

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on August 5, 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, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Mike Fountain and Daniel L. Coleman. Council Member Rufus Lee was absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Jeff Gray and various department heads.

Mayor Hayes called the meeting to order.

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

Council Member Tidwell moved to dispense with the reading and approve the July 15 and 22, 2024, minutes as presented. Council Member Coleman seconded the motion which was approved by a five (5) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes and Council Member Gillespie abstaining.

City Attorney Gray presented and reviewed an ordinance creating a one-way street.

Council Member Tidwell introduced the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 08-2024-04

AN ORDINANCE DATED THE 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2024 ESTABLISHING A ONE-WAY STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH RIVER STREET AND OAK TREE CIRCLE DIRECTING THE TRAFFIC FLOW TO TAKE A RIGHT TURN ONTO OAK TREE CIRCLE AT THE FIRST INTERSECTION OF RIVER STREET AND OAK TREE CIRCLE

It was moved by Council Member Tidwell 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, the roll was called with the following results:

Ayes:

Nays: None

Absent:

Abstentions: None

Mayor Hayes  
Council Member McCoy  
Council Member Gillespie  
Council Member Tidwell  
Council Member Bixby

Council Member Lee

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 Tidwell that Ordinance Number 04-2024-04 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: None	Absent:	Abstentions:
Council Member McCoy Council Member Gillespie Council Member Tidwell Council Member Bixby Council Member Fountain Council Member Coleman		Council Member Lee	Mayor Hayes

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

Council discussed upgrading lighting at the tennis courts. They discussed reducing the number of lights as LED lighting would be brighter and cast further. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize replacing 12 lights with a budget not to exceed \$10,000.00. 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 Tidwell moved to authorize renegotiating the concessions contract for the recreation department. 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 Tidwell moved to authorize soliciting proposals for photography services for the recreation department. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Council discussed rental fees for baseball/softball and soccer facilities. Council requested the City Attorney draft a proposed contract and the Recreation Director to bring suggested rental rates to the next meeting.

Recreation Director Adams requested authorization to purchase a laser field liner. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Creamer requested Council authorize the purchase of an ambulance in the amount of \$29,900.00 which is below the current bid law. Council Member Fountain inquired about any costs to repaint or restripe the vehicle. Funding was also discussed with the City



Clerk/Treasurer stating the funds could be taken from the General Fund and later reimbursed by the Rescue Fund. Council Member Bixby moved to authorize the purchase and repainting/stripping of a used ambulance with a cost not to exceed \$33,000.00, with funds being borrowed from the General Fund. 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 Bixby moved to adopt a resolution and transportation plan entitled:

### **RESOLUTION**

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

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 Bixby moved to set a public hearing at the second meeting in September to certify the demolition cost for 100 W Promenade Avenue. 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:

- List of needed work for the street and sanitation departments
- Dedication ceremony for Norman G. Holland Lane
- Patching of pot holes
- Vandalism at splash pad
- Rescue operations
- Panther Pride Day
- Airport Sign
- Proposed Farmers Market
- Open house event and sign dedication for the airport
- Library position
- Received payment for the sale of the garbage truck
- City Hall project
- Meeting in Montgomery researching available funding

City Clerk Johnson reported on grants, redistricting lists, budget and she has completed recertification requirements as a Certified Planning and Zoning Official.

City Attorney Gray reported on Court. He stated he will research the airport contracts to determine responsible parties for grass work at the airport.

Mayor Hayes requested the Street Superintendent contact the state about cleaning state right-of-way.

Council Member Fountain complimented the work done to clean up the property on Live Oak Street. He reported there were areas in his district that need to be cited for ordinance

violations, stating some properties were being cited when there are properties in worse condition not being cited. He listed addresses of properties that need to be reviewed by the Code Enforcement Officer for violations. Council Member Fountain also inquired about the status of the airport property acquisition.

Council Member Gillespie inquired about the process for repeat offenders that will not keep their grass cut.

Council Member Tidwell asked the Recreation Director about the dates for a youth camp for soccer, soccer sign-ups and status and number of participants for other programs.

Council Member McCoy reported a wash-out on Skyline Avenue. He asked about the repair for Park Avenue and status of the cars in Pine Crest. Council Member McCoy reported where a mobile home in question was placed on Summerlin Avenue the owners have now moved in an old motor home.

Police Chief Mock reported on the Jr Police Academy and National Night Out. He reported on preparing for school to start and stated he plans to take over the School Resource Officer position at the High School/Middle School. He reported the grant he reported on last meeting would not cover defibrillators and stated he plans to apply for virtual reality training and equipment. Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize the change in the application. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Chief Mock reported that he has been awarded funds through the drug task force to purchase a used undercover vehicle with a budget of \$14,000.00. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the budget to allow for the purchase of a vehicle up to \$14,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining. He also provided an activity report for the month of July.

Recreation Director Adams reported on maintenance schedules and programs.

Street Superintendent Brewer reported on projects and equipment. He reported the motor on backhoe has gone out and new one will cost approximately \$29,000.00. Council Member Tidwell moved to amend the budget to allow for the repair up to \$29,000.00. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was approved by a six (6) to zero (0) vote with Mayor Hayes abstaining.

Rescue Director Creamer reported on operations.

Mayor Hayes opened the floor to public comments.

Chamber President Carl Corey reported on Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Marjorie Harrison stated that improvements to the car holding pen on Magnolia Avenue looks better and asked if other areas along the street could be cleaned up also.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 7:19 p.m.