



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes

For August 5, 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:

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Shannon Whittaker, librarian gave Alder Davidson a picture of the new outdoor area at the library for the council to see.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated July 15, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved as presented.**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0 with Alder Krabel abstaining.
- Approve Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 18, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved as presented.**
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed 3 – 0, with Alders Krabel and Gordon abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 863. There were payments to 36 vendors for a total of \$47,809.92.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- Clerk’s Report:** Besides preparing the agendas, minutes, meeting packets and typing Streets & Alley reports, the clerk answered e-mails, phone calls, and FOIA Requests, and entered data from surveys received. The clerk issued golf cart permits to James Pirie, Charles Cheney, & Greg Myers. The city received \$340.00 for the waste pad.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

4. **Streets & Alleys Report:** Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s, worked on Bad Meter list, shut off list, and read meters, took down flags, detailed trucks, changed out check valves at wells in Cayuga, finished roads for oil chipping, cleaned and reworked drying beds at wastewater plant, and serviced dump trucks and backhoe. **Overtime hours:** 22 hours for July 11 - 24, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, finished transformer box, got area prepped for it to set on, installed new valves on both well's, dug out and replaced rock in 4 drying beds (replaced underdrain in bed 1), sprayed weeds at sewer plant, installed new sink in headworks building, put 2 new dehumidifiers in BPS to replace non-working units. **Will:** mowed and weeded both Cayuga water building, wells, and Georgetown sewer plant every week, cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at sewer plant every 2 weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant, filled chemicals at Georgetown sewer 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 6 Thursday and Friday every week followed by reading test results every following Tuesday and Wednesday, washed lab equipment and dishes as needed, cleaned grit wash station once a week, cleaned rake system once a week, cleaned septic dumping station, cleaned primary and final tanks weekly, decanted digester, laid gravel and leveled for storage shed to be put in place, installed both valves for wells, deep cleaned grit was station, deep cleaned rake, replaced sink in head works due to old one broken and leaking, cleaned and refurbished drying beds at sewer plants, placed storage shed in South Main lift station, prayed weeds around sewer plant, 002 (overflow) test, did Homers fecal test, went to Danville to get blade engage switch and new blades for zero turn, went to Menards for 2 dehumidifiers for Cayuga water plant, changed switch for blades on zero turn mower, collected all July month paper work for water report, build work bench for head works building. **Overtime hours:** 15 hours for July 11 - 24, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 305 calls, along with 12 in town and 30 out of town assists. **Overtime Hours:** 78.5 hours, 21.5 Comp time for June 26 – July 24, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Old Business:

1. **Consider Ordinance 2024-147 – Pet fines**

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

2. **Consider next step for Oak St. and Church St. houses** – The city attorney has a statute that the city can demolish a dangerous building. The city would be responsible for attorney fees and demo fees. A notice will be sent to the homeowner, they have 15 days to remedy or a petition will be filed with the court. There will be a hearing, once approved we can begin the demolition process. A lien will be put against the property for the costs of demolition.

Action Taken: **Approved** – both properties are unsafe

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

Committee Briefs:

- The ordinance committee recommendations are for any manufactured home to have a 4/12 pitch roof, residential siding and roofing, 6-inch minimum overhang, parallel with the street, 900 minimum sq. ft. and 1 home per lot. Other members mentioned requiring it to be brand new or newer than a certain year. Another council member does not think we should allow single wide trailers/manufactured homes at all.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

New Business:

1. **Consider Rahmtech proposal for the police department** – This is a battery backup that will keep computers, cameras, etc. running if power is lost. The chief was asked about the body cameras. They are not in use yet, having issues with the IT Department. He explained there will be a grace period for officers to get used to wearing the cameras and turning them off. After that they will receive a verbal warning, then a written warning, and they could be suspended for not turning them on. Council Morrison wanted to make sure there is a paper trail for all discipline.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

2. **Consider selling ordinance officer car**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 5- 0.

3. **Consider Georgetown Nazarene Fall Bash** – October 5th from 2-5. They will be having bouncy houses, face painting, balloon animals, games, music, and free food.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

4. **Consider raise for mayor** – The motion was made to raise the mayor's pay to \$7000.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

5. **Consider paint chlorine & fluoride forms at Cayuga Water plant.**

Motion Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (4) legal matters,

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

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:41 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 7:58 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Accept Settlement

Action taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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 August 5, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk