

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for May 4, 2026

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 Alder Gordon  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Roll Call:**

<b>Present:</b>	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	Steffanie Lyons	Alder Ward 3
	Robert Weaver	Alder Ward 4
<b>Also Present:</b>	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
<b>Absent:</b>	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

### **Public Comment:**

- Alec Severins lives next door to Officer Watson. He said Officer Watson was in his back yard watering. He came around to the front as Mr. Severins was getting home and yelled “That’s what I thought” at him. Mr. Severins called and spoke to Chief Renaker, he called 911 to have it on file and called the state police. The state police are supposed to investigate the issue. The mayor asked him to explain what is harassing about it. He said with our history, he is trying to provoke him.
- John Lacey had a complaint on Office Watson. Katie Ruble was pulled over driving Mr. Lacey’s car for only having the running lights on, no headlights. It was 7:45 pm. There was no current insurance card in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed due to not being able to provide insurance. Chief Renaker waived the \$500 PNT fine. He wants the city to refund the \$300 fee from Carnaghi’s. Mr. Lacey said that Watson is targeting him. He said Officer Watson almost t-boned him one day turning into his driveway. Mr. Lacey said he sat in McDonalds today, and multiple people gave him complaints about Officer Watson. He was told that he was contacting a 17-year-old girl. The council told him he needed to fill out a complaint form, and the personnel committee would review it.
- Joe Graves asked about Comcast installing fiber optics. He stated he spends a lot of time and money on his yard, and it is hard to watch them dig it up.
- Joe Graves reminded the council that he would like the sidewalk extended south through his yard to the old dam road. His neighbor to the south of him also agreed to have the sidewalk put in. Mr. Graves was also asked his opinion on allowing parking on South Main St. He mentioned having a car wreck into his house in the middle of the night by a drunk driver, due to a car being parked on the highway. The cars that are parking on Rt. 1 are dark colored and hard to see at night. The police will give a notice that no parking is allowed from 6 pm – 6 am.
- Jeremy Starwalt asked about adding a wrought iron fence around the front yard. The mayor told him to talk to Rusty, he didn’t think there would be an issue.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 20, 2026.

Action Taken: **Approved as presented,**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. **Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 908. There were 36 payments to vendors for a total of \$89,459.88.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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. The clerk collected waste pad payments totaling \$4717.50 and water lab payments totaling \$50. The clerk issued a liquor, cigarette, and gaming license to Grapevine, a tobacco license to Family Dollar, a liquor and cigarette license to Georgetown C Store, a cigarette license to Dollar General, a liquor, dance hall, pool table, jukebox, and arcade games to Club JO, and a liquor, tobacco, and gaming license to Lucky 7. The clerk issued disposal licenses to Republic Services, Pabst Disposal, and Crane Roll-off. The clerk issued building permits for solar panels to Karen Martin and Tracy Thomas, building permit to James Holman, a fence permit to Steve Nolen, a demo & building permit to Richard Peelman. The clerk issued golf cart permits to Tonya Hundley, Sheree Hall, Tonya Neubert Lierman, Steve Mills, Joe Grave, Jeffery Galyen, David Smith, Amanda Silvey, Cory Meeks, Gary Sykes, Mike McCrone, Glenda Roulaine, Fred Staub, Frank Mason, Jack Morrison, Tim Hart, Gregory Myers, Gary Jackson, Keith Truelove, Terri Hoskins, Eric Ramsey, Kent Dukes, William Green, Dale Brooks, Troy Winland, Sandra Chandler, Stephen Beresford, David Myers, Judy Taylor-Thomen, Gary Holycross, Mac Sprouls, Zackary Roach, Mike Pasquale, Ron Howard, Carolyn Hughes, Robert Jurczak, Sabrina Thomas, Steven Bell, Steve Nale, Richard Wilson, Donnie Adkisson, Rita Hutson, Kellie Anderson, Katherine Gil, and Frank Leyh.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report:** worked on sewers on E. Oak, Stone St, 11<sup>th</sup> St, E. 14<sup>th</sup> St, Logan St, and Garfield, put together storage racks at new records building, greased backhoe, and hauled off sludge from waste treatment plant. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: April 16 – 29, 2026 – 1.5 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. **Water & Sewer Report:** CSO report, water reports, sewer reports, monthly test, cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant and Georgetown sewer plant, did bi-weekly lift station reports and inspections, 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 after every test and sample, 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 bed, decanted digester, cleaned all final tanks and the primary tank, worked on a few water turn on's/off's, did extra test and samples for over flows (002), worked on emptying out drying beds, worked on spreading gravel to fill pot holes and around tanks and hydrants at sewer plant, sprayed weeds around sewer plant, drained digester into drying

beds, worked on unclogging final tanks, cleaned sludge station and floats in sludge station.

**Overtime hours:** 8 hours for April 16 - 29, 2026.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 187 calls along with 21 in town and 9 out of town assists, with 40 ordinance violations and 71 traffic stops.

**Overtime Hours:** 27 hours, 53 Comp time for April 2 - 29, 2026.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

### **Old Business**

1. **Consider Bids for the old City Hall building** – we received one bid from Emily Hart for \$500. They would not say what their plans are but said they would be bringing tax dollars back into the city.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Lyons

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. **Consider FY 2026-27 Budget – Ordinance 2026-184**

Action taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

### **Committee Briefs:**

- Alder Morrison asked about the parking barrier for the Historical Society. The mayor said we do not have any that we can provide. He also asked about adding a water meter riser. The clerk assured him it is on the list of projects.
- Alder Brooks asked what we can do about the Comcast crew. She stated we need a way to control them. Alder Davidson explained we can add an ordinance, but it is too late to stop them, as they are already in motion.
- Alder Weaver asked for more police presence at the park. They have had an issue with people parking along Seminary St, watching the games, refusing to move their vehicle.
- Alder Weaver also mentioned he received a complaint for the grass at 414 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St.
- Alder Brooks asked about the regulations for e-bikes and scooters. Chief Renaker explained the state is working on some laws for them, he would like us to mirror the states. They include requiring helmets for anyone under 18. Alder Weaver has received complaints about a dirt bike all around town. Someone asked if the police could do a class at the school to teach the kids the rules for the e-bikes and scooters.
- Alder Weaver stated the youth football is wanting to paint the announcers purple and gold. He asked if this could be added to the next agenda.

### **New Business:**

1. **Consider Poppy Sales May 16 -**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 1.

2. **Consider Bethel Baptist Block party June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. **Consider MFT – IDOT consulting engineer agreement, Estimate of Maintenance Costs, Resolution for Maintenance, and Deliver and Install proposal for Chip & Seal work**

Action Taken: **Approved,**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

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

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

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Executive session Entered at 7:51 pm.

**Reconvened** from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 8:15 pm

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Lyons,

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 May 4, 2026.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk