



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes for June 5, 2023

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. City hall was set up with the Social Distancing in mind.

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
	Lucas Seilhymer	Alder Ward 2
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- No public was present at the meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 15, 2023.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed 7 – 0, with Alder Krabel abstaining.
- b) Approve Business/TIF District Meeting minutes dated May 22, 2023
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Morrison / Alder Waterman
Motion passed 6 – 0, with Alders R. Scott & Seilhymer abstaining.

2. **Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 833. There were payments to 34 vendors for a total of \$73,332.63.

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

3. **Clerk's Report:** Besides preparing the agendas, minutes, meeting packets and typing Streets & Alley reports, the clerk answered e-mails and phone calls, prepared surveys for mailing, and mailed lead service line surveys. Golf cart permits were issued to Alan Gash, Peggy Wolpert, Russell Rose, Pam Willis, David Myers, and Judith Hughes.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Seilhymer / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report: Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s**, cleaned & painted curbs, poured concrete on Pine St. **Park:** worked on new playground area, poured concrete for pickle ball court.
Overtime Hours: 37.5 hours for May 4 - 31, 2023
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Seilhymer / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, water/sewer reports, water usage report, CSO report, mowing, rebuilt check valve in #2 transfer pump, sprayed lagoons, did research on companies and different equipment to do our own fecal samples, turned up zero turn, cleaned final clarifiers, burn off the dead grass in lagoon area and leaned lab. **Will:** chores both sewer and water, weekly test and sampling, sharpened zero turn mower blades and cleaned deck, cleaned primary, cleaned rake, changed fuel filter on zero turn, put new spark plugs in zero turn, sewer report, sprayed weeds at sewer plant, mowed and weeded, weeded and sprayed all 26 hydrants from sewer building to Cayuga Water building, greased PBR, did an oil change on PBR, cleaned final's, sprayed lagoons, scrubbed back room in head works, cleaned trickling filter, cleaned all glass bowls on pumps, fixed check valve on transfer pump #2, cleaned off platform where 001 comes out of plant to stream, burned around lagoons. **Overtime hours:** 30 hours for May 4 - 31, 2023.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented
Motion / Second: Alder Seilhymer / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 192 calls along with 8 in town and 3 out of town assist.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Seilhymer / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Old Business:

1. Consider Water Tower cleaning – USG Water, who bought out Viola, is working with National Wash Authority to finish the tower cleaning. They were able to get us a credit of \$1,900, the amount paid for what was done. We were able to get references and contracts from all 3 bids we received. The motion was made to go with USG Water and National Wash Authority.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- **Business District Committee**
 - Save a lot needs to get their parking lot done. There are a couple spots that need to be cut out and asphalt re done. The Business /TIF District committee recommends a grant for 1/3 of the project up to \$5,000.
Action Taken: **Approved** grant up to \$5,000.
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
 - The Fire Department contacted Alder Waterman about the area the building was torn down. There is a large drop off from the approach off the Route 1. Rusty Berry talked to Rusty Noggle about redoing the approach. The city guys do not have time to redo it right now. They would like to remove the approach completely and just have a sidewalk through there. IDOT will have to be contacted to approve removing the approach, the city will be required to add a handicap ramp when the sidewalk is redone also. The drop off is on the fire department's property and will have to be addressed. The city has other sidewalks that are higher on the list at this time. The motion was made to deny the fire department's request at this time.

Action Taken: **Approved** to deny grant.
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

New Business:

1. Meet with Mrs. Neal Georgetown School Superintendent – Mrs. Neal informed the council the school is moving forward with the road along the west side of Pinecrest Property. They have received permission from the cemetery board. There is some tiling work they will need done, Mrs. Neal asked Rusty about tying into the city's tile. Rusty is going to go take a look at it, and the school's engineers are working on it also. Over the summer, they are working on replacing all the asphalt around Pinecrest. Except for the lot to the south of the school. Mrs. Neal asked if the city would be able to help financially with this project. Alder Waterman ask that she put some numbers together and then he will call a Business/TIF District Committee Meeting.
2. Consider Grant fee for Lead Service Lines – Lisa and Darla applied for a grant to cover the creation of the Lead Service Line Inventory. Darla and Lisa are asking for \$2,000 IF the city is award the grant of \$40,000.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
3. Update of Vermilion County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee – Alder Davidson attended the meeting in May. They are wanting each city to give them a list of most important to mitigate any disasters, natural or terrorist. They want them rated by importance. If Georgetown would want help from FEMA at anytime, they must identify their list ahead of time. Some examples include the storm siren, we need something at the North & South end of town, terrorism to water/sewer line – could put cameras or alarm system up.
4. Consider Ordinance 2023-127 Water and Sewer Rates – The council voted on May 1 to increase the water rates. This is the ordinance to put it into effect. The increase will go into effect with August Billing.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
5. Consider Ordinance 2023-128 IPMC – This is the ordinance to put into effect what Mr. Biggerstaff was talking about at the last meeting, for grass height and pool fencing.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
6. Consider T-Ball Jamboree June 17th – GYSA would like to have a T-Ball Jamboree on June 17th at the park. This will include 4 tball games along with concession, food, bounce houses, fire trucks spraying water, and a dunk tank.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
7. Consider Water Lab – Danville is no longer going to test water for other towns. Ed has been looking into what it would cost to set a lab up at Georgetown. The cost would be \$9,812.16. Supplies would cost \$14 per test. The city has paid \$2,125 over the last 3 years. Ed would also be able to do testing for area towns, which would bring in income.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Seilhymer / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

8. Consider Dress Code Policy – At an employee training with IML RMA, it was mentioned that ALL employees including part time summer help should be wearing long pants. We have one employee who refuses to comply. After given written proof, he said it was recommended, not required. The motion was made to write up a dress code policy to add to the manual.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed 5 – 3.
9. Consider Bethel Baptist Request – Bethel Baptist would like to close off the first block of McKinley St for a children’s activity on Saturday August 19th, with a rain date of August 26th, from 10 – 1.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
10. Consider Sewer Plant Waster Pad – We have received a bid from Coal Creek Construction for the waste pad. It was \$15,740. The city guys will install the drain and dig the footings. This would also be potential income for the city, sewer trucks could dump there instead of going to Danville.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements:

- Alder Morrison had someone mention the Welcome Sign at the South end of town. It needs some work. Rusty said that is on his list for this summer.
- Treasurer Cavanaugh has the Principal at the High School approach her. The Trades class is looking to expand. They were asking if we had any houses that need work. Treasurer Cavanaugh just thought that is something the council could be thinking about, if there is anything they could do.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Seilhymer,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:48 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 June 5, 2023.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk