

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for October 6, 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:

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

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Ashley Murphy, owner of Kings of Diamond presented a request for the business district. They are wanting to close the fashion store and open a crispy chicken restaurant. She presented the business idea to the council and requested a meeting with the business district committee.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 15, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved as presented,**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed 6 – 0, with Alder Davidson abstaining.

- Approve Business & TIF District Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 15, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved as presented,**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,

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

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 894. There were 48 payments to vendors for a total of \$227,584.11.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

- 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 building permits to Tom Cohoon, Claire Zachman, Ryan Goodwin, Jeff Stal, Terry Stal, and Kristy Martin. The clerk also collected water lab payments totaling \$75.00 and waste pad payments totaling \$2635.00.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report:** worked on snow plow, ran sewers, fixed road signs, trimmed trees on streets, washed trucks and backhoes. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: September 18 – October 1, 2025 – 10 hours.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
5. **Water & Sewer Reports: 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, filled trench and spread grass seed, cleaned trough in back room of sewer plant lab, helped fix check valve at water salesman, deep cleaned sewer plant lab. **Overtime hours:** 34.5 hours for September 18 – October 1, 2025.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 131 calls and 3 ordinance violations, along with 5 in town and 6 out of town assists.
Overtime Hours: 108.5 hours, 119 Comp time for August 21 – October 1, 2025.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Old Business

1. **Consider health insurance** – Alder Brooks had someone check out the different insurance plans. They recommended option 2 Blue Cross Blue Shield, the same one that Epic recommended. Treasurer Cavanaugh said the price will be close to what we currently have. Treasurer Cavanaugh mentioned starting the new plan December 1. The representative said the prices could increase on January 1.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Committee Briefs

- Alder Morrison asked about the dumpster at the Church Street house. One of the lots with the barn has been bought for back taxes. They did not buy the house.
- Alder Morrison asked where we were with the strip mall. Clerk Wilson explained we were waiting on the quit claim deed. It will be finalized as soon as we receive that.
- Alder Krabel will get with the business district committee to set up a meeting.

New Business

1. **Consider FY 2024-25 Audit Report** – Ann Scales from Lauterbach & Amen joined by telephone. She explained different parts of the audit report to the board. Alder Morrison asked for an explanation. She said the audit was good, increases in balance, making scheduled payments on time, no new debt. All the internal controls are good.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

2. **Consider Cobra Insurance** – the new company taking over the insurance does not do the cobra insurance. This is the company they are recommending for that. Treasurer Cavanaugh thought it would be a good idea. This is something we have to keep up with to be in compliance.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

3. **Consider 200th celebration – Brenda Lierman** – The 200th Anniversary for Georgetown is June 2027. We need to start planning for this. The group would like to start a committee to plan events to celebrate. They are asking for the city council's support, and also a council liaison.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed 7 – 0.

4. **Consider Community Solar** – The representative sent some more information along with the contract. The council would like the attorney to look over this.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

5. **Consider Records storage building** – The mayor met with Hillside Development to come up with bid specifications for a records storage building. The building will also include a 10 x 10 room for the police evidence room. The council asked about funds for the building. The treasurer said there is money in the business district and money budgeted for this. It is a simple metal building that will have 1 door, climate control, lights, same color as the police station.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

6. **Consider Police Department's new firearms policy** – The police department is in the process of updating their policies. This is just one of them. This will prevent officers from modifying their department issued weapons.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

7. **Consider Jayson Thompson full-time – police department** – Jayson Thompson would like to come back to full-time. He will be on a 1-year probation.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

8. **Consider Ordinance 2025 – 174 – Stop signs** – This ordinance will add stop signs on Vermilion and Pearl, and Stone and Pearl, and 14th St. and Guy, and 14th and Grace.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Lyons

Motion passed 7 – 0.

Announcements:

- Alder Weaver has a land bank meeting next week. He will let them know there are 2 houses the city has ready to tear down.
- The Lions Club collection at the square is this Saturday.
- The Homecoming Parade is Wednesday, October 8 at 6 pm.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder 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 October 6, 2025.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk