

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2024
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor David Hayes and Council Members Freddy McCoy, Kim Gillespie, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Members Rufus Lee, Ryan Tidwell, 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.

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

Council Member Coleman moved to dispense with the reading and approve the November 4, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Senator Donnie Chesteen and Representative Jeff Sorrells were present and presented a \$10,000.00 check for a donation to the Emma Knox Kenan Public Library.

Mr. Jay Baxter with Gov.App made a presentation on an App based notification system his company offers.

City Clerk Johnson presented a request from the Library Board to change the full-time Library Assistant position to a part-time 30 hour a week position and to increase the part-time Library Aide position by 10 hours. Clerk Johnson recommended setting the Aide position at 30 hours also.

Council Member Coleman moved to amend the manning document to change the Library Assistant position to part-time and to increase the hours for the Library Aide to 30 hours per week. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council Member Gillespie moved to approve a parade application for the Chamber of Commerce to have a Christmas parade on December 6, 2024. Council Member McCoy seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed running lights across Commerce Street.

Mayor Hayes reported on the following:

- Preparation for Christmas Events
- Innovate Alabama Grant and proposed project

- Project evaluation meeting with State Representatives and SEARPDC personnel
- Park Project
- Lighting at Junction
- City Hall

Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the Mayor to obtain pricing to repair lighting and proceed with repairs if prices are within reason. Council Member Gillespie seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining

City Clerk Johnson requested permission to update the job description for the Accounting Clerk position to more accurately reflect the duties and experience needed. Council Member Coleman moved to authorize the City Clerk to update the job description for the Accounting Clerk Position and amend the Manning Document to include the new job description. Council Member Fountain seconded the motion which was approved by a four (4) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

City Clerk Johnson reported on garbage pickup for the Thanksgiving holidays.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court. He stated the transition with the hiring of a new Magistrate is going very well.

Council Member Coleman requested the area of College street where a water line was repaired needs to be smoothed out more. Council Member Gillespie reported an area on Azalea that needs to be repaired.

Council Member Coleman reported on the upcoming annual Farm City Dinner and Senior Citizens Thanksgiving lunch. He also reported the drainage ditch in front of the school in being worked on and asked if the sycamore trees at the tennis court could be cut while crews are working on the ditch.

Pick-up for one of the new vans for the senior center and the schedule for delivery for the second van was discussed.

Council Member Gillespie reported she has received complaints on Jessica Lane to Sizemore Highway relating to new rocking on the road.

Council Member McCoy asked if something could be done about the trash along Ward Street.

Council Member Fountain reported pot holes near 504 N. Whitney Street. He stated Whitney Street was too narrow when trying to turn from Maple Avenue onto Whitney Street. Council Member Fountain reported a nuisance complaint in Whitney.

Police Chief Mock reported on hiring process for new officers, No Shave November fund raiser, and an upcoming training event.

Street and Sanitation Foreman Byrd reported on cost figures for drain pipe for Johnson and Griffin Streets.

Librarian Hidle gave a library report.

Mayor Hayes called for public comments.

Ms. Gayle Courtney was present and stated there are several classes wanting to purchase benches for the new park. She asked if the number and price had been determined.

Council Member McCoy moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Fountain and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:23 p.m.