

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for May 20, 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:

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

### Public Comments:

- No public was present.

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

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 6, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

b) Approve Public Hearing Minutes dated May 6, 2024.

Action Taken: Approved with corrections,

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

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

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 857 & 858. There were 30 payments to vendors for a total of \$101,259.67.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

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

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

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, and entered data from Lead line surveys received. The clerk also mailed notifications for all unknown water lines per the EPA. The clerk issued a fence permit to Denise Shepherd at 220 Pine St. The clerk issued Golf cart permits to Eric Sims and Gary

Sykes. The clerk also collected lab work payments totaling \$25.00 and waste pad payments totaling \$1147.50.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** mowed, weeded, and sprayed all city lots, mowed vacant abandoned lots, poured concrete at park for bench, poured concrete for sidewalk on W. West St, and poured concrete on E. 13<sup>th</sup> from sewer work. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: May 2 - 15, 2024 – 5 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, lab work, changed oil and rotated tires on my truck, cleaned distiller, cleaned bunker, cleaned CL-17, completed CCR and submitted, calibrated lab equipment and got Chris Maring to look at well #1 it was down – contactor went bad – have one on order. **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, Hydrant flushing, greased all pumps, fixed the mud pumps in back room of sewer building, rebuild bisulfide pump at Georgetown sewer plant, serviced trickling filter, serviced PBR, weed eat all tall patches of grass that we can't mow due to being wet, weed eat stream at sewer plant, fecal samples for Georgetown sewer.. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for May 2 - 15, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

### Old Business

1. **Consider Ordinance 2024 – 143 Repeal the Food Truck Permit** – The food truck freedom act has not been approved by the state. The council is waiting to see where that goes, before enforcing a new permit.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder R. Scott

**Motion passed 3 – 3**, with Alder M. Scott abstaining. Mayor Readnour broke the tie with a Y.

2. **Consider Ordinance 2024 – 144 PNT Fines** – PNT fines will be raised from \$300 to \$500.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Waterman,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

### Committee Briefs

- The appraisal for the Latoz lot as been received. The committee needs to decide how they want to handle the sell or meet with Moran.
- The signs for the library will be installed Tuesday.
- The chief is going to try to contact the family about the house on Oak St.
- An alderman asked about vendors being set up on the city lot next to Rustic Charm. The mayor explained they were given permission to use it as overflow parking. They explained this to Rustic Charm, and moved the vendors for the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the event.

### New Business

1. **Consider Library – Shannon Whitaker** – The library has an AED that was donated. It has been beeping. Shannon took it to the fire station to see what was wrong. They said the pads are expired. The

battery is at 64%. Shannon asked the council to replace the pads. The council agreed that they would replace the pads for the AED. The mayor said to take it out of the building and maintenance. The library is looking at making an outdoor area. This would be a concrete slab with a metal covering. They would like to put metal benches around the sides. The library has money from donations and memorials they would like to use. The area would need to be leveled for concrete. Rusty is going to check the area to make sure there are no water/sewer lines there.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

2. **Consider Tamper fee** – The water clerk has received tamper fee ordinances from other towns. The city is paying for locks that are being cut and shut offs that are being broken when a resident turns their water on themselves. This fee would cover the cost of the locks and other equipment. The motion was made to charge \$100 for water turned on or locks cut, and \$250 for meters or shut offs that are broken.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

3. **Consider Appointments – Treasurer, Clerk, City Superintendent, Water & Sewer Superintendent, Chief**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Waterman,

Motion passed 5 – 0, with Alders M. Scott and Brooks abstaining.

4. **Consider Appointment of Attorney –**

Action taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Davidson

Motion passed 3 – 1, with Alders M. Scott, Brooks, and Waterman abstaining.

5. **Consider hiring of 2 police officers** – The chief has interviewed to candidates one has had PTI training, the other will need it. Brook Lemon worked as a Vermilion Co. Deputy, there was training issues with the department, they said she would be better in a smaller department. She will be able to start department training. Sam Kelley will need to go to PTI training.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

6. **Consider promoting Jason Anderson to Captain** – Alder M. Scott would like to table this until the personnel committee can schedule a time to meet with Sgt. Ander for an interview.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

Motion passed 3 – 2, with Alders Gordon and Waterman abstaining.

7. **Consider Hiring Seasonal part time for Streets & Alley** – Rusty would like to hire Mark Plog to help with mowing and other odd jobs. This will be a seasonal position.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

8. **Consider police body camera purchase** – The quote for body cameras and the video management system is \$49,799.00. They are Motorola cameras. The chief said the max they have working at any given time is 7, and that is during the fair. He included a couple extra in case 1 goes down. They will adopt the same policy as the state. The cameras record 30 seconds back from the time the officers start recording. The chief will be able to send videos right to the State's Attorney's office with this program.

9. **Consider comp time** – The Chief would like some clarification on comp time. It would like to know what the council finds acceptable to claim comp time for. He checks reports on the weekends, to see if any need sent to the State's attorney's office. He does not claim this unless it takes longer than usual. He also answers calls, texts, and emails when he receives them. The motion was made to table this

discussion for more information. They would like a list of what Ed, Rusty, and Whitney normally would claim comp time for.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

**Announcements:**

- There will be a ribbon cutting on Tuesday May 21 at noon for the King of Diamonds Fashion and retail.

**Executive Session:** 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) Personnel matters & (4) possible litigation,

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

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:58 pm.

**Reconvened** from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 9:01 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Allow appeal if advised – Contact IML & Attorney

Action taken: Approved

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Davidson

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

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 20, 2024.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk