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GENEVA CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 2020

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Geneva City Council met in regular session on October 5, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council room at City Hall. Members present were Mayor Frankie Lindsey and Council Members: Rufus Lee, Freddy McCoy, John Hughes, Ryan Tidwell, Rich Bixby, Junior Mixon, and Brad Weeks. None were absent. Also present were City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Johnson, City Attorney Lee Knowles, and various department heads and employees.

 Council Member Tidwell gave the invocation and Mayor Lindsey led the pledge of allegiance.

Council Member Lee moved to dispense with the reading and approve the minutes of September 21, 2020, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved.

Mayor Lindsey stated that a Popeyes Chicken franchise was interested in locating in Geneva. He stated he and the City Clerk had a conference call with the company regarding incentives to locate the restaurant in Geneva. Incentives discussed were waiving the building permit and first year’s business license and payment of year’s garbage service. Mayor Lindsey stated the investment by the company would be approximately $2,000,000.00 with employment of approximately 40 employees.

Council Member Tidwell moved to hold a public hearing on offering incentives at 5:30 p.m. on October 19, 2020. The motion was seconded by Council Member Lee and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Lee expressed his appreciation to Mayor Lindsey for his service and to fellow Council Members for their service and good working relationship throughout this term.

Mayor Lindsey reported he has received a letter of resignation from Ms. Betsy Skipper from the Geneva Board of Adjustments. He reported there will be a meeting to canvass the votes on October 13, 2020, at 12 noon at City Hall.

Council Member Mixon excused himself from the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Council Member Bixby inquired about the status of the new position of foreman for the street and sanitation departments.

Council Member Tidwell moved to authorize three sets of speedbumps for Glendale Street. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Council Member Tidwell stated he will have the Street Superintendent and Police Chief determine the best locations for placement.

Council Member Tidwell asked for recommendations of the best spot in downtown, preferably on a second floor level, to broadcast the homecoming parade.

Council Member Lee stated the speedbumps on Crosstimbers Avenue need to be installed.

Chief Clemmons reported the vehicles he requested in the budget would not be available until sometime in 2021. He requested authorization to purchase a Ford Truck vs the Chevrolet Truck as approved in the budget at a price difference of $2,645.00.

Council Member Lee move to approve a budget amendment in the amount of $2,645.00 with fund coming from the ½ cent sales tax account. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved.

Council Member Lee moved to go into executive session. The City Attorney stated the issue would qualify for an executive session as discussion would relate to an issue protected under the HIPPA Act. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bixby and was unanimously approved. Mayor Lindsey called for the vote to go into executive session and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Nays: Absent:

Mayor Lindsey None Council Member Mixon

Council Member Lee

Council Member McCoy

Council Member Hughes

Council Member Tidwell

Council Member Bixby

Council Member Weeks

Executive session began at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Lindsey, all Council Members, the City Clerk, City Attorney, and Street Superintendent attended the entire executive session.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn executive session. The motion was seconded by Council Member Weeks and was unanimously approved. Executive session adjourned and regular session resumed at 6:20 p.m.

No announcement was made after executive session.

Council Member Bixby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tidwell and was unanimously approved. Council adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

 Mayor

City Clerk