) – Rescue	\$36,040.00
Fire hose – Fire Department	\$25,262.00
Various Small Equipment – Police Department	\$16,689.00
New Vehicle – Animal Control	\$40,683.00
A part-time worker for Recreation Department	Actual Cost Based on 20 hours
Infield drag – Recreation	\$21,656.14
Auto Lift – Street & Sanitation	\$47,000.00

Salary adjustments that would include the following:


Increase starting pay for certified police officer to \$19.00 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for non-certified officer to \$17.50 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for EOI to \$14.00 per hour  
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 Increase starting pay for leadman to \$15.00 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for recreation specialist I to \$14.00 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for recreation specialist II to \$16.00 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for Advanced EMT to \$14.00 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for Basic EMT to \$12.00 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for EMS Driver to \$10.00 per hour  
 Increase starting pay for Paramedic to \$18.00 per hour

Adjustments based on Mayor's recommendation for positions effected by the new starting salary increases for long time employees that are already at the new starting level or will only be at the new starting level.

Salary adjustments and new pay scale adjustments for skilled and unskilled workers in the recreation department, street department, sanitation department, and emergency personnel resulted in increases between \$1 and \$2 per hour.

5% adjustment for all remaining permanent full-time and part-time positions that have been employed for 6 months or longer.

Funding for the new City Hall was discussed.

  
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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING &  
PUBLIC HEARING  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on September 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee, Kim Gillespie and Ryan Tidwell 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.

With due public notice being sent by certified mail to property owners, along with posting in public places, a public hearing was held at this time to address abatement for violations of ordinance number 04-2021-02 on property located at 502 S. Clark Street.

Photos and an inspection sheet were presented as evidence of violations on 502 S. Clark Street. City Attorney Gray reviewed the Dangerous Building Checklist and items noted which were part of the notice to the property owner(s) and asked Building Inspector Wuest if he inspected and completed the form and if that was his signature on the form and if the property was deemed unsafe and a public nuisance. Building Inspector Wuest confirmed completion of the form, verified it was deemed unsafe and a nuisance and verified his signature. He asked Code Enforcement Officer Owens if he took the pictures on record and if the pictures reflected the condition of the property.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to discussion in favor of the proposed action to abate. Three neighboring property owners spoke in regards to snake and rodent problems caused by the condition of the property and stated they were in favor of the property being condemned and removed.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to discussion in opposition to abatement proceedings. No one was present to speak in opposition.

Council discussed the issue.

Upon completion of the public hearing, regular session began.

Council Member Fountain moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 5 and 12, 2023. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman. The motion to approve the meeting of the 5th was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. The motion to approve the meeting of the 12th was approved by a three (3) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstaining.

Attorney Letta Dillard Gorman appeared before Council regarding Ms. Tina Miller and her request for a license to sell alcohol. Ms. Gorman gave a verbal testimony before Council in support of Ms. Miller's license request and presented a written copy for the record. No action was taken by Council to enter the testimony into record.

Ms. Tina Miller addressed her request for a liquor license and a proposed amendment to the City's alcohol ordinance. Mr. Michael Cade spoke and asked if there was anything Ms. Miller could do to address any concerns the Council had to get her license issued.

Ms. Miller and her Attorney asked that her right to a consideration before a final vote be waived and that Council proceed immediately for a vote to issue a license to sell alcohol for QB'S Sports Bar and Grill with the applicant through Adams Bar Inc.

Mayor Hayes called for the vote for approval of a license. Council Members McCoy, Fountain and Coleman voted against the motion. Mayor Hayes and Council Member Bixby abstained from the vote. Mayor Hayes stated the request for a liquor license was denied.

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 502 S. CLARK STREET, GENEVA, ALABAMA, PARCEL ID# 1809292027016000 IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 11-40-30 THROUGH 11-40-36, SECTIONS 11-53B-1 THROUGH 11-53B-16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE CODE OF ALABAMA, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-2021-02 OF THE CITY OF GENEVA, ALABAMA; AND CALLING FOR THE CITY TO CAUSE SAID DEMOLITION TO BE PERFORMED AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE THE COST OF SUCH DEMOLITION TO BE CHARGED AGAINST THE LAND ON WHICH THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURE EXISTS AS A MUNICIPAL LIEN OR CAUSE SUCH COST TO BE RECOVERED IN A SUIT AT LAW AGAINST THE OWNER OR OWNERS IF THE VIOLATION IS NOT VOLUNTARILY ABATED.**

The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed a proposed budget for FY 2024. There was some confusion as to the number of part-time employees discussed at the workshop for the recreation department. Clarification was give that the Recreation Director was asked to choose between a part-time office worker or additional maintenance employee but only one position was authorized.

A proposed budget which included the following was presented:

Equipment and capital expenditure purchases:

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5% adjustment for all remaining permanent full-time and part-time positions that have been employed for 6 months or longer.

Council Member Coleman moved to approve the proposed FY 23-24 budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to amend the manning document to reflect the addition of one part-time grounds maintenance worker position for the recreation department, change the title of the Recreation Specialist I in the recreation department to grounds maintenance worker and to change the starting salaries of certain positions as authorized in the approved budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to adopt a resolution authorizing an application for state matching funds for an airport improvement project for the Geneva Municipal Airport during fiscal year 2024, authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents necessary and committing the City's matching funds. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Attorney Gray presented and reviewed an ordinance first introduced and considered at the September 5, 2023 meeting as follows:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 09-2023-09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 10-2014-03 DATED THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014 AND REPEALING ANY OTHER ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Council Member Bixby moved to adopt the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Bixby moved to approve a Special Events Retail license for The Booze Box LLC to sell alcohol at the Big Oak Music Festival. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize a user agreement The Booze Box LLC to lease an area at Robert Fowler Park and sell alcohol at the Big Oak Music Festival. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Trick-or-Treat was scheduled for October 31<sup>st</sup>.

A name for the new downtown park was discussed.

Mayor Hayes recommended the naming of an un-named street that runs from Magnolia Avenue to W. Pine Avenue in honor and memory of Norman G. Holland. Council Member McCoy moved to name the road Norman G. Holland Lane. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Mayor Hayes gave the following report:

1. Update on City Hall project
2. Soccer project closeout
3. Plans for a community center
4. Official signing for the airport FBO and plans for the airport

5. Restaurants looking to come to town
6. Plaque honoring Greg Creech

City Attorney Gray reported on court.

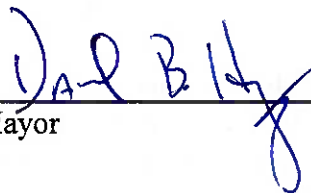
Police Chief Mock reported on the *Too Good for Drugs and Violence Program*.

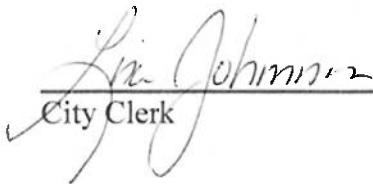
Fire Chief Latimer reported on Fire Prevention Week.

Council Member Coleman requested that air-conditioning for the soccer concessions be installed.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber functions and website.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coleman and was unanimously approved.

  
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