

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for September 16, 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
	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
<b>Also Present:</b>	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
<b>Absent:</b>	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4

Mayor Readnour declared a quorum was present.

### Public Comments:

- Landon Graham who lives at 110 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street asked if there had been any complaints received about the horse and buggy. He said he knew Alder Krabel had received some complaints. Landon said the Chief planned to make an ordinance against it. Mayor Readnour said their only concern was the mess left from the horses. Landon said he has checked with the state, he does not have to clean anything up on Main St. as it is a state road. He said if we are concerned about the messes the horse will leave, we need to address the number of loose cats and dogs in town. Mayor Readnour stressed that Landon abide by the laws and stay safe. He does not want him to get hurt. The council is concerned about drivers not watching out for him.

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

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

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed 5 – 0, with Alders Davidson and R. Scott abstaining.

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

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 866. There were 27 payments to vendors for a total of \$52,198.10.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

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

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 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 golf cart permits to Brandon Digby and Kenny Dailey. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$2952.50 and water lab payments totaling \$25.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** worked at park, worked on cleaning garage, worked on snowplows, worked on the Santa House, filled pot holes, and put up flags. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.**  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, scooped sludge from sand beds and applied to gun club property, cleaned bowls on sludge station – took out floats and re-adjusted them, replaced batteries – both well sides in battery backups, building winter boxes for drive motors for primary and finals – old ones falling apart, cleaned final settling tanks, and went and got estimates on repair of truck. Will failed his test, he is currently taking an online course and will be able to take the test after completion. **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 two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant, filled chemicals at Georgetown 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, cleaned grit wash station once a week, cleaned rake system once a week, cleaned septic dumping station, cleaned primary and final tanks weekly, decanted, cleaned and painted all brown objects around sewer plant, Oakwoods test, fecal sample for here and Oakwood, went to hardware store in Westville to get stuff to start winterizing sewer plant, made new insulated boxes for finals and primary tank motors, filled chemicals in back room or sewer plant, cleaned up front garage, cleaned south main lift station, cleaned both finals and primary tanks. **Overtime hours:** 10 hours for August 22 – September 4, 2024.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

### Old Business

1. **Consider Ordinance 2024-152 Grocery tax**  
Action Taken: **Approved**,  
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0, with Alder Brooks abstaining.

### Committee Briefs

- Alder Waterman had a call about the Latoz Lot. They were going to think about it and get back to him.
- Tonya called the owner of the old IGA this week. He is putting a new roof on the building. He said he is undecided what he is going to do with it.
- Chief Renaker sent an update on 109 Vermilion. Doyne Cornwell said he sold the house a few years ago, it has also sold for back taxes. He is not sure why it is still in his name. He is supposed to get the chief the paperwork showing it is sold.
- Attorney Beardsley has the documentation needed for 401 S. Church St. The next step should be getting the owner in court.

- Alder Gordon asked about an update on the Historical House. The shed is not done, and they have not placed any parking curbs. Alder Morrison said he has talked to the board; they will be placed once the project is done.

### New Business

1. **Consider drainage project** – Mr. Lambert was supposed to be here tonight to discuss this project. They would like to run tile to the north to drain the water. They are asking the city to contribute because it will help take water off our system. The water will end up in the same place in the end they are just wanting to take it around the north end instead of through town. This will alleviate the water coming through the city's system.  
Action Taken: **Tabled**  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Gordon,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
2. **Consider Trick or Treat hours** – Hours will be from 5 – 8 pm on October 31. Residents are encouraged to have their porch lights on only if they are participating in trick or treating.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
3. **Consider SRO Contract** – The school will reimburse the city at the end of each quarter. This includes hours worked, benefits, and use of the car. They are expected to work 40 hours. If they attend extracurricular activities, they will leave early during the day.  
Action taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
4. **Consider Constitution week 2024**  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder R. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
5. **Consider the phone system** – we received a quote from a company called Unified Global Solutions. They can only handle our phones, not our internet. If we drop Sparklight, we will lose our discount for the internet.  
Action Taken: **Approved** to stay with Sparklight  
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder R. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
6. **Consider personal days – policy manual** – Clerk Wilson has learned from the HR attorney that we cannot frontload personal days and expect employees to pay them back if used but not earned. The motion was made to continue frontloading personal days and remove the paragraph stating the must be paid back if terminated.  
Action Taken: **Approved**,  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

### Announcements:

- Election packets are available during normal business hours.

### **Executive Session:** 5ILCS 120/2(c) (3) Public Properties and (5) Personnel

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for public properties and personnel.

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:57 pm.

**Reconvened** from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 8:17 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Move forwards with item discussed.

Action taken: **Approved,**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 -0.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

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 16, 2024.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk