

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for June 17, 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>	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
<b>Also Present:</b>	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Tonya Hundley	Deputy Clerk
<b>Absent:</b>	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

### Public Comments:

- Cynthia McMasters & Debra Burow had complaints about a house on Hill St. There is a neighbor feeding many cats, has broken down vehicles, and a couch in their yard. He can't afford to fix the vehicles or feed and fix the cats. He is asking neighbors for cat food. The house belongs to his brother, he moved in when his brother passed away.
- Cynthia also mentioned her granddaughter's cat was killed by pits that live at 306 Whittier. Animal Control wouldn't go anything without picture evidence, even though the granddaughter witnessed it.

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

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Gordon

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

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

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 860. There were 35 payments to vendors for a total of \$38,120.87.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

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

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 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 issued a fence permits to Ellen Ball at 208 Pine St and Jeremy Starwalt at 201 E. West. Building permits were issued to Susan Scarborough at 303 SW. 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Brandon Shaw at 300 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St, Garrett Rollins at 410 S. Main St, Peggy Drotos at 109 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St, Mary Wyer at 106 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St, and the Georgetown Library. The clerk issued Golf cart permits to Heather Nickler, Daniel Taylor, Joseph Grave, Glenda Roulaine, and Tawna Bartley. The clerk also collected lab work payments totaling \$25.00.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- Streets & Alleys Report:** put flags out for flag day, put out rock & asphalt, fixed sink hole on McKinley St, and Cleaned up brush from storm. **Equipment:** washed trucks & mower. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: May 30 – June 12, 2024 – 3 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- Water & Sewer Reports: Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, lab work, working with digester to get rid of foam issue, spraying, troubleshooting air in system between wells and BPS – found that the check valves were not closing, cleaned CL-17, and sprayed lab for bugs. Will is going to take the water test again on August 13<sup>th</sup>. **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, filled chemicals at sewer plant, trimmed trees and sprayed weeds at sewer plant, Oakwood's test, weed eat all hydrants from Cayuga to Georgetown and sprayed, put activated carbon in digester, cut trees out of lagoons, made bracket for zero turn to pull sprayer for lagoons, hand sprayed weeds around sewer plant and tanks, replaced boards on bridge that needed replaced. **Overtime hours:** 15 hours for May 30 – June 12, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

### Old Business

- Consider Comp Time** – Alder M. Scott mentioned having the police use the different activities codes to stay clocked in the county. This will help in not questioning their integrity. Alder Brooks asked about the GPS system for police cars. This would cost about \$1200 per vehicle plus installation. The mayor would like to get the cameras taken care of first, the GPS could be something we add to the next budget. The council would like to get input from the Supervisors on comp time. The motion was made to update the comp time policy with guidelines.

Action Taken: **Approved** to update policy with comp time guidelines

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder M. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

### Committee Briefs

- Alder Gordon asked about having the new officers come in to meet the council. They would also like them to be sworn in.
- Alder Morrison asked for an update on the Latoz Lot. Alder Waterman will get with the committee to set a date for a meeting.
- Alder Morrison asked for an update on the Digby house. The clerk explained that the Chief has been actively working on it.

**New Business**

1. **Consider Personnel Manual** – The personnel manual has not been received from Atty. Funderburg.  
Action Taken: **Tabled**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
2. **Consider NPDES requirement – CSO Operational Plan** – Since 2017 we have updated the pump station, trickling filters, and final settling tank. Alder Waterman mentioned the emergency water back up mentioned we have a top-notch operation, nicer than Aqua. He is very impressed with the money put into it.  
Action Taken: **Accepted reports**  
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Waterman,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
3. **Consider updated animal redemption fees** – The ordinance needs to be updated; amounts are incorrect.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
4. **Consider updating Solicitor's permit** – Our solicitor's permit needs to be updated. Many towns charge \$50 per day, Georgetown's is still \$50 per year. We would like to ban soliciting all together, but if not able to, than make it harder to get a permit. Some towns require them to be fingerprinted at their own expense, and send them to ISP, once fingerprints are received back, they bring them along with an application and they must pay \$50 per day per person. The council made a motion to updated our ordinance to these guidelines.  
Action taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Announcements:**

- The librarian requested use of the Sliva Building for the summer reading program. The council is not allowing the building to be used due to leaks in the roof. There is also park equipment being stored.
- Superintendent Noggle would like to request Connexus to come to the next meeting. It has been suggested to him that we give them some guidelines to go by once they start installation of the fiber optic lines.

**Executive Session:** 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) Personnel matters,  
Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for personnel matters.  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman/ Alder Gordon,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.  
Entered Executive session at 7:59 pm.

**Reconvened** from Executive Session  
Action Taken: **Passed.**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.  
Exit Executive session at 8:46 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Offer job to 1<sup>st</sup> choice, with starting pay at \$19 an hour for probationary period, going to \$20 on November 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Action taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Recommendations from Executive Session: Give Tonya a bonus in December of \$1500 for training.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Waterman,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 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 17, 2024.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk