



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes for May 6, 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
	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
Absent:	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- David Smith of 210 Oak St – had complaints on several houses in his neighborhood. Multiple houses have not been mowed or are abandoned. There are varmints in the houses. He would like to see something done or get some answers. It is not just in his neighborhood, but all over town.
- Phil & Amy Miller of 400 S. Church St. – Phil brought a letter in from a concerned neighbor. He also mentioned that trash is being dumped in the burnt house across from him. Phil also mentioned Bunny Flanders family would probably be willing to sign the house over to the city. He also thanked the city for mowing areas that needed mowed. The neighborhood is concerned about threats that have been received. Mr. Biggerstaff is meeting with the health department to see what can be done. There is a new law that could help the city in this situation. Alder Morrison reminded everyone that the city has torn down 7-9 houses in the last few years. The Chief mentioned the house on Church St was tied up in an arson case, that has since been closed. The family told the Chief that their dad collected the insurance money. They are using the shed for their derby cars.
- Charlotte Humrichous would like something done about the mailbox in front of the post office. The yellow line for no parking starts at the mailbox. This does not leave enough room to pull up to in, when cars are parked there.
- Janet Martin of Woodland Dr. asked about the streetlight at Rt. 1 and Woodland Dr. There is one there, but it is burnt out. It has been called in, but Ameren has not replaced the bulb. She is concerned about safety.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 15, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0, with Alder Waterman abstaining.

- b) Approve corrected Personnel Committee Meeting minutes dated March 27, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed 3 – 0, with Alders Morrison, Davidson, R. Scott, & Gordon abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 856. There were payments to 38 vendors for a total of \$62,029.84.

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 surveys received. The clerk issued a tobacco license to Family Dollar, a tobacco & liquor license to Village Pantry, and a liquor, juke box, arcade, dance hall, & pool table license to Josephines. The clerk issued disposal licenses to Crane Roll Off, Pabst Disposal, and Republic Services. The clerk issued golf cart permits to Jeff Galyen, Eric & Debbie Sawyer, Dale Brooks, Robert Jurczak, Mike Pasquale, Fred & Ruth Staub, Charles Redmond, Dennis Howard, Terri & Ron Hoskins, Scott Learnard, Delbert Felgenhauer, Eric Ramsey, Katherin Gil, Sabrina Thomas, Richard Wilson, Mac Sprouls, Tracy Isaacson, and David Smith. A fence permit was issued to Denise Shepherd at 220 Pine St. The clerk also worked on the lead line survey, and notices for unknown service lines.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 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, mowed, weeded, and sprayed all city lots, vacked out storm drains, worked on sidewalks on W. West St. **Overtime hours:** 6 hours for April 18- May 1, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, finished GIS with one of the guys from Frontier, water usage report, unclogged south final auger pipe, replaced lines on excess flow pumps for vacuum, working with Greg from Frontier to put map together for GIS, finalizing 2024 CCR, had inspection for Indiana fluoride went well, wasted digester to sand beds, and cleaning/painting, painted hand rail on primary clarifier, and cleaned grit washer system. Will is going to take water test again June 11th. **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, clean trickling filter, mowed and weeded Cayuga, cleaned septic dumping bunker, pressure washed sewer building, pressure washed PBR, pressure washed sidewalk and bricks at sewer plant, painted tallow things around sewer plant, painted doors and windows on sewer plant, unclogged south finale tank, serviced zero turn and push mower, sharpened all blades on mowers, pressure washed all sidewalks at sewer plant, pressure washed inside of trickling filter, worked on painting bottom of sewer plant lab, over flow samples. **Overtime hours:** 12 hours for April 18 – May 1, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 143 calls along with 4 in town and 12 out of town assists.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Old Business:

1. Consider Ordinance 2024 – 141 Budget FY 2024-25
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
2. Consider Ordinance 2024 – 142 Street Names
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
3. Consider Library Parking – The chief would like signs to be put up. No parking. Violators will be towed at the owner’s expense, with Carnaghi’s phone number. Carnaghi’s will tow any cars parked there. Josephines will be posting a sign to let their customers know.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- Alderman Gordon asked how the speed limit signs were working on W. West. He thinks they would be good to have on Mill St. The chief would like to get a trailer, that we can move around town where needed.

New Business:

1. **Consider Bethel Baptist Block party** – Friday, June 28th.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
2. **Consider NPDES permit – CSO Operational & Maintenance Plan**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
3. **Consider Park Discussion** – Coleton Murray. Coleton was not able to make it. The Chief mentioned they are checking the cameras at the park every few days. They trespassed 17 kids from the park. If they see them on the cameras they receive an ordinance violation. The streets & alley department will be painting the doors on the Sliva building soon.
4. **Consider Poppy Collection at the square – May 25**
Action taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
5. **Consider Grant writing** – The city has received another grant for the lead line inventory. Lisa Cramer and Darla Attutis are requesting payment for the grant writing.
Action taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
6. **Consider Personnel Policy** –
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
7. **Consider Go Gov** – This is an app that will help with ordinances. The office can put in any addresses there are complaints on. The police will get the list and put in what the violation is, then the clerk can send letters. It will also remind the police when they need to go do a recheck.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

8. **Consider Condemning House** – There is a judicial and a non-judicial route the city can take to condemn a house. Both avenues take months to accomplish. The council would like to see what Mr. Biggerstaff can find out first before anything is decided.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Adjourn Meeting:

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 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 May 6, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk