

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for May 18, 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:

Present:	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
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
	Robert Weaver	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
Absent:	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 4, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0, with Alder Krabel abstaining.
- b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 4, 2026
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed 6 – 0, with Alder Krabel abstaining.

2. **Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 909 & 910. There were 39 payments to vendors for a total of \$84,984.66.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Cavanaugh said the water is having issues but is ok, that is why we raised the water rates.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 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. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$4781.25. The clerk issued a fence permit to Tyler Dicken at 643 S. Main and Joanna Langston at 219 Oak, and a building permit to Lincoln Manor at 400 Huffman. The clerk issued golf cart permits to Joe Suchaczewski, Kenny Dailey, Tawna Bartley, Rick Dailey, Michael Shake, Todd Satterlee, & Jed Starns.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** fixed a water service line on Guy St hit by Comcast, finished sewer tap at 108 Vermilion, fixed a sewer on E. Mulberry, put rock and asphalt around town, fixed 16 inch water main break in Indiana, washed trucks and backhoe, fixed hit service line at city hall, and cleaned out old city hall. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: April 30 – May 13, 2026: 15.5 hours.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
6. **Water & Sewer Reports:** 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, mowed and trimmed all of sewer 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 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, did extra test and sample for over flows (002), took big red to shop and picked up Big Red from shot, worked on water main break (Mill Rd – Walnut), worked with Gasvoda on fixing sludge station and to figure out a solution to work water town manual meter, deep cleaned septic bed and pressure washed, took Big Red to YR tire for new tires . **Overtime hours:** 22.5 hours for April 30 – May 13, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

New Business

1. **Consider GRF Youth Football – paint announcer's stand**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
2. **Consider E. West St. parking ordinance 2026-186**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 1.
3. **Consider GRF Men's Club – Jim Chandler Memorial Ride and celebration – August 16** – Mark Winland presented the plans for the Memorial ride. The plan to end the ride at the dam with a live band/music, a cookout, and different fundraisers. Alder Gordon asked what the plan was for security. Mr. Winland explained that they hadn't discussed it yet. They do plan to put the stage and fencing in front of the river to block anyone from it. Alder Brooks said they would like to see their plans for liability insurance and security plans. Mr. Winland said they were still discussing everything. This was more to see if it would even be feasible. Chief Renaker mentioned that side by sides can cross Route 1, but can not ride on Rt 1, so this would be an issue. There is no power, other than the streetlights, so they would need generators. The men's club said the idea was to make the dam an attraction, a place people would want to go. Alder Lyons mentioned making it a 2-day event, have the ride one day and the picnic the next day.
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
4. **Consider yard waste area at dam** – Mayor Readnour explained he has a company that is cleaning up the dam. They are hauling away excess dirt, concrete, and asphalt that has accumulated. They are going to clean out the ash pile, and dig out a burn pile, before it is re-opened. Alder Brooks presented a proposal for the dam. She would like to see it open for residents' use. Alder Brooks recommended having the

gates open only on the scheduled days from 7 am – 7 pm. Chief Renaker said the police can lock and unlock the gates on the weekends. She suggested getting cameras to help with illegal dumping. Alder Brooks also thinks the ordinance fine needs to be raised for illegal dumping. The council also discussed businesses using the area. It gets overwhelming and is hard to manage. Some think the tree companies should pay a fee to dump; they are charging their customers to haul it away. If they bring trees there, they should be from inside Georgetown city limits. They did not have an issue with landscapers using it. The council asked to add a discussion to the next agenda about businesses using the dam. The motion was made to have the dam open every Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 7 am to 7 pm.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0, with Alder Weaver abstaining.

5. **Consider cameras at dam** – the council would like to have a camera at the entrance to get their license plate and on the burn pile to see what they are dumping.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 1.

6. **Consider GRF Men's Club – proposal for lights at dog park** – The men's club would like permission to meet with Ameren and RC Electric about adding lights at the dog park. They would like to discuss the potential of installing a H-frame ground transformer and establish a permanent electrical service near the park. This would allow for both current and future improvements to be supported safely and efficiently. There is a lot of traffic at the dog park, it is still accessible with the gate locked. The lights could also deter other issues. Mr. Winland said they were more interested in light and electricity for future projects.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

7. **Consider GRF Men's Club** – waste management at dam – William Schlunaker gave some ideas for the yard waste site. The council reviewed it and thought it was very similar to what Alder Brooks proposed.

Action Taken: Tabled

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Announcements:

- Someone asked if we had heard how Mike Scott is doing. The mayor is going to contact him and discuss removing him from committees for now, it is hard to have committee meetings when we are short.
- CILBA is waiting on the deed from one house we bought in the tax sale, then they will do asbestos testing for 3 houses, and advertise for bids for demolition.
- Alder Weaver discussed the research the U of I students did for the land bank. He thought it was very interesting. The clerk said she would forward it to everyone.
- The CILBA did receive a grant for \$2 million for rehab. We will need to find a contractor that would be interested in rehabbing some properties.
- Comcast is still hitting lines. What can we do to stop them? We need to start working on a ROW ordinance. Alder Weaver talked about getting an agreement with them that they will pay for anything they hit.
- Alder Davidson spoke about the water main break on Mother's Day. He wanted to praise the city workers that helped with everything.
- Darren Alexander asked about waiving a water tap fee for the store. They are meeting with a company about getting an ice machine in the parking lot. It will be on the east side of the grocery store.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 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 18, 2026.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk