

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for June 2, 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 Scott
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Alanya Moore from the Prairie Rivers Network presented information on abandoned mines, coal ash issues, and energy efficient options.
- Jewel Lorenzo asked about the chicken ordinance. The mayor stated that the ordinance did not pass 5 – 3. Mrs. Lorenzo asked if we could bring it back for discussion and why it was declined. The mayor stated she could look at the minutes. She also mentioned there is someone from the U of I working on the history of coal mining in the area.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 19, 2025.
Action Taken: **Approved**,
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison/ Alder Brooks,
Motion passed 8 – 0.
- b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2025.
Action Taken: Approved,
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed 5 – 0, with Alders Morrison, Davidson, and Gordon abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 886. There were 24 payments to vendors for a total of \$69,033.50.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 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 issued golf cart permits to Ruchelle Howell, Charlie Tintorri, and Charles Redmond. The clerk also collected water lab payments totaling

\$85.00 and waste pad payments totaling \$680.00. The clerk issued building permits to Richards Johnson, Janet Martin, and Linda Hoyt.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report:** did Julie marks for Conxxus, fixed sewer at 404 Hill St, fixed sewer at 325 Whittier St, fixed sewer at 207 S. Seminary, put up flags for Memorial Day, and took down flags. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: May 15 -28, 2025 – 15.5 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Karbel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Will** – cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every 2 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 trash pick-ups on Tuesday, cleaned septic dumping bed, decant, top off chemicals in Georgetown and Cayuga, worked on flushing hydrants, went to Danville to get parts to fix zero turn mower, repair broken water hose. **Overtime hours:** 14 hours for May 15 - 28, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 107 calls and 3 ordinance violations, along with 8 in town and 23 out of town assists.

Overtime Hours: 94 hours, 26 Comp time for May 1 -28, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Old Business

1. **Consider Ordinance 2025 – 168 Budget FY 2025-26**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

2. **Consider bathrooms at park** – Alder Weaver asked about using the old bathrooms. These would be easier for someone to keep an eye on. Youth Sports is having a hard time getting volunteers. Whoever locks and unlocks the bathrooms needs to be checking them.

Committee Briefs

- Recommendations from Business District committee – the Business district would like to help Ernie's Ice Cream with a \$15,000 grant towards a roof, and a \$15,000 grant towards HVAC when they are ready. It would be a 5-year forgivable loan.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Scott,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

New Business

1. **Consider Christmas light pole décor**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

2. **Consider Health Insurance** – Health Alliance will be dropping group insurance in December. We can renew with them now, to give us time to find something better. The motion was made to renew with Health Alliance in July, unless a better plan is found before then. Rusty Berry mentioned combining with the fire department for a better rate.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

3. **Consider fluorides in water** – Alder Gordon has a presentation, but his wife was not able to come to help him with it. Jewel Lorenzo mentioned that Utah and Florida have banned fluoride in their water.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Scott / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (4) Legal

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

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Executive session Entered at 7:26 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 7:39 pm

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Gordon,

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 June 2, 2025.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk