

# CITY OF GENESEE

Location: 140 E Walnut Street, Genesee, ID 83832

CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 4, 2024  
6:00 PM

## Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Hermann called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present at the meeting were council members Cody Bailey, Jesse Aherin, Bill Krick, and Nyla Roach; Public Works Director Dustin Brinkly, and City Clerk Nikki Pew.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**VISITORS:** Sonja Bramwell, Don Galloway, Earl Bennett, Ben George, Abigail George, Sophia, Bethany, Benjamin, and Gideon George

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Sonja Bramwell would like to organize a summer social at the park with the craft group once a week and is also working with Innovia Community Heart and Soul program to get entire community talking about programs and grant applications we want to pursue as a town. She is trying to organize community meetings, with first one beginning the second week of June. The meeting will be held at the school.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion made by Bill to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Jesse. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Fire Department Application – Brinley Lowe:** She just graduated from high school. Looking to go into a medical career. Motion made by Bill to approve the application; seconded by Nyla. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries**

**Benjamin George Sidewalk next to 119 N Spruce:** Resident removed sidewalk after watching people trip on the sidewalk in front of his house. The decision was made based on the state of the sidewalks on neighboring properties. The city has requested the sidewalk be replaced along Walnut and Spruce. Resident agrees it makes sense to replace sidewalk on Walnut but does not see the importance of replacing it on Spruce. Mayor Hermann points out City code states sidewalk repair and upkeep is the responsibility of landowner and resident should have checked with City Hall prior to removing the sidewalks. Bill Krick agrees and is sympathetic to the plight the homeowners are facing, but the council's job is to protect the whole of the city; sidewalk installation is now mandatory for all new construction in the city. The city is looking into requiring the sidewalks be brought into compliance when there is a sale of property. The council thanked them for coming in to discuss the issue.

**Don Galloway Traffic on Valleyview:** There is an issue of kids riding bikes in the streets on Valleyview. A kid got run over on Valleyview the other day. The concern is that it will happen again. Bill asked if the issue is cars going too fast or kids in the streets. The main issue is that kids are playing in the streets. Cody says the best place for us to start is talking with the sheriff's department and have them help during their patrols. John says we can ask the sheriff for more patrols on Valleyview. Jesse says there may be mobile speed signs available. Cody talked about a bike rodeo several years ago, might be a great option to put it on again

**Business License – Genesee Joint Schools Early Learning Center:** Motion made by Cody to approve the business license for the Genesee Joint Schools Early Learning Center; seconded by Jesse. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries.**

**INTRODUCTION, READINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:** None

### CITY OFFICIAL, COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

**Mayor Update:** Spoke with Earl Bennett about old slaughterhouse by lagoon and he looked at the building and believes it is beyond saving. He will go down and photograph it to preserve its memory. Some discussion about the reclamation of the old lagoon during the WRRF progress meeting. Need to start thinking about how the land should be used. Cody would like to see the city and county shops moved out there. Derrick Johnson has talked about moving his business out there. There was an encroachment agreement that has been transferred to Travis Pannell and Elain Wojniak for the fence along Maple St.

**Bill Krick – Water and Sewer Update: Sewer:** The cells had water over the winter and it is clear it is a spring. They are working to bore underneath the lagoons to reroute the water. The city is in process of hiring Andrew Saralecos to deal with the grasses that are growing all around the lagoon property. **Water:** Waiting for paperwork to clear so DEQ , EPA, and USDA will approve the drilling of the new well to begin. The city may coordinate with the broadband coalition to have a larger pumphouse built to accommodate more electrical needs.

**Cody Bailey – Street Update:** Wrapped up the sidewalk project. It looks great. Got word last week that our grant match from LHTAC should be here next week.

**Jesse Aherin – Administrative Update:** Tedi got the final job descriptions done and is working on performance review procedures. Nikki met with Jen for some continued training. John and Jesse will be meeting with possible new city attorneys tomorrow.

**Nyla Roach – Parks Update:** Parks have been busy. Online RV Park reservation system is up and running.

**Dustin Brinkly- Public Works Update:** None

**Nikki Pew-Clerk’s Update:** Looking into direct deposit options for payroll

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 74-206 (1)(b) To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student;

Motion made by Cody to go into executive session; seconded by Bill. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries at 7:23 p.m.**

Motion made by Bill to come out of executive session and enter back into regular session; seconded by Nyla. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries. Regular session resumes at 7:37 p.m.**


**NEW BUSINESS: City Clerk Compensation Adjustment:** Motion made by Jesse to increase Nikki’s wage to \$30 per hour effective May 26, 2024; seconded by Cody. **Roll Call Vote: Bailey, Aherin, Krick, Roach; ayes; motion carries**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Cody to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jesse. **Voice Vote: ayes; motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**



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John Hermann, Mayor



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Nikki Pew, City Clerk/Treasurer

# City of Genesee Sign in Sheet

Date of Meeting 06/04/2024

Name	Address	Email	Male/Female M or F	Disabled Y/N	Do you wish to Speak? Y/N
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1. Abigail George 114 N. Spruce St F N N
  2. Don Gally 484 E Valley View Yes
  3. Sonya Bramwell 550 W Chestnut St. F N Y
  4. Earl Bennett 157 N. Atwood Genesee FD
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