

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for October 21, 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:

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

Alderman Waterman declared a quorum was present.

### Public Comments:

- There was no public present.

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

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 7, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

#### 2. **Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 868. There were 26 payments to vendors for a total of \$161,817.68.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

#### 3. **Treasurer's Report.**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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, entered data from Lead line surveys received, and submitted Illinois lead line inventory. The clerk issued a golf cart permit to Tammy Hodge. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$1721.25.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- Streets & Alleys Report:** put up Holiday Gathering banners, worked n drainage on Kennedy, worked on replacing valve on S. Main St., fixed water main break on W. 16<sup>th</sup>. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: October 3 – 16, 2024: 2.5 hours

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- Water & Sewer Reports:** **Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, cut up tree at well #2 fell across drive, cleaned connections on well 1 to try to fix communication issues (called second site systems to have them remove in for trouble shooting), decanted digester, cleaned dumping bed, finalized the generator upgrade to S. Main lift station (complete), cleaned BPS station, and changed blades on zero turn and serviced . **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 two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant, filled chemicals at Georgetown sewer 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, cleaned septic dumping station, cleaned primary and final tanks weekly, decanted, worked on generator with election and hooking up S. Main lift station, cleaned slug station, greased everything at sewer plant, helped with main break on W. 16<sup>th</sup>, worked on work orders while guys were busy. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for October 3 – 16, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

### **Old Business**

- Consider Personnel Policy** – waiting for attorney to make a few more changes.

Action Taken: **Tabled,**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

### **Committee Briefs**

- Alder Gordon asked about an update on the Historical House. The shed is not done, and they have not placed any parking curbs. Alder Morrison said he has talked to the board; they will be placed once the project is done.

### **New Business**

- Consider Flock Cameras** - \$3000 per camera. These cameras came in helpful with the armed robbery at Village Pantry. They were able to track where they came from and went. We really need 10 in total to cover the city, would like to start with at least 4. These cameras take pictures of the vehicle and license plate info. The police can put in a vehicle description, and it will give them all vehicles that match that description. The business district had agreed to pay for 6 previously. Alder Waterman said that it had never been approved through full council. The motion was made for the business district to fund 6 cameras. These cameras will be placed inside the business district. Businesses will also have the option to be included in the system, this will upload their camera footage to the police system, giving them quicker access.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Davidson,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

2. **Consider Mission Clause Collection October 26 – 8-noon.** This is a group from the Legion. They are collecting money to buy Christmas gifts for families in need.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Brooks,  
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
3. **Consider weight limit on W. West St.** – will the road hold the weight? It is up to the city to remove the signs; delivery trucks are allowed to drive even with the weight limit. The issue the truck drivers have is their GPS is rerouting them, due to the weight limit signs. The motion was made to remove the signs.  
Action Taken: **Approved,**  
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

**Announcements:**

- Alder Gordon has been doing some research and would like to see about removing the fluoride from our water system. He has talked to Ed Hitt. Ed says it is mandated by the State of Illinois. Alder Gordon says there are more negatives than positives to adding fluoride to the water. Ed is going to look into this and get more information for the council.
- Chief Renaker mentioned the police are working on getting the campers out of town. They have gotten rid of multiple that people were living in, still have a few more to remove.
- Chief Renaker also mentioned he is in discussions with a company that will help them revamp the police policy. There is a yearly fee. They will help bring the policy up to date. Their system will keep track of what officers review the policy and take tests over the policy. After 2 years it will help the department to get accredited. Which will help lower insurance rates. The chief is waiting on a quote, they said it will be around \$5,000.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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 October 21, 2024.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk