

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for April 15, 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:	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
Absent:	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- No public was present.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0, with Alder R. Scott and Krabel abstaining.

b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 27, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 3 – 0, with Alders Morrison, Davidson, R. Scott, and Gordon abstaining.

2. **Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 855. There were payments to 31 vendors for a total of \$65,862.28.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report.**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

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 fence permits to David Snider at 313 W. 11th St. The clerk issued building permits to Skyler Austin at 202 W. 7th St. and William Switzer at 414 Kennedy. The clerk issued golf cart permits to

Rita Hutson, Brandon Linton, Linda Clarey, Ruchella Howell, Michael Shake, Doug & Peggy Wolpert, Erin Hall, Ron Howard, & Gage Wilson. The clerk issued a tobacco to Dollar General, a liquor and cigarette license to Caseys, Juke box & arcade license to the American Legion, and liquor, video gaming, and tobacco license to Lucky 7. The clerk also collected a waste pad payment totaling \$85.00.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

- Streets & Alleys Report:** tore out sidewalk on Stone St and EN Third St, poured concrete on Stone St, sawed bad spots on McKinley St for repairs, mowed park & all city lots, started mapping water meters & valves, water lines, and sewer lids for GIS. **Equipment:** washed & greased backhoe. **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 Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

- Water & Sewer Reports:** **Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, doing GIS with one of the guys from Frontier, worked on power washer (got it back together and running.) **Will** – chores at both sewer and water buildings every day, weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, Biweekly lift station reports, cleaned all glass bowls, cleaned rake, cleaned grit wash, cleaned trickling filter, mowed and weeded Cayuga, cleaned septic dumping bunker, cleaned up front of sewer plant, decanted to drying beds, cleaned front room to headworks in Georgetown, cleaned both south and north finals, did Oakwood's test, cleaned air handler room in headworks, serviced trickling filter, cleaned lab, pressure washed bridge so we can repaint it, pressure washed chlorine building, did stream samples, rehung no signs on fence with wire instead of zip ties that keep breaking, cleaned out garage, collected EPA sample from Cayuga, hung new rain water gauge, did 002 samples and test, did 002 and stream fecal test, cleaned up 002 pipe area, moved some of the big stones that were out of place and filled in a big sink hold in bank stream, cleaned chlorine injector in Cayuga, topped of chlorine in Cayuga, topped off bio sulfite Georgetown. **Overtime hours:** 14 hours for March 21 – April 1, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Old Business:

- Alder Morrison asked about an update on the burnt house on Church St. There is still parts of the metal roof that are being blown in the wind. Mayor Readnour is going to contact the chief to get an update and see what needs to be done. The question was asked about condemning the property. The clerk is going to check with the Attorney to find out the proper steps.

New Business:

- Consider GYS Color Run** – The color run will be on Sunday April 28 at 9 am.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

- Consider 2024 – 25 FY Draft Budget** – Treasurer Cavanaugh explained that by the looks of the budget we are in the red, but due to savings that have been put back for certain things, we will not be in the red. The mayor removed the roof project for the park. The treasurer included the extra for a new HR clerk but did not include the Locis 8 upgrade. The public hearing for the budget will be at 6:45 on May 6.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0, with Alder M. Scott abstaining.

- Consider** laptop for meter reads – the current laptop has crashed. This is the computer that is used for the monthly meter read.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

4. **Consider trench blocks** - Rusty has money left in his budget that will cover this.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

5. **Consider vaccine clinic** – the county would like to hold a rabies clinic in the city. They are requesting to do it on a week day, but the council thinks it would be better on a weekend. The clerk is going to contact them to see what can be done.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

Announcements:

- The food truck freedom act has not been passed yet. Alder Davidson thinks we should repeal the current ordinance and wait until something is decided with the bill before we continue discussion. The clerk will contact the attorney.
- Alder Morrison asked about the appraisal for the Latoz Lot. We have found one in 2020, but the council thinks we need a current one.
- The library is having issues with cars being parked in a no parking zone. There are lines painted on the cement, but the cops are requesting signs be put up.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) Personnel matters

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for personnel matters.

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

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:43 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 7:54 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Offer \$17.50 for HR Clerk.

Action taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Waterman,

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 April 15, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk