Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes for September 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:

Absent:

Present: Jack Morrison Alder Ward 1

Curt Gordon Alder Ward 2
Michelle Brooks Alder Ward 2
Mike Scott Alder Ward 3
Stephanie Lyons Alder Ward 3
Nick Krabel Alder Ward 4
Robert Weaver Alder Ward 4

Also Present: Darin Readnour Mayor

Amy Cavanaugh Treasurer
Kenzie Cravens Deputy Clerk
Dennis Davidson Alder Ward 1

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

• De Anna Kraay, a representative from Conxxus talked to the board. They want to be a part of the community. She asked if anyone had heard any complaints that she could take care of. If anyone receives any complaints, they can contact her at the number on her business card. Conxxus is planning to solicit 2-3 days a week for 2 weeks. De Anna asked if the council would be willing to work with them for the price of the solicitor's permit. Conxxus has invested a lot into our community and would like to continue investing in our community. De Anna also asked about adding a link on our website. After she left, the council discussed the solicitor's permit. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes.

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated August 18, 2025.

Action Taken: Approved,

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed 7 - 0, with Alder Morrison abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 892. There were 27 payments to vendors for a total of \$39,884.90. Alder Morrison asked about the payment to MSA safety. The mayor explained this is for a new alarm system at the sewer plant that went bad. The mayor also mentioned that there are explosion proof light fixtures at the sewer plant that are starting to fail. The electrician has done some research and has found some cheaper ones that can be retrofitted but will still cost around \$50,000 to replace them all. A council member also asked about the charge to Vermilion Co ETSB. This is for the police computer system.

Action Taken: Approved as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 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 a golf cart permit to Denise Lambert. The clerk issued building permits to Lori Starwalt, Lisa Alspaugh, and Dominic Hagan. The clerk also collected water lab payments totaling \$35.00.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

4. Streets & Alleys Report: weed eat at park, fixed water main break at intersection of W. 6th and Park, fixed water leak at 504 Garfield, worked on sewer on Pine Street, put up flags for Labor Day, and pushed up brush pile. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: August 7 - 20, 2025 – 15.5 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

5. Water & Sewer Reports: Ed – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly testing, water and sewer chores, mowing, cleaned BPS station. 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 and 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 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, trimmed sidewalks, worked on spraying the rest of lagoons and burning them, deep cleaned septic bad, worked on digging trench for new chlorine line to south and north final, did Homer's test. Overtime hours: 25 hours for August 7 - 20, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 103 calls and 2 ordinance violations, along with 7 in town and 5 out of town assists.

Overtime Hours: 47 hours, 101 Comp time for July 24 – August 20, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

Old Business

1. **Consider health insurance** – We received another option for insurance that has lower premium than the previous option. Clerk Wilson received some information about another option through the state that is offered to municipalities. She will get some more information before a decision is made.

Action Taken: Tabled

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

Committee Briefs

• The Street & Alley committee would like to add stop signs to the following intersections: Fourteenth and Guy – 4-way, Fourteenth and Grace – 3-way, Vermilion and Pearl – 4-way, Stone & Pearl – 4-way, Mill & Seminary – 4-way – pending approval by the state.

New Business

1. Consider Constitution Week Proclamation.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

2. Consider GRF Men's club – batting cages – Alan Baldwin explained to the council that the Men's Club is planning another trivia night. Last year funds were raised for soccer goals. This year they would like to raise funds for batting cages. The plan is to put them on the East side of the bathrooms. They would be 50-70 feet long and 12-15 feet wide. They want them to be low maintenance. It will be a chain link fence rather than netting, with concrete, pea gravel, or astro turf. This will be a permanent structure that can be locked if needed. No power will be required. The mayor will have the city superintendent check to make sure the batting cage will work east of the bathrooms.

Action Taken: Approved

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

3. Consider Lion's Candy Day – October 9th – The Lion's club will be collecting at the square on October 9th for Candy Day

Action Taken: Approved

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed 6-1.

4. **Consider Community Solar** – Treasurer Cavanaugh explained how community solar works. She would like to see the contract before the council agrees to anything. It looks like it is a 5-year contract.

Action Taken: Tabled

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons

Motion passed 7 - 0.

Announcements:

- Kim Murdock one of the librarians, passed away. A memorial service was held at the library last Sunday.
- There is a round table with Chapin Rose on Friday, September 5 from 1-2 pm at the library.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Weaver,

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 September 2, 2025.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk