



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes For February 3, 2025

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

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

Roll Call:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Absent:

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Officer Murray updated the council on the plans for a town clean-up day. It is scheduled for April 12 from 9 am – 2 pm at the fairgrounds. There will be a team of high school volunteers walking around the town picking up trash that day. They will also have them at the fairgrounds to help unload vehicles.
- Joe Graves was concerned about the cars parking along route 1 on the south end of town. It is dark in the area they park and with it being dark vehicles, it makes them hard for them to see.
- Amber Pearson asked the council for permission for the Youth Sports to use the park for Baseball season. This will be voted on at the next meeting.
- Darren Alexander asked Officer Murray if there is a backup plan for the cleanup day. The fairgrounds was too wet, and they could not allow parking in certain areas. The clerk informed him the last cleanup was at the city garage and could be done there if needed. He also was concerned about the overage cost for the dumpsters. There will be a \$15 per load fee for the cleanup day, this will help cover the cost of the dumpsters.
- Darren Alexander also asked about adding trash on the water bills. There are too many houses with garages full of trash. Some towns have one garbage company service the whole town. The council has discussed requiring a trash contract that a renter would have to provide with their rental agreement to get water. The issue is many of the homes with no trash pickup are not rentals. Mr. Alexander asked about the house on E. 13th St. The police had written ordinance violations to the owner and renter. The renter has since moved, and they have not been able to locate the owner. The mayor mentioned Vermilion Advantage is gathering money and is working on something to help communities similar to the Land Bank but could take a few years to get going. Mr. Alexander mentioned that we can fine them, but that is not getting the property cleaned up. He thinks the city should take them to criminal court. There are multiple homes full of trash. Mr. Alexander mentioned

Chief Mike Vice doing whatever needed to be done to correct the situation. Clerk Wilson mentioned Mayor Sanders send the city employees onto private property to paint a building, and the trouble the caused the city.

1. Approval of Minutes.

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2025.

Action Taken: Approved as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0, with Alders R. Scott and M. Scott abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 876. There were payments to 25 vendors for a total of \$21,859.75.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 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 lead line surveys received. The clerk issued a demo and building permit to Mike Scott at 204 E. 9th St. for a patio cover. The city received \$50.00 for the water lab and \$297.50 from the waste pad.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 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, patched potholes with asphalt, worked on the lead line survey, worked at the city hall office, worked on a sewer on Whittier St. **Overtime hours:** 46 hours for January 9 – 22, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

5. Water & Sewer Reports: Ed: daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly testing, entered Indiana/Illinois water withdraw reports to both states, cleaned sludge bunker and removed grating because of freezing, snow removal at both sewer and water plants, fixed water shut off into the day tank in the headworks building, cleaned floor up from a over flow of day tank, worked on air handler unit in headworks, straightened up BPS, cleaned injectors for chlorine and fluoride at BPS. Will: Cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant, did biweekly lift station reports and inspection, cleaned trickling filter once a week, did chores in Cayuga and Georgetown daily, did test every Thursday and Friday every week, followed by reading test results every following Tuesday and Wednesday, washed lab equipment and dishes as needed, cleaned grit wash station once a week, cleaned rake system once a week, cut and collect all trash for trash pick-ups on Tuesday, cleaned septic dumping station, decant, Homers fecal sample, deep cleaned grit wash, greased all pumps at sewer plant. **Overtime hours:** 16 hours for January 9 - 22, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

6. Public Safety Report: The Police had over 238 calls and 2 ordinance violations, along with 8 in town and 23 out of town assists.

Overtime Hours: 87.50 hours, 14 Comp time for January 1 - 31, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Old Business:

1. **Consider Pinecrest pick up line** – The plan was to add a road along the East side of Pinecrest to E. West St. Mrs. Neal mentioned the school had just settled a large contract with the teachers' union.

Neighboring districts have given large raises, and the district has to be comparable. Mrs. Cavanaugh is re-negotiating contracts. They are also looking at job openings, to see if they need to be replaced. They need to see what the next budget will look like. She mentioned that it has helped with the officers making appearances during school pick up. It is getting better, but not ideal. The road would put them on city property for a longer stretch, this would cost around \$100,000. She mentioned it will not happen this summer. The cemetery board has given the school district an easement for the road. Alder M. Scott mentioned pulling the cars further before dismissal. This would help them get off the road. Mrs. Neal said she would look at it, taking them all the way to the fence and then swinging back around. Alder M. Scott would like a serious commitment from the school, would like to look at bidding out materials.

Alder Brooks mentioned possibly applying for an after-school grant. Darren Alexander suggested asking the community. Maybe some farmers with bigger equipment would be willing to help.

Committee Briefs:

- Alder M. Scott discussed the Street & Alley committee meeting. They would like to name the road that connects Dyke, Penn, and Franklin VanCamp Lane. This will allow the city to use MFT funds in the future for materials for the road. The committee is also wanting to put a stop sign on the road.
- There will be a business district committee meeting at 6 pm on February 5.

New Business:

1. **Consider American Legion Street Fest** – the date is July 26 from noon – 11 pm.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

2. **Consider bid proposal for Family Dollar strip mall**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7- 0.

3. **Consider right of way permits – the mayor would like to look into the city requiring a right of way permits for companies wanting to add fiber optic, etc.**

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (3) Real Estate

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for real estate.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Executive session Entered at 7:59 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 8:04 pm

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 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 3, 2025.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk