



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2024

The Georgetown City Council met in regular session at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the above written day.

Invocation delivered by Alderman M. Scott
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present:	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
Absent:	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Corey Meeks a representative from the legion was concerned about the food truck permit. They have had food trucks scheduled for the street festival since before the permit was put in place. He feels like it should not affect them. Mr. Meeks also stated that the \$250 permit was the wrong was to go about this. He thinks the city should have a 1-day permit. The mayor assured Mr. Meeks that the permit would not affect their street festival.
- Neal – K9 Mission Chairman wanted to make sure it would also not affect the K9 Mission fundraiser. The mayor assured him it would not.
- Neva Alexander asked why the fee was so high? They are not using city utilities; they are on private property.
- Bob Singleton – We are trying to bring new businesses in, not push them away. He understands they are competing with the brick-and-mortar businesses. What about contractors in town, why do we not require them to get a permit to operate in town? He thinks contractors should have a \$25 permit and have to show proof they are licensed and insured.
- Marti Carroll asked about the transient merchant permit. Why are food trucks not included in this permit?
- Jeri Spezia asked where the fee goes to? The mayor stated the fees go to the general fund for the general operation of the city, city needs/purposes, wages, normal expenses.
- Pam Depratt with the Holiday Gathering was concerned about food trucks setting up. The Holiday Gathering is only 2 weekends. They will not be able to get food trucks to come. How should they advertise?
- Janet Martin was upset about the location of the meeting. Said it should be posted on the website. She was informed it was stated on the agenda, on the windows of the city hall, and on Georgetown Residential Facebook page.

- Darren Alexander is concerned about the insurance requirement. He said a lot of food trucks do not carry that much insurance. Danville's permit excludes special events. What is the justification for the \$250? He didn't think the fines made sense. The fine should not be less than the permit. A stand could operate 3 times and only pay \$200. Darren said it does not affect him, but other trucks trying to get started. Alder Morrison asked about the fees they pay to fairs. He said Casey Popcorn fest is \$250, Georgetown Fair is \$550, including utilities.
- Jerry Spezia asked Darren Alexander about the insurance. She didn't understand why the city required the insurance if the food truck insurance covered any incidents.
- Bob Singleton asked if a motion could be made to suspend the license until the council could review it? The food truck permit was not on the agenda, so no motion could be made. The mayor assured them the permit would be put on hold until the council could address their concerns. The council will consider everyone's concerns, there will be some changes made.
- Marti Carroll asked if this would be a meeting the public could attend.
- Darren Alexander agrees there should be some kind of fee with an exemption for special events. Darren also thanked everyone for coming and the council for taking the time to listen to everyone.
- Jessica Carter of E. 14th street is having water issues. She is wondering what can be done about it. Rusty has flushed the lines. They are going to do some more work. Not sure if the issue is on the city side or the residents. She also had a complaint about the apartments next door. New owners bought it and it is now section 8 housing. She has had to increase her Terminix bill, she has had blocks thrown in her yard. She has complained to RC Management, but it does not seem to make a difference. The residents fly up and down 14th St. Her taxes continue to go up, while her property value decreases. The council told her there isn't much they can do. If the city were home rule, we would have more authority.

Frontier Spatial – Phil

- Phil presented the GIS mapping.
 - Phil explained what the GIS mapping entails. The company will use maps that we have and combine with google earth for a starting point. They will then go out in the field and get more specific maps. He showed the council what the employees will be able to do once the mapping is in place. The mapping will show where every line is. The sewer system can be color coded by size. They can also use existing data from the engineers for past projects. It will help employees find water meters, and it will show where all the sewer lines are and manholes. It will be able to give statistics on the material and how often a break has occurred on specific lines. Most of the cost will be covered by a grant. The city will own the GPS equipment when finished. Workers can update the mapping when on a project or send the information to the company to update.
 - GeoSync – Mobile mapping platform – cloud based, mobile mapping platform. Can you on mobile devices or desktop. This system will keep track of work orders, date completed, job, parts used. It will also show work orders to be done, overdue, etc. The handheld GPS will locate valves, meters, hydrants, etc. The system will show problem areas to help plan future projects.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 16, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Morrison / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed 5 – 0, with Alders Davidson and Krabel abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

- Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 850. There were payments to 45 vendors for a total of \$77,275.15.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed 7 – 0.

3. **Clerk's Report:** Besides preparing the agendas, minutes, meeting packets and typing Streets & Alley reports, the clerk answered e-mails, phone calls, and FOIA Requests, and entered data from surveys received.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed 7 – 0.
4. **Streets & Alleys Report:** Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s, worked on Bad Meter list, shut off list, and read meters, worked on sewer main on E. 14th. **Equipment:** worked on service truck – fixing rust & painting. **Building:** demo at city hall. **Overtime hours:** 29.5 hours for January 11 - 24, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed 7 – 0.
5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, had yearly inspection at BPS from Indiana EPA. He went over all the paperwork, inspected building and well sites. We had 3 minor deficiencies, 2 of which we can correct by paperwork changes. One is the rusted pipes in the chlorine room and the steel floor has rust present. We need to have the room sandblasted and recoated like we have done in the past. (will need approval). Snow removal, thawing daily for chores to be done, had well #2 fixed, it had some wires burnt on inside of box, unknown why, our guess is power bumps, fixed switch on fluoride room (froze & broke), and did yearly soc samples and sent to lab. **Will:** chores at both sewer and water buildings every day, weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, Biweekly lift station reports, cleaned all glass bowls, cleaned rake, cleaned grit wash, helped get ready for EPA inspection in Cayuga, worked with Brenntag (Chemical company) to try to find a solution for the buildup of foam in digester, shoveled snow and spread salt at water and sewer plant, worked on study material for water test and done research, worked with electrician Chris Maring to fix exhaust fan in fluoride room in Cayuga, worked with electrician Chris Maring to fix fluoride room light switch in Cayuga that broke due to extreme winter weather, came in after hours to work on generator due to alarm within system at sewer plant, service trickling filter, serviced the chlorine building out by lagoons for overflows, decant digester, sampled, and tested 002 overflow, worked with Ed to get EPA samples collected and sent out, applied bio bags to lift station, cleaned and sanitized all counter tops in lab, swept and mopped all floors at sewer plant. **Overtime hours:** 23 hours for January 11 - 24, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed 7 – 0.
6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 144 calls along with 6 in town and 9 out of town assists.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed 7 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- Alder Waterman – Jake from Moran would like to meet with the business district via video conference. They will discuss the Latoz lot.
- Alder Waterman talked to the emergency coverage for Ed. He was very impressed with how things are handled at the water plant. Kudos to Ed!
- Alder Morrison asked about the project at city hall. The mayor had mentioned it at the last meeting, but he didn't realize that it was a go. The mayor said it was just something that needed to be done.

New Business:

1. **Consider Frontier Geospatial**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
2. **Consider GRYFO Easter Egg Hunt set for April 6th at the City Park**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
3. **Consider water Quality Report for NPDES permit** – Ed Hitt presented the Consumer Confidence Report to the council.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
4. **Consider Advertising for HR Clerk** – the office would like to start advertising in March. Tonya would like to be able to start training someone by June if possible.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
5. **Consider Resolution 2024-138 Vermilion Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan** – The plan will be submitted to FEMA once all communities involved have adopted the resolution.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
6. **Consider Quote from Maring** – This would be to hook up a generator for the pump station at the south end of town. Whenever we loose power, that pump station fills up, and B & T Draining has to come pump it out.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
7. **Consider Quote from Rahmtech** – This is a quote to redo the computer wiring in the water office. It will be for the 2024-25 Budget.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
8. **Consider Ordinance 2024-140 Prevailing Wage** –
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
9. **Consider Fireworks** – We are waiting on information from another company.
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
10. **Consider CILGA Proposal** – The land bank is requesting authority to approve demolition contracts under \$80K with local municipalities approval.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (1) Personnel matters

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for personnel matters.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 8:46 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 9:00 pm

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

I, Jacqueline Wilson, Clerk for the City of Georgetown, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting which was held February 5, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk