

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for December 15, 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 Gordon
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Tricia Copass asked about being put on the agenda. The youth softball board is wanting to put up scoreboards for the baseball diamonds.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated December 1, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 899. There were 48 payments to vendors for a total of \$100,804.54.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$2613.75.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** ran sewers, plowed snow and salted roads, cleaned shop, put up buffalo banners, cleaned up all city buildings, prepped pad for new records building. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: November 27 – December 10, 2025: 38.5 hours.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly testing, sent out sludge sample, currently working on cyber security vulnerability for EPA, greased motors at BPS, snow removal, and attended conference at French Lick. **Will:** cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every two weeks, 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, snow shoveled sewer plant, worked on sludge station, decanted digester, deep cleaned grit wash, did Oakwood tests, cleaned CL17 and filled liquids. **Overtime hours:** 12 hours for November 27 – December 10, 2025.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
7. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 39 calls, along with 7 in town and 6 out of town assists.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Old Business

1. **Consider annexation** – The clerk included an email from the attorney explaining the steps. The council agreed there are a lot of hoops to jump through. If an area wanted to be brought into city limits, and the entire neighborhood agreed, it would be much easier. Alder Gordon said it was just an idea, he doesn't think we should. The cost would outweigh the benefits.
Action Taken: **Dismissed**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
2. **Consider Pinecrest Parking lot** – Dr. Neal passed out a map of the drainage plan. The school board and maintenance department have met with Greene's and Rusty Noggle. They believe this drainage plan will work the best. They will tie into an existing tile that runs under Kennedy. Alder Weaver asked what size the current line is. Rusty said he would look at the maps. He wasn't 100% sure. Prairieland Drainage will be doing the work for the school district. Mrs. Neal also looked into the TIF District restrictions. The city cannot legally use TIF money on an area not in the TIF District. The total project cost is \$106,000. The grant requires the city pays 30%. The council will need to discuss if the city is able to help. The parking lot is still an issue that needs addressed. Officers are making them go to the end of the line if they are there patrolling. Dr. Neal also suggested splitting the money between fiscal years if needed. The school has to have an agreement from the city before they can apply for the grant. The finance committee will have to meet to discuss this.
Dr. Neal also wanted to show appreciation for Rusty and his staff for everything they did by putting up the banners.
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

New Business

1. **Consider new backhoe** – The street & alley department is needed a new backhoe. They have put 6000 hours on the current one. Rusty says it is their most used tool. It is well taken care of, and maintenance done yearly. The mayor received a quote for a new one, with 2 payment options. Amy said there is money in the heave equipment savings which the city puts money in every budget to be prepared for a big purchase like this. There is \$42,000 set aside. There is also money in the Fund 44 account. There is \$4,000 transferred to that account every month. The city could pause that transfer and make monthly payments to pay the backhoe off faster. If we make monthly payments instead of 1 yearly payment in the option, we will pay less interest. The mayor mentioned that the Street & Alley Department will need a new sewer vac eventually. The current one is over 25 years old. The council agreed to pay \$21,000 down out of the savings and put the \$4000 monthly from Fund 44 towards monthly payments.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

2. **Consider Yearbook ad** – The council decided to do the \$72 sponsor a yearbook for a student.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Announcements:

- Alder Morrison asked about a letter he received from a resident concerning water. The clerk explained the situation. He asked her to check with the attorney.
- Alder Morrison asked about the tree at the square. Someone asked him why it wasn't decorated yet. The clerk let him know lights were put on it last week.
- Christine Holycross mentioned how nice the activities were before the Christmas parade.
- The city received a Thank you from the Holiday Gathering committee for their continued support.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Lyons,

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 December 15, 2025.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk