



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes for October 2, 2023

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Janet Martin talked about the importance of mental health. She talked about the importance of listening to someone. Janet also passed out ducks that say Let’s Talk about it. Janet has talked to the Ambulance Service and will also be meeting with the School superintendent.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2023.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed 5 – 0, with Alder Waterman abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 842. There were payments to 28 vendors for a total of \$31,173.95.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. Clerk’s Report: Besides preparing the agendas, minutes, meeting packets and typing Streets & Alley reports, the clerk answered e-mails and phone calls, and entered data from surveys received. The clerk issued a Golf cart permit to Skyler Ireland. A fence permits were issued to Madelyn Garrison & Marvin Burton. A building permits was issued to Robert Hueston.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report: Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s**, ran sewes at Logan St. Guy, Miller Drive, E. 14th, East 13th, and Dyke, prepared sidewalk on McKinley St. for concrete, poured concrete for sidewalk on McKinley, changed out 40 meters, mowed city lot on Mill St., started work on sidewalk on EN 3rd, fixed signs on S. Seminary. **Equipment:** washed dump trucks & backhoe, changed oil & greased dump trucks & backhoe. **Building:** replaced boards and painted picnic tables at park, fixed grills at park, worked at city garage cleaning up log. **Overtime hours:** 1 hours for September 7 - 20, 2023.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, CSO report, water usage report, sewer report, water report, cleaned north final, hung new door curtain in PBR, rebuilt check valve transfer pump station headworks, building, cleaned south final, cleaned garage, rebuilt #2 check valve on influent pump station, sprayed all building for bugs, replaced light switch and breaker in old chlorine building, took results of lead sample taken from 1310 Haworth St to Brandy Meeker (results <1) very good trace of lead – Max is 15, replaced batter back up in control cabinet at sewer plant, and rebuilt check valve #1 influent pump station. **Will:** chores at both sewer and water buildings every day, 001 test every Monday and Wednesday followed by reading test results next day (18 hours), weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, mowed and weeded at Cayuga and Georgetown water building and both wells once a week, Biweekly lift station reports, cleaned primary and finals, topped off chlorine at Georgetown waste water plant, rebuild check valve on influent pump #1, rebuild check valve on transfer pump #2, applied chemicals to digester daily, topped off chemicals at water and sewer plant, sprayed and knocked down wasp nest at water salesman building. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for September 7- 20, 2023.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 174 calls along with 9 in town and 5 out of town assists. There were 53 traffic stops.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Old Business:

1. **Consider Ordinance 2023-130 Livestock** – Alder Morrison asked about limiting the number of animals, as was discussed at the last meeting. The question was also asked about the board contacting the neighbors in the area, Treasurer Cavanaugh was going to find out if that had been done.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
2. **Consider Ordinance 2023-131 Budget Amendment** – Treasurer Cavanaugh amended the budget according to the auditor's recommendation.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- The variance/appeals board met at 6:30 to discuss to requests.
 - The first was for the shed the Historical Society is putting up. The Variance board consensus was to uphold the ordinance, the shed must be moved. After council discussion, the motion was made to allow the shed to stay where it is, but they must add parking curbs with a sign to make them visible.

Action taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,

Motion passed 4 – 0 ,with Alders Davidson & Waterman abstaining.

- The second request was from Ameren. They are replacing the fence at the substation on the corner of Mill & Seminary. They would like to have barbed wire around the top. The previous fence also had barbed wire around it.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- CILBA update – The land bank is needing support from the members it serves. Champaign and Decatur have given ½ million, Rantoul \$150,000. They have received a grant that Georgetown will get a portion of. Mike Davis is asking for \$10-15,000. The land bank has also made some changes with the board. They voted to reduce the board from 34 members to 7. This will help them with their quorum. The city will still have input but will not have to attend the meetings.
- The permit from the EPA for the waste pad has been approved. Mayor Readnour has contacted the cement company to see when they will be able to complete the work. Rusty and the Streets & Alleys guys will get the groundwork prepared.
- Alder Waterman said Loren’s Indiana permit has been approved, he is waiting to receive the official copy.
- Alder Gordon attended a meeting at Vermilion Advantage concerning a grant the county is trying to get with the City of Danville. This is to test the soil at sites of old gas stations, dry cleaners, etc. Alder Gordon asked for any sites the council knew of in Georgetown to add to their list.

New Business:

1. **Consider City Christmas Party December 15** – This date was mentioned to hopefully allow more council/employees to attend. The mayor would like to see about Terry Lewis catering.
2. **Consider Sewer camera** - the current camera takes 8 track tapes. It has been repaired multiple times, Rusty is unable to find more parts for it. This was budgeted for a few years ago, but never bought.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements:

- Alder Davidson – The GLCC has asked that the city not light Patriot Park or the Christmas tree up until the Christmas parade. They would like to do something special.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) Personnel matters, (4) legal matters

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

Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Davidson,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:44 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 7:57 pm.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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 October 2, 2023.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk