

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for May 19, 2025

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:**

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

Mayor Readnour declared a quorum was present.

The mayor moved New Business item #1 first, to allow Jon Anderson of Hoerr Construction to talk to the council. Hoerr Construction does underground utility work. Jon wanted to talk to the council about trenchless rehabbing of sewers. There is currently 5 million feet in the ground of CIPP. This procedure would be done from manhole to manhole, on a pipe that needs work. The total project takes around 6 hours. This is fully developed, proven technology. It is cost effective with a wide range of applications. They cannot use this if the pipe collapses. The price depends on the circumstances. The company can come in and clean the pipe and tv for \$5,000 a day. This will give them an idea if they are able to fix the pipe this way. This has been used for over 50 years, never had to tear it out. They will inspect it when applied, if there are any blemishes they will fix it right then.

### **1. Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 5, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0, with Alder Krabel abstaining.

### **2. Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 883, 884, & 885. There were 44 payments to vendors for a total of \$105,449.50.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

### **3. Treasurer's Report.**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 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 issued a golf cart permits to Shannon Whittaker, Richard Dailey, Jr, Kenny Dailey, Tim Hart, Carolyn Hughes, Heather Nickle, Troy Winland, Chad Steinbaugh, Tracy Isaacson, and Dale Brooks. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$1870.00.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,  
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** did Julie marks for Conxxus, poured concrete at 643 S. Main – 35 feet of new gutter pan, fixed sewer at 311 e. 9<sup>th</sup> St, fixed broken tiles at cemetery on E. West St, dirt work on Seminary St from sewer work, put out asphalt in holes around town. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: May 1 - 14, 2025: 2.5 hours.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,  
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
6. **Water & Sewer Reports:** **Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly testing, and submitted info to Gemina group for CCR's, and water usage report, mowed sewer plant, did labs, and checked oil and switched blowers in lagoons. **Will** – cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every two weeks, mowed and weeded once a week at least, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant, did bi-weekly 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 pick-ups on Tuesday, cleaned septic dumping bed, decant, top off chemicals in Georgetown and Cayuga, worked on flushing hydrants **Overtime hours:** 9.5 hours for May 1 – 14, 2025.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,  
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Consider Bid opening for Family Dollar strip mall. One bid received for \$25,000.  
Action Taken: **Declined**  
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,  
Motion passed 8 – 0.
2. Consider Ordinance 2025 – 168 – 2025-26 FY Budget – clerk did not post agenda for public hearing, will hold public hearing at 6:45 on June 2.  
Action Taken: **Tabled**  
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

#### **New Business:**

1. **Consider Hoerr Construction Presentation – moved to public comments**
2. **Consider Vermilion County Bi-Centennial Celebration** - Todd Lee talked about the county's plans for the celebration. They will start at the Festival of Trees in November. In January/February there will be an exhibit on the Underground Railroad at the County Museum. There will be many events throughout the year. They would like to make appearances at festivals/fairs throughout the county. They will also have tours of the county.
3. **Consider chickens** – Larry Thompson would like the council to allow chickens. His suggestion was 24 because as some get older, they will get new chickens. Alder Brooks suggested requiring signatures from neighbors in order for someone to get a permit. Alder Krabel believes it will cause more issues with pests, manure, diseases. Mr. Thompson said residents would have to have a top on their chicken run to

keep predators out. Alder Morrison mentioned the cost of keeping chickens. Buying a coop and fence, chickens, feed. It would be more for the convenience of fresh eggs, than saving money. Someone asked who's responsible when a loose dog kills someone's chickens. The number of feral cats was also mentioned. Someone suggested getting them fixed and seeing if any farmers were interested in barn cats. Someone also asked about a mobile free spay & neuter clinic. The motion was made to allow chickens; the ordinance committee would then meet to set the guidelines and write the ordinance.

Action Taken: **Motion was made to allow chickens.**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons,

Motion **did not** pass 3 – 5.

4. **Consider Committees**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Godon / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

5. **Consider Appointments – Treasurer, Clerk, City Superintendent, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Chief of Police.** The mayor would like to keep Treasurer Amy Cavanaugh, Clerk Jacki Wilson, City Superintendent Rusty Noggle, Water & Sewer Superintendent Ed Hitt, and Chief of Police Whitney Renaker.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Krabel

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

6. **Consider Appointment of Attorney -**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons

Motion passed 5 – 2, with Alder Krabel abstaining.

7. **Consider Selling the 2015 Ford Interceptor** – Chief Renaker said there is an issue with the engine.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder M. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 8- 0.

8. **Consider hiring a part-time police officer** – Chief Renaker would like to hire Corey White as a part-time officer. Cory works full-time in Ridge Farm.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

9. **Consider Business presentation – Jeremy Hall** – Jeremy and Beth Hall are restoring Bob's Pumphouse. They are planning to open an ice cream shop on the north side and make the south side a venue space. The building was built in 1912. The building needs everything – roof, plumbing, electrical. They are saving money by doing a lot of the work themselves. They are hoping the Business District Committee will help them out.

10. **Discuss Cayuga Wells** – A couple weeks ago well #2 went out – a locked bearing in the motor. Ed replaced the motor. Then the communication radio went out on the same well. Both are up and running. The mayor would like to see about drilling a 3<sup>rd</sup> well as a backup. We have plenty of property there to add to it. We already have geological studies from Farnsworth. The mayor would like Ed to get some quotes. We would also have to have approval from Indiana.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

11. **Discuss Park Bathroom issues** – There have already been issues with the bathrooms this year. The porta potties have been tipped over, and a banner ripped in half. The chief said they have banned the kids for a year that tipped the porta potties. What can we do to address vandalism?

12. **Consider Energy rates** – Kenzie received a quote from Century Energy Solutions. This is the electric rates for the city buildings. Treasurer Cavanaugh suggested giving Kenzie permission to discuss this with

the representative and choose what they think is best. We can choose from a 1-, 2-, or 3-year rate with different companies.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

**Announcements:**

- Alder Gordon talked to Joe Graves. Mr. Graves said his neighbors to the south have also agreed. They will give the city an easement to extend the sidewalk.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 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 19, 2025.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk