



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes

For September 3, 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 Gordon
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Sergeant Anderson presented a copy of the policy for the police body cams. They will record all traffic stops, all calls for service in which citizen contact is made, all citizen transports, all investigatory stops, all foot pursuits, when arriving at law enforcement events and/or citizen contacts initiated by other Officers, and other incidents the officer reasonably believes should be recorded for law enforcement purposes.

Captain Anderson said they will state that they are being recorded, if a victim requests the camera to be shut off, they will state why camera is being shut off and stop recording. This will be a learning process for the officers to remember to start recording. Mayor Readnour asked Captain Anderson if he had anything else, Captain Anderson stated no, he is happy.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated August 19, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved with corrections.**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0 with Alder Waterman abstaining.
- b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 15, 2024.
Action Taken: **Approved as presented.**
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed 4 – 0, with Alders Morrison and Gordon abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 865. There were payments to 36 vendors for a total of \$127,882.01.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. **Clerk's Report:** Besides preparing the agendas, minutes, meeting packets and typing Streets & Alley reports, the clerk answered e-mails, phone calls, and FOIA Requests, and entered data from surveys received.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report:** Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s, worked on Bad Meter list, shut off list, and read meters, put in 180 feet of 12-inch sewer and set new manhole, put up flags, started fixing storm intake on E. 12th St, trimming intersections and streets. **Overtime hours:** 1 hour for August 8 - 21, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, worked on sludge stations – floats messing up, submitted new updated CSO pollution plan, working with painters on BPS to get rooms painted – however humidity is too high right now causing pipers to sweat when running (so we are waiting for humidity to go down to paint, installed VFD in digester cabinet to control speed of blower – to minimize foam issue. Currently working out bugs. Will took his test awaiting results. **Will:** mowed and weeded both Cayuga water building, wells, and Georgetown sewer plant every week, cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at sewer plant every 2 weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant, filled chemicals at 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, cleaned grit wash station once a week, cleaned rake system once a week, cleaned septic dumping station, cleaned primary and final tanks weekly, decanted, finished painting bridge, cleaned and organized head works building, took water test 8/13/24, enrolled in online water class's, sprayed weeds around Georgetown waste water plant, painted all brown and silver parts around sewer plant, worked on floats in sludge station. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for August 8-21, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 146 calls, along with 12 in town and 24 out of town assists. **Overtime Hours:** 47.5 hours, 54 Comp time for July 25 – August 20, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Old Business:

1. **Consider Ordinance 2024-148 – Alderman Pay**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. **Consider Ordinance 2024-150 – Mayor Pay.**

Action Taken: **Approved** –

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

New Business:

1. **Consider Resolution 2024-149 Homecoming Parade** – Homecoming parade will be September 25 at 6 pm. It will follow the same route from the fairgrounds to the high school.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
2. **Consider Ordinance 2024-151 Budget Amendment**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6- 0.
3. **Consider Tonya’s Retirement letter** – Tonya last day will be October 2.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
4. **Consider 308 E. 9th St.** – Clerk Wilson has talked to Darren Duncan, once the city gains possession of the property he will expunge all taxes. Clerk Wilson will get the needed paperwork signed to proceed.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
5. **Consider 109 Vermilion** – Alderman Gordon would like the city to look into this address to see what can be done. According to tax records it is owned by Doyne Cornwell. The house is in bad shape and needs to be torn down.
6. **Consider Ordinance violations/abandoned houses** – The city hall received an anonymous complaint with a list of many houses. Most are abandoned or the owners are deceased. The police are working on the ones they can, but many do not have anyone to contact. Alder Morrison asked the clerk to compile a list of address of demolished properties, amount of money spent to demolish the houses including grant money, and the number of ordinance violations written and status of legal proceedings. There have been 7 houses demoed in the last 3-4 years. The total cost is around \$85,000. There are a total of 80 cases in GoGov with 38 of them currently open. Alder Morrison would like this information posted on the website for people to see that we are working on the town.

Announcements:

- There are 2 grants that the city’s grant writers had applied to through the EPA for water infrastructure. We have received denial letters for both grants.
- Election packets are available for pick up during regular business hours.
- Treasurer Cavanaugh mentioned she was given information from Clerk Wilson on how to find the grocery tax total. She did get a number, but it is for all the grocery tax, not just the 1% tax. It is \$16,618.93 for the first quarter. She believes it would be a good idea to continue the 1% grocery tax.
- A complaint was received on one of our officers. Chief Renaker is working on sending the body cam footage to Mayor Readnour and Alderman Waterman.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (3) Public Properties and (5) Personnel

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for public properties and personnel.

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:41 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
Exit Executive session at 7:52 pm

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:57 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 September 3, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk