

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for November 20, 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 M. Scott
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- No public was present.

Auditor's Report – Joseph Laudont, Lauterbach & Amen – Joseph thanked Amy, Tonya, Jacki, and Kay for all their hard work gathering all necessary documents and reports. Joseph presented 3 required documents to the council, 2 letters and the financial report. In the financial report the auditors gave an unmodified opinion which is the cleanest and highest opinion they can give. Mr. Laudont then walked the council through the report pointing out some information. The auditors had a few recommendations in the Management letter, they will work on with Treasurer Cavanaugh. Alder Morrison had some questions concerning the library. The auditors will contact the treasurer to address the issues. Mayor Readnour also pointed out the loans owed by the city to the council. He wanted them to see where the city was on getting them paid down.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Davidson,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

- b) Approve Appeals Board Meeting Minutes dated November 6, 2023

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed 3 – 0, with Alders Morrison, Davidson, M. Scott, & Krabel abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 845. There were payments to 39 vendors for a total of \$90,867.81.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report.**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 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, met with Lisa, Darla, Ed & Zach about multiple grants.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** put out cold patch in holes around town, put up & took down flags, took down holiday gathering banners, worked on dump station at sewer plant. **Equipment:** worked on 1 ton control box for bed. **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 Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

6. **Water & Sewer Reports:** **Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, repaired trickling filter from storm damage, lay out for sewage bunker, water usage report, winterized all panels and turned on, cleaned lab and equipment, de-canted digester, cleaned rake system, cleaned back room of headworks, and replaced all tubing for fluoride pump at BPS. **Will** – chores at both sewer and water buildings every day, weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, Biweekly lift station reports, deep cleaned front of headworks building, pulled apart grit wash and scrubbed it, cleaned around outside of old headworks building, shut down and cleaned all chemicals in Georgetown for the winter, cleaned and greased trickling filter, greased all pumps, cleaned glass bowls to pumps.

Overtime hours: 36 hours for November 2 - 15, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

7. **CILBA Report** – All the cases with a \$100 a day fine will be closed out before the end of the year so liens/collection action can be taking if the city wants. Trials – Steven & Sally Williams – 300 E 9th – has requested a trial for 12/5. Allan Bouton – 317 E. 9th – has requested a trial for 12/19. Status Checks – Richard Ingram 219 E. 10th St – gave another month status date is 11/21/23, Dennis Latoz 316 Gibson – status date is 11/21/23, Amy Wilkins 208 Logan \$100 per day fine Status is 11/21/23, Harlan Lowe 500 E. 11th gave another month, status date is 11/21/23, Sukina Sidney 319 W. 15th St \$100 per day fine, status check is 11/21/23, Heather Ruble 204 Mack, \$100 per day fine, status date is 11/21/23, Gregory Burton 115 N 2nd St, \$100 per day fine, status date is 11/21/23/

Old Business:

1. **Consider 401 W. 14th St.** – CILBA had asked if the city wanted to buy this property for demo. The house is burnt.

Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

2. Alder Morrison asked about the Code Enforcement officer's replacement. The mayor has talked to someone. They are going to come to one of the meetings in December. The mayor would like for Dave to be here also, so they can talk.

Committee Briefs

- Alder Waterman would like to have Business District meeting at 6 pm on Wednesday, November 29.

New Business

1. **Consider Grants – Lisa Gocken** – The council would like to meet with Lisa to get more information. One question is whether administrative fees are included in the grant. If not, is the % negotiable?
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.
2. **Consider CILBA Support** – The council had budgeted \$20,000 for demo of houses. After paying for the Haworth property, the budget only has \$1500 left. The land bank is asking for \$10,000 for support plus \$6,740 from the administrative fees for the grant. The motion was made to pay CILBA \$3,000, and they can have the city’s portion of the sale of the Haworth property.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Davidson
Motion passed 7 – 0.

Announcements:

- Clerk Wilson mentioned El Patron is planning on opening inside the pottery store.
- Alder Brooks mentioned Norah’s Smokehouse has been opening on Saturdays at the north end of town.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

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 20, 2023.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk