

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for August 21, 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.

Invocation delivered by Alderman Gordon
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present:	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	Alder Ward 2
	Michelle Brooks	Alder Ward 2
	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
Absent:	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Randy Beauvois of W. 11th St. – he has talked to the ordinance officer about an ordinance violation. He put up a fence to hide the issue. The Ordinance officer is saying he still needs to clean the mess up. Randy says he keeps his property well maintained, the issue Dave has is some equipment and supplies that are now in a locked fence. Chief Renaker is going to talk to Mr. Biggerstaff to see what the violation is and will contact Randy.

1. Approval of Minutes.

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated August 7, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

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

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

b) Approve Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 7, 2023

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

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

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 839. There were payments to 35 vendors for a total of \$50,274.88.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

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 2 golf cart permits to Ruchella Howell and Fred & Ruth Staub. A demo permit was issued to Christy Loop for 101 Dyke Dr. Fence Permits were issued to Jeff & Lisa Alspaugh & Felicia Adkins. Building permits were issued to Aaron Schultz and Christy Loop.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** fixed water main break at intersection of S. Seminary & Gibson – 2" Broke 2 places, installed sewer tap on S. Seminary St, worked n brush pile at dam, started work on sinkhole on Kennedy Dr, worked on repairing flags. **Equipment:** washed trucks & backhoe. **Buildings:** fixed bathroom door at city hall. **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 Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, water/sewer reports, did fecal test, tested chlorine count in final clarifiers, mowed sewer plant and Cayuga, cleaned bowl's on pumps in sludge station, CSO report, lead and copper sample results to customer in Indiana, took lead samples for 1310 Haworth St (sent to lab), put new bearing, seal, sleeve, and prop in digester, cleaned rake in headworks, cleaned grit washer, cleaned injector in chlorine (BPS), and de-scaled water distiller.
Overtime hours: 8 hours for July 26 – August 9, 2023.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Old Business:

1. Consider Vacation Policy – council requested more time to look over the different vacation policies received. The Personnel committee will schedule a meeting to discuss. The motion was made to table this discussion until the council could look over the samples given, and a personnel committee meeting could be called to discuss.
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
2. Consider City Cleanup Day – Wanda Shade contacted Crane Disposal to get prices on dumpsters. She also received a list of what is allowed to be put in the dumpsters. They do not allow tires, batteries, yard waste, hazardous materials, wet paint, electronics, appliances, ash from burn barrels, hot water heaters, and air conditioners. The council decided to hold the clean up on October 7 from 8-2. There will be 3 dumpsters available. If the dumpsters are full before 2, they will be closed. Wanda is going to contact Crane to reserve the dumpsters. Clerk Wilson will work on a flyer. The motion was made to approve the clean up day for October 7.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder R. Scott
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- Alder Waterman informed the council that Keith Moran passed away. Keith helped put the business and TIF districts together.

New Business:

1. Consider committee updates – Alder Brooks will take the place of Alder Seilhymer on the Streets &

Alleys and Ordinance Committees. The council chose to do away with the redistricting committee at this time. The motion was made to remove the redistricting committee and replace Lucas with Michelle on 2 committees.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. Consider GRHS Homecoming Parade October 4 – The high school homecoming week is October 2-7. They would like to hold the parade on Wednesday, October 4. There is a conflict with volleyball games that night, so they asked if the parade could be at 5/5:30. There have been complaints in the past due to people getting off work at 5, and not making it in time, or trying to get home during the parade. Last year the parade was at 6 and worked out better. The motion was made to approve the parade to start at 5:30 on October 4 to accommodate the volleyball game.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. Consider 1107 Haworth – The mayor would like to call a couple contractors to see what kind of price he can get for demolition. The council asked that the land bank give them another week. The motion was made to table this discussion for more information.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel

Motion passed 5 – 1.

4. Consider Liens/Collection for Ordinance Violation Fees – Collection letters have been sent to the landlords of 3 properties. These landlords have had court days last fall and were receiving \$100 a day fine. Mr. Biggerstaff requested the cases be closed so the city can start the collection/lien process. The motion was made to place liens on the properties. The hope is this will get the owners' attention and they will contact the city.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. Consider GRHS Ag Program Request – Mrs. Neal contacted the clerk about putting livestock on a property they want to lease. The issue is the property is within city limits. The council asked the clerk to contact the attorney to see if we can make an exception to the ordinance for the school with limitations. The mayor asked for a list from the school of what kinds of livestock and how many they want to have. Chief Renaker is going to contact the landowner to make sure he agrees. The motion was made to table this discussion for more information.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

6. Consider Personnel Policy – The clerk received the updated policy from the attorney. The clerk emailed the attorney to get clarification on the short-term disability policy. We will also have to add the vacation policy once a decision is made on it. Motion was made to table the personnel policy at this time.

Action Taken: Tabled

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

7. Consider Postal Machine – Wi Fi – The USPS has updated their requirements for the postal machines for security. We will have to get a new machine, but we will have to have wi-fi for their machine to work. The new postal machines only use wi-fi. The council asked the clerk to get more information on pricing for wi-fi for the city hall. The motion was made to table this discussion for more information.

Action Taken: Tabled

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements

- The clerk received an application from Family Dollar for a beer and wine license for off premise consumption. The council was concerned about sales hurting the small business in town.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 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 August 21, 2023.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk