Georgetown City Council Meeting
Minutes for <u>September 8, 2026</u>

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.

<u>Roll Call</u>:

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
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
Absent:	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Steffanie Lyons	Alder Ward 3
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

<u>Public Comment:</u>

- Mr. Patel would like to see about getting some help from the business district. He wants to put in a laundromat next to Lucky 7. Nick explained that will have a business district meeting to discuss.
- Alder Krabel asked Chief Renaker to talk about the crime around town. Flowers on Main had 16 mums stolen, a brick was thrown threw the post office window, and someone caught the straw bales at Save-a-lot on fire. Chief Renaker explained that it is mainly 4 meth addicts. A lot of crimes are crimes of opportunity. They walk around at night looking for stuff. If there is something they can walk away with, they will. With the cash bond, theft is not a holdable crime so they are released. The chief suggests locking everything up. Cameras are a huge help. Anytime a crime happens, the police canvass the neighborhood to see if cameras have caught anything. Lucky 7 had a burglary that was a different scenario, and they knew who did that. Bikes are a big issue, the police try to stop them if they don't have lights etc., make them show their id.
    - The council asked if it would help to have another officer on duty. Chief Renaker mentioned we have one officer on light duty, one that will be leaving soon. He does have someone who may be interested in coming here.
    - The chief mentioned it is helping with Lucky 7 closing at midnight. They don't have anywhere to hang out. He said it is like a bike parade at night. They know where the 4 are staying. There are lots of people out at night.
    - Mr. Alexander asked about limiting the number of Section 8 vouchers or banning e-bikes. The council explained that the state has new statutes going into effect January 1st and the city is going to follow them. The cops are patrolling and arresting them at every opportunity. Mr. Alexander said the cops are outnumbered 10-1.

- Jeremy Hall asked if calling the State's attorney would help? Chief Renaker said they do not have an issue getting charges pressed. If they disagree on something they will discuss and get them charged.

- Jeremy Hall wanted to thank the city council for their support. He said they appreciate all the help and support. They are hoping to be open within the next 3 weeks.
- Darren Alexander asked about dumping the straw at the dam. He was told that is fine, it is yard waste.

1. **Approval of Minutes**.
   a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated August 17, 2026.
   Action Taken: **Approved as presented,**
   Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,
   Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0, with Alder Krabel abstaining.
2. **Payment of Bills.**
   Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 917. There were 45 payments to vendors for a total of $53,178.51.
   Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
   Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,
   Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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 collected waste pad payments totaling $10,136.25 and water lab payments totaling $75. The clerk issued a building permit to Judy Pelszynski at 304 Clark St, Whitney Pratt at 208 E. 14th St, Berdia Payne at 308 W. 12th St, and James McMillen at 302 McKinley for solar panels and Sherley Stettler at 110 E. 12th for a fence permit. The clerk issued golf cart permits to Shantell Buyno and Elizabeth Oakes.
   Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
   Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,
   Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
4. **Streets & Alleys Report**: water main break on Logan St, worked preparing for new sidewalk by Subway, mowed and weed eat all city properties, replace fire hydrant hit in car accident, water leak on Walnut St – hit by boring crew, put flags up for Labor Day. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s**. Overtime hours: July 9 – September 2, 2026 – 41.5 hours.
   Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
   Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,
   Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
5. **Water & Sewer Report:** 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 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 was 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's as needed, did (002) overflow samples due to rain, did fecal samples for Homers, did our 001 fecal sample, did overflow samples on 003, pressure washed the front room to head words building, scrubbed control rooms and cleaned windows, rebuild grit pump and replaced seals, vacked out grit chamber and inspected, pressure washed back room to head works, pressure washed and cleaned basement and stairs leading to under head works, went and got new push mower from Running's

for sewer plant, worked on fluoride pump in Cayuga, helped guys with water leak on Walnut St, serviced zero turn and washed it, fixed flat tire on zero turn. **Overtime hours:** 25.5 hours for August 6 – September 2, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 210 calls along with 12 in town and 11 out-of-town assists, with 19 ordinance violations and 36 traffic stops.
Overtime Hours: 18 hours, 47 Comp time for July 23 – September 2, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Old Business:

1. **Consider Final MFT Payment –**
Action Taken: **Approved**,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 4 – 1.

- Chief Renaker would like to see about an ordinance to block the synthetic drugs that are being sold at Brake Time. The are selling 'Bubbles' that are used to smoke meth or crack. They are also selling synthetic urine. The THC items are just below the threshold for marijuana for the state.
- Alder Morrison asked if Rusty had checked out the chip and seal job on Woodland Dr. The clerk said she would check with him.
- Alder Morrison asked about 300 S. Main. We are still trying to condemn it.

Committee Briefs:

- There will be a Business District meeting at 5:30 on Monday, September 14.
- There will be a Personnel Committee meeting at 6 on Monday, September 14.

New Business:

1. **Consider putting 109 Vermilion up for bid – Ordinance 2026-190**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
2. **Consider putting 401 S. Church St. up for bid – Ordinance 2026-191**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
3. **Consider paying off police station –** there is around $100,000 left on the police station. There is plenty in the Business District to pay it off. We can pay it off early with no penalties.
Action Taken: **Approved,**
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
4. **Consider Constitution Week Proclamation**
Action Taken: **Approved,**
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
5. **Consider Trick or Treat hours –** Trick or Treating will be on October 31st from 5 – 8 pm.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,
Motin passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Announcements:

- The council asked about the meeting for the solar farm going in West of town. Alder Weaver explained that the state will not allow the county to turn it down. If they approve it, they can regulate it better than if the vote it down. The clerk is going to see about ordinances other towns have.
- Alder Weaver said kids at the park have figured out the combo to the Sliva building. He didn't see any damage. He asked where the mold is in the building.
- The Georgetown Bi-centennial committee has raffle tickets for an entertainment basket. There will be more raffles they will be doing through out the year. Local businesses have been very generous.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,
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 September 8, 2026.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk