

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for February 18, 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 M. Scott  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Roll Call:

<b>Present:</b>	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4/Mayor Pro-tem
<b>Also Present:</b>	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
<b>Absent:</b>	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3

Mayor Pro-tem Waterman declared a quorum was present.

### Public Comments:

- Alaina Moore from the Prairie Rivers Network spoke about Coal ash and Abandoned Mine Land. She also gave information on many funding opportunities and grants available to the city and residents. She left information for anyone interested. Alderman M. Scott asked if there is funding available for sink holes in roads caused by abandoned mines. Ms. Moore said there could be, the funding is priority based, so it must be a high priority.
- Darren Alexander asked if anyone had contacted the owners of abandoned homes around town. It was explained to him that the council has a list that is currently being worked on with the land bank. There are steps that the city must follow. He mentioned a couple homes, one on Pearl has been bought, with plans to clean up the property and tear the house down. It was explained that the steps take time, nothing can be done in the snap of a finger. Mr. Alexander brought up the property on E. 13<sup>th</sup>, that he is going to work on. Gary Readnour asked what happens if someone gets hurt on the property, Mr. Alexander said they would be on their own. He also asked why this is so urgent now, this property has been an issue for the last few years. Mr. Alexander asked about setting up his food trailer on the Latoz Lot to feed the volunteers. It was explained to him that it was not on the agenda, and the next meeting would not be until after the event. Clerk Wilson also explained that they have not let anyone set up any food trucks or otherwise on the Latoz Lot due to liability issues. Alder Waterman informed Mr. Alexander he had exceeded the time limit.

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

- Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2025.  
Action Taken: **Approved with corrections**,  
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Krabel,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
- Approve Streets & Alley Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 3, 2025  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Brooks

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- c) Approve Business District Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 5, 2025

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed 5- 0, with Alder Gordon abstaining.

**2. Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 877. There were 33 payments to vendors for a total of \$44,651.05.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Davidson,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**3. Treasurer's Report.**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 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 a golf cart permit to Kellie Anderson. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$1976.25.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** worked on lead line survey, worked on the mayor and clerk's offices, worked on sewer on Guy St, worked on sewer on E. 14<sup>th</sup> St., did Julie marks for Connxxus, salted roads, rocked road at sewer plant, rocked holes around town. **Equipment:** washed and waxed vehicles and washed and greased backhoe. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.**

Overtime hours: January 23 – February 5, 2025: 46 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly testing, submitted LCRR lead and copper monitoring site plan update, monthly samples, filled chlorine day tank at BPS, cleaned CL-17 chlorine analyzer and worked on non-potable water tank in headworks building (faulty float). **Will** – cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water 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, cut and collect all trash for trash pick-ups on Tuesday, cleaned septic dumping station, decant, did Oakwoods test, cleaned glass bowls on all sewer pumps. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for January 23 – February 5, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Old Business:**

1. Consider Youth Sports Park Use – The Baseball board is asking for use of the park; concession stand and bathrooms.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. Consider Adelia Alley Vacation at 15<sup>th</sup> St.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**New Business:**

**1. Consider Keep Vermilion County Beautiful**

Action Taken: **Approved**, same amount as before

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**2. Consider GRF Men's Club Parade April 26.** The GRF Men's club is planning a parade for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans coming home. Many community groups plan to be involved in the parade along with a few State Representatives. Senator Chapin Rose wants to present veterans with a certified document from the State of Illinois. The route will start at the Fairgrounds and end at the high school.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**3. Consider IRWA Apprenticeship Program** – This is a program to help our water/sewer operator in training to learn and help with his operator's license. The motion was made to approve the program pending the cost is reasonable.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**4. Consider Ordinance 2025-163 VanCamp Lane**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Godon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**5. Consider Ordinance 2025-164 Stop signs on Park and VanCamp Lane**

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (3) Real Estate**

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for real estate.

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

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Executive session Entered at 7:30 pm.

**Reconvened** from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 8:00 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Approve what was discussed.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 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 February 18, 2025.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk