

GENEVA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 2, 2026

City Hall Council Chambers
109 James St., Geneva, IL 60134

CALL TO ORDER

The Geneva City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Burns at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Elected Officials present:

Alders: Anaïs Bowring, Dean Kilburg, Brad Kosirog, William Malecki, Richard Marks, Amy Mayer, Jeff Palmquist, Martha Paschke, Mark Reinecke.

Mayor Kevin Burns, City Clerk Vicki Kellick.

Elected Officials attending by video or teleconference: None.

Elected Officials absent: Larry Furnish.

Others Present: Assistant City Administrator Benjamin McCready, Attorney Ron Sandack, Community Development Director David DeGroot, Finance Director Jennifer Milewski, Economic Development Director Cathleen Tymoszenko, City Planner Matt Buesing, City Engineer Brian Davids, Fire Chief Michael Antenore, Police Chief Eric Pasarelli.

Others attending by video or teleconference: City Administrator Alex Voigt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Burns invited Joshua Haynes to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, SPECIAL ITEMS AND PRESENTATIONS

Proclaim February as Black History Month

Moved by Ald. Paschke, Seconded by Ald. Bowring.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.

Badge Ceremony for Firefighter/Paramedic Joshua T. Haynes

Mayor Burns welcomed firefighter and paramedic Joshua Hayes. Mr. Hayes was accompanied by family members and provided information on his background and upbringing.

Geneva Public Library One Book, One Community Presentation

Geneva Library Director Christine Lazaris introduced the 5th Annual One Book, One Community Program. This Saturday will kick off the celebration with the library offering over 750 free copies of The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. Various activities and events surrounding the book will take place through April. On a question by Mayor Burns, each year's book is chosen for its themes of community and unification.

PACE Bus VanGo Program Presentation

Steven Andrews, Director of Community Relations for the PACE VanGo project, spoke about the program that came out of PACE's traditional van pool program which has been administered for over 30 years. Traditionally, commuters traveling together were able to get to work for a monthly fare. After COVID, there were

shifts in the frequency of how often commuters were using the service. VanGo is a reservation-based service allowing commuters to get from a transit station to their jobs. The vans operate within a specific zone for only \$5 per day. Mr. Andrews stated that the program has been successful elsewhere. Geneva would be the eighth VanGo location and the first within Kane County.

On a question by Ald. Bowring, Mr. Andrews noted that the program can scale up or down depending on use. On a question by Ald. Paschke, Mr. Andrews stated that the geofenced locations have not yet been finalized but that PACE will work with City staff to ensure that areas of interest included. On a question by Ald. Reinecke, Mr. Andrews stated that there are typically 2-4 users at the same location for the VanGo program and that the van is available any day of the week and at various times.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

OMNIBUS AGENDA (OMNIBUS VOTE)

All Items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a council member so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Omnibus (Consent) Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda. All items on the Omnibus Agenda require a simple majority vote unless otherwise indicated.*

*APPROVE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2026 AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JANUARY 20, 2026.

*REPORTS (N/A)

*9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS OF BUSINESS (N/A)

Moved by Ald. Kosirog, Seconded by Ald. Palmquist.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

MUNICIPAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT: \$2,014,165.97

Moved by Ald. Bowring, Seconded by Ald. Malecki.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, OTHER ITEMS

Consider Resolution No. 2026-09 Authorizing Execution of a License Agreement with 309 W. State, LLC for Outdoor Wind Enclosure Installation at 309 W. State St.

Moved by Ald. Bowring, Seconded by Ald. Paschke.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

Consider Resolution No. 2026-10 Approving a Certificate of Completion for Roosevelt Holdings, LLC.

Moved by Ald. Paschke, Seconded by Ald. Palmquist.

On a question by Ald. Kosirog, Mr. Davids explained that a certificate of completion indicates that a portion of the work has been completed, not the entire project. This reduces the letter of credit by that amount since that work was done.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

Consider Resolution No. 2026-11 Approving a Certificate of Completion for Geneva Business Park.

Moved by Ald. Paschke, Seconded by Ald. Palmquist.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

Consider Resolution No. 2026-12 Approving a Certificate of Completion #2 for Geneva Crossing.

Moved by Ald. Bowring, Seconded by Ald. Paschke.

AYES: 9 (Bowring, Kilburg, Kosirog, Malecki, Marks, Mayer, Palmquist, Paschke, Reinecke)

ABSENT: 1 (Furnish)

NAYS: 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Geneva Chamber Chair Mike Olesen noted that the Chamber had a successful Restaurant Week in January, and promoted other upcoming events they sponsor.

Mike Ferrari, Commander of American Legion Post 75, noted that the Geneva History Museum will host the “History of the American Legion Post 75” program on February 10 at 2:00 pm. Mr. Ferrari noted that many nonprofits use the Post’s space for their meetings, and that the Post provides many programs and scholarships to the community. Ferrari also voiced his support of the Chamber and urged the City to continue its funding partnership.

NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Paschke stated that she and Ald. Mayer will host a Ward 4 meeting at the Geneva Library on February 14 at 10:00 am.

Ald. Palmquist stated that he recently visited The Reserve on Fargo Blvd. to educate residents about the referendum. He offered to speak along with Ald. Reinecke to residents, and the manager is considering using their van to allow residents to tour the police department and attend one of the three open houses.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, moved by Ald. Kosirog to adjourn the Geneva City Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED by unanimous voice vote of those present.
The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Vicki Kellick
Geneva City Clerk