



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes

For October 7, 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
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
Absent:	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Mark Winland asked about the weight limit on W. West St. Hefty Seeds is just west of town. They have delivery trucks coming every day. Their GPS is having them take country roads to bypass W. West St. Mr. Winland has reached out to State Representative Adam Niemerg. It is not in IDOT jurisdiction for approximately 0.6 miles. Mayor Readnour stated that we would check to see if there is any ordinance and what needed to be done to remove the signs.
- Joes Graves from S. Main St. asked about the abandoned house at 611 S. Main St. The grass is getting high and needs to be mowed. Mr. Graves also mentioned that he likes that the police are setting up in different areas of town with their radars on.
- Mr. Graves and Mr. Winland both mentioned they like the speed limit signs by MMJH. Rusty Berry mentioned raising the speed limit on Mill St. It goes from 25 – 55 mph.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated September 16, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved as presented.**
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0 with Alder Krabel abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 867. There were payments to 50 vendors for a total of \$176,363.23.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
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, phone calls, and FOIA Requests, entered data from surveys received and prepared Indiana and Illinois lead line survey to submit.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 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, tore out 160 feet of sidewalk on Newlin between East 12th & 13th Streets, installed new water tap near Cayuga, tore out bad spots on city parking lot by war memorials, and mowed city lots. **Overtime hours:** 12.75 hour for September 19 – October 2, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
5. **Water & Sewer Reports: 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 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, clean and painted pipe to dumping beds, sprayed weeds, cleaned sludge station, cleaned primary building, build and placed all insulated boxes for motors that are outside, cut and dispose of fallen tree on well #2's lot, cleaned antenna and all connections on well #1 to try to fix communication errors, changed batter in battery back up on final tanks, cleaned C117 machine, cleaned zero turn, did all Ed's paper work and recordings of water and sewer for the week he was on vacation, cleaned up brush someone lost by lagoon fence, stream sample and fecal samples for October, worked on Oakwood samples. **Overtime hours:** 22 hours for September 19 – October 2, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 176 calls, along with 10 in town and 29 out of town assists. **Overtime Hours:** 64 hours, 24 Comp time for August 22 – October 2, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Old Business:

1. **Consider phone service for police department** – The police will receive a new phone system and will have a recorded line.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

New Business:

1. **Consider estimate for fire station** – there are 3 estimates for the sidewalk and approach at the fire station. This will be paid for with TIF Funds.
Action Taken: **Approved estimate from Snider Trucking**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

2. **Consider Christmas parade for December 8 @ 5:30 pm**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 - 0.

3. **Consider yearbook ad – same as last year.**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Announcements:

- Someone asked for an update on the modular vs trailer. Nothing has been decided on it. It was sent back to the ordinance committee.
- Chief Renaker and the police department is working on the issue of campers being lived in.
- An alderman received a complaint on the yellow house on E. 13th. It is now empty. The garage is full of trash and the yard is overgrown.
- The paperwork for 308 E. 9th St has been signed. Waiting on paperwork from Teepak for the release of mortgage. The land bank will be scheduling asbestos testing soon.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (4) Litigation and (5) Personnel

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

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:42 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 7:56 pm

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 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 October 7, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk