



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes

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

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Lauterbach & Amen Audit presentation by Joseph Laudont. Mr. Laudont explained what each booklet was in front of the council. He pointed out some key things for the council to look at. He also mentioned the management letter including the best practice and GASB announcements. The bottom line is the city is in good shape, nothing to worry about.
- Landon Graham had a complaint about officer Watson. He said the officer threatened to throw the horse manure in his yard if he did not clean it up. Mr. Graham said there is nothing he can be written up for as we have no ordinance for it. He also mentioned that he would like the bodycam footage. He was told he would have to fill out a FOIA request for the footage.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 21, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved as presented.**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0 with Alders Morrison and Krabel abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 867. There were payments to 31 vendors for a total of \$216,736.12.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / 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, entered data from surveys received and completed FOIA training.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / 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, worked on Santa House, fixed 8 in water main on S. Main St. replaced leaking bell joints, fixed water main break on W. 16th, moved Santa house, cleaned storm drains. **Equipment:** washed trucks and backhoe. **Overtime hours:** 8.5 hour for October 17-30, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** 10/21/24 – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, cleaned out, adjusted, tightened all bolts, and added grease lines to auger in South final clarifier, prepped chlorine and fluoride room for sand blasting and paint @ BPS, fixed sludge station (pumping to deep and tripping breaker), and cleaned dumping bunker. Will is planning a retake of his test in December. **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, cleaned sludge station, drained and deep cleaned south final, tightened all nut and bolts in south final, while it was empty, Homer fecal sample. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for October 17-30, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

6. **Public Safety Report:** Report was not received in time.
Overtime Hours: 30 hours, 89 Comp time for October 3-30, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Old Business:

1. **Consider personnel policy.**

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

2. **Consider Butler Drainage** – Resolution has not been received from the attorney. The plan is to drain the water north to a viaduct. This could potentially help the northwest end of town from flooding. There will be a catch basin on the west side of the tracks. Dalenberg Farm Drainage will be doing the work.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

New Business:

1. **Consider GoGov/Town wide clean up - Colton**

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

2. **Consider Meeting dates for 2025** – January 20 needs changed to January 21. The meeting in July needs changed due to the fair.
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Waterman,
Motion passed unanimously 6 - 0.
3. **Consider Holidays for 2025.**
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
4. **Consider Raises** – The motion was made to give everyone a 5% raise, except Ed will receive a 2% raise due to the raise he received last year.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
5. **Consider Tax Levy** – The last payment has been made for the 2013B Bonds. Treasurer Cavanaugh was able to raise the police, library, social security and Medicare. She lowered the IMRF Fund per the auditor’s advice.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements:

- The clerk received an email from someone asking if Georgetown allows marijuana dispensaries
- A gaming company called for information on available gaming/liquor licenses. They are looking at possibly adding video gaming to Village Pantry.
- We received a letter for the 2024 Christmas basket, asking for donations. Donations can be made at Longview bank.
- Petitions packets can be filed starting November 12 -18 from 8-5.
- The mayor brought up the flock cameras that were approved at the last meeting. He wanted to make sure the council know that it would be a cost of \$18,000 yearly.
- Alder Brooks mentioned the Facebook post about the kids tearing up decorations and terrorizing dogs. She wanted to know if the police had contacted them.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Davidson,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:01 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 November 4, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk