

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for March 18, 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 Gordon

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Wyatt Boone, a representative from Globe Life presented their insurance policies to the council that would be available to the city employees. They include life insurance, critical illness, cancer, and accident. He will meet with the employees to see if anyone is interested.
- Alan Baldwin, a representative from the Georgetown Community Men's club told the council about their plans for the future. They would like to hold fundraisers/events that will help them pour back into the community. At this time, they are interested in doing a community garden. They are looking at land at the dam, but asked if the council had any other area in mind they could utilize.

1. Approval of Minutes.

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated March 4, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0, with Alder Morrison abstaining.

b) Approve Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 7, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 2 – 0, with Alders R. Scott, Gordon, Waterman, and Krabel abstaining.

c) Approve Street & Alley Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 7, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0, with Alders R. Scott, Waterman, and Krabel abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 853. There were payments to 35 vendors for a total of \$42,386.56.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report.** Alder Morrison asked about the 1% grocery tax. Treasurer Cavanaugh is going to look into this. She is not sure how much we receive from the grocery tax.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
4. **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 Lead line surveys received. The clerk issued fence permits to Quentin Gustin at 315 EN 3rd St & Joan Barton at 301 Mill St. The clerk issued a tobacco & liquor license to Grapevine. The clerk also collected a waste pad payment totaling \$85.00.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** replaced tattered flags, safety training, worked on sewer line on S. Seminary, worked at city park cleaning leaves, worked on cleaning out storm drains, and installing new meters. **Equipment:** sharpened blades on mower. **Buildings:** Cleaned shop **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.**
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, removed old blower from digester, swapped out parts onto new blower and installed new, pulled Indiana SOC samples and sent to lab, have Dave Price coming out to the BPS to look at rust in chlorine and fluoride room – to get estimate, pulled apart grit washer auger system – cleaned and inspected and re-assembled, training Mark on chores, and wasted digester to sand bands. Still trying to locate some online courses for Will, most places just finished with classes. **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, cleaned trickling filter, deep clean grit wash, Oakwood's test, safety meeting, cleaned and unclogged the septic dumping bed, cleaned the primary building, changed out blower in digester, cleaned digester screen, worked with trainee, collected EPA sample, pulled apart auger for grit wash, cleaned and maintained it, cleaned primary, empty digester to drying beds, cleaned grit out of basement, hooked back up and set chlorine and bio-sulfate at sewer plant for the warm months. **Overtime hours:** 16 hours for February 22 – March 6, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Committee Briefs

- Consider Recommendations from the Ordinance Committee – lower the food truck permit to \$0, require proof of insurance and health department inspection. An alderman asked if the kitchen law applies to food trucks. It would be hard to know whether it is a non-profit or not. According to Alder Davidson only 1 non-profit is registered for Georgetown and that is the Lion's club. A suggestion was made for a 1-day waiver if they plan to set up anymore would have to pay a fee. The fee should be at least \$50 – same as transient merchants. Alder Morrison thinks there should be a fee. Food trucks are competing with brick & mortar restaurants. Many of our current restaurants & stores donate food, water, Gatorade, etc. to the fire department. The mayor mentioned brick & mortar businesses can get business district funds that food trucks can't. But if the brick & mortar are not profiting, neither is the business district. The motion was made to suspend the decision until a decision was made by the State on the food truck freedom act. Chairman Davidson also mentioned a service tax ordinance that the council needs to update.
Action taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- Consider Recommendations from the Street & Alley Committee – The committee would like to name the road for the water salesman Water Drive, and the road that goes through the park Interurban Drive.

Action Taken: **Approved**,

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

New Business

1. **Consider GRF Men’s Club community Garden** – The motion was made to allow the garden at the dam, unless somewhere more suitable was found.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
2. **Consider Globe Life**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
3. **Consider lead line grant writing**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
4. **Consider park – paint estimate for light poles & backstop** – one back stop and 8 or 9 light poles are needing painted. The light poles are starting to show rust.
Action Taken: **Approved** for 24-25 FY budget
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
5. **Consider window tint at city hall** – there will be 7 windows tinted with a mirror image. This will take the place of blinds.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
6. **Consider police department promotion** – Chief Renaker would like to promote Misty to Sergeant. Misty has trained all of the new officers and will be our school resource officer. The school board is reviewing the contract for the SRO and will be sending it to the city for review. The council would like our attorney to review it.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
7. **Consider upgrade to Locis 8**
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
8. **Consider Council Desk – The quote from Cabinet City is for \$15,446.75.**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements:

- The GRHS Band is having a Monical's night on March 19. If you show them the flyer, 20% of your bill will go to the band for their Disney trip.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Waterman,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

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 March 18, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk