

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for July 20, 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:	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
	Robert Weaver	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Kenzie Cravens	Deputy Clerk
Absent:	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Steffanie Lyons	Alder Ward 3
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comment:

- Rusty Berry asked about the trash dumped at the dam. The mayor explained the police were on it, and had a lead.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated July 6, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed 5 – 0.
- b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 6, 2026
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed 5 – 0.
- c) Approve Business District Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 9, 2026
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Morrisson / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed 4 – 0, with Alder Weaver abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 914. There were 32 payments to vendors for a total of \$34,027.77. An alderman asked if the signs were up at the legion. They were told yes; they had been installed.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer explained that the water account doesn't look good. The bill for the water tower contract is paid in the first month of the budget, so that always drops the water account down.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
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. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$1908.25. The clerk issued a building permit to Kaleb Broadway at 403 S Kennedy for solar panels. The clerk issued golf cart permits to Tammy Hodge and Jessica Ledesma. A bill from Conxxus was also received for sewer line work at the Methodist Church totaling \$1761.44. A question was asked about how we come up with the figure for the Conxxus bill. The mayor explained that Rusty figures up the cost of the parts and labor. Mr. Alexander asked why we do not charge more? It was explained that we are not breaking even, we are making money. Mr. Alexander suggested emergency wages, putting a bond/road agreement before someone comes in and digs. Alderman Weaver explained we are making money; it is only costing us material.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** cut roots out of sewers on Gibson and Guy St, cleaned & painted curbs, worked on water leak on Apache, worked on new machine at water salesman, worked on fixing arm for water salesman, cleaned storm drains off around town, mowed all city lots. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: June 25 – July 8, 2026: 17.5 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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 as needed, working on hydrants, worked on water main break on Apache/Cherokee, took 2500 HD Truck to YR tire for new tire sensors, cleaned CL-17 machine, pulled toilet in Cayuga to replace wax ring and guts in toilet as well, EPA inspection, rebuild transfer pump #2 due to leaking, collected disinfectant by product samples, collected radiological samples, sent Indiana lead and copper sample results to sample site/home owners. **Overtime hours:** 12 hours for June 25 – July 8, 2026.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Old Business:

1. Consider MFT Project – The mayor explained the council came to a consensus on this last meeting but needed a formal vote.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed 4 – 1.

2. Consider Ordinance 2026-187 – Alder Weaver asked about a sign explaining the rules.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon
Motion passed 4 – 1.

3. Consider Ordinance fines reversal – Attorney Beardsley informed the clerk that \$750 was the highest we could go.
Action Taken: **Approved**,
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison
Motion passed unanimously 3 – 1, with Alder Weaver abstaining.
4. Consider GRF Men's Club – Jim Chandler Memorial Ride
Action Taken: **Tabled**,
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- Business/TIF District Committee Recommendations – Save-a-lot is asking for \$22,000 to replace their HVAC system. Alder Morrison mentioned they had agreed to provide a financial report with the first grant. The city has not received one yet. Jack stated the original agreement was quarterly. They agreed every 6 months. Alder Gordon asked about the 8 year back log. Mr. Alexander said they filled out all paperwork the process will take up to 6 months. The city has given Save-a-lot \$20,000 in 2018, \$5,000 in 2023 for the parking lot, \$50,000 in 2025 to the new investors and if we do \$22,000 in 2026 that is \$92,000 in free money. \$72,000 to the new owners. The lawyers say we can't do a loan, going to have to be a grant. The mayor asked that the bill for AC be sent to the city. This will be a 5 year forgiveness loan, for each year the store stays open, a portion will be forgiven. An alderman asked who the contractor was. Mr. Alexander stated that Atlas Home Improvement was taking care of it, they hope to have it completed in a couple weeks.
Action Taken: **Approved**,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

New Business

1. **Consider slow children playing sign at 419 Vermilion** – It was mentioned that kids are playing in the streets all around town. There was a question about the city being liable if there is a sign, and someone gets hit. Council is concerned they have one put up; everyone will be asking for one. They believe the speed limit is 25 mph.
Action Taken: **Denied**
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
2. **Consider Georgetown Ladies Fire Auxiliary Park use March 19 – Adult Easter Egg hunt** - The ladies auxiliary would like to hold an adult Easter Egg hunt on March 19 at the park. It is a Friday night. This is a fundraiser for new gear.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
3. **Consider Business District policy** – the business district committee would like to add a stipulation that a business must wait 2 years after receiving a grant, before they can ask for another grant.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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 July 20, 2026.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk