

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for February 20, 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 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
	Randy Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Tim Waterman	Alder Ward 4
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Miranda from Conxxus Fiber Optic presented about the plans for Georgetown. They plan to run fiber optic throughout the entire town. They will send plans once they are finalized. Miranda passed out a brochure with price plans for internet and tv. They will make sure any contractors they hire are insured. If they happen to hit any lines, they will take full responsibility.
- Brian Russell of Huffman St. would like to put gravel in his empty lot to park his semi on the weekends. He hauls propane but will be empty when he comes home. He wants to make sure he will not be violating any ordinances.
- Wanda Shade wanted to thank the council for supporting the clean up day. She also wanted to thank Rusty for all his help.
- Wanda also asked if there had been any more discussion on rental properties and garbage pick-up. She would like the city to send a letter to landlords reminding them they are responsible for the garbage and for the exterior updates to the properties.
- Wanda asked the council what type of business they would like to see built in the Latoz lot.

1. Approval of Minutes.

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated February 5, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrisn

Motion passed 7 – 0, with Alder R. Scott abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 851. There were payments to 36 vendors for a total of \$41,093.20.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report.**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 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 demo permits to Aaron Snider Trucking for the demolition of houses at 405 S. Main St, 401 W. 14th St, and 305 Mill St. The clerk also collected a lab work payments totaling \$125.00 and waste pad payments totaling \$1423.75.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** worked on sewer main at 801 E. 14th and salted roads. **Equipment:** worked on service trucking – fixing rust & painting, worked on dump truck – painting bed. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: January 24 – February 7, 2024 – 19 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

6. **Water & Sewer Reports:** **Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, replaced mechanical seal in transfer pump station #2, cleaned booster pump station, sent out soc samples, cleaned blower building and changed oil in both blowers, serviced generator with antifreeze, small leak found and fixed. Will took test on 2/13/2024, awaiting results. **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, cleaned all glass bowls, cleaned rake, cleaned grit wash, cleaned up ditch in front of sewer plant and cut down trees in ditch, ripped apart transfer pump #2 in back room of headworks building and rebuild after cleaning, cleaned blower building, serviced blowers in blower building, second attempt at water test 2/13/24, cleaned the septic dumping bed, cleaned basement, deep cleaned grit wash. **Overtime hours:** 16 hours for January 24 – February 7, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Old Business

1. **Consider Fireworks** – quotes were received from Pyrotecnico Fx and Nostalgia Pyrotechnics. The city has used Pyrotecnico in the past. They have a 16 minute aerial display planned costing \$8,200. Nostalgia Pyrotechnics is a more local company out of Sullivan, Il with many local guys that work for them. They have done fireworks for many local groups. They have a 20-30 minute aerial display planned, costing \$8,036.65.

Action Taken: **Approved Nostalgia Pyrotechnics**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Committee Briefs

- Consider Recommendations from the Personal Committee – Executive Session

New Business

1. **Consider Legion Street Festival July 27** – The legion would like to close E. West St. from Route 1 to Walnut St. They have plans for food trucks, touch a truck, bounce houses, face painting, and bands. They plan to start setting up around noon and be done and cleaned up by 11 pm. They will also be requesting a special events liquor license. No glass will be allowed outside, only plastic cups.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
2. **Consider Business District** – City Council Chambers – The alderman all liked the renovations done to the council chambers. Alder Morrison agreed the project needed done but asked that we follow the correct steps next time. Mayor Readnour stated that the project needed done, and he does have some control over the decision to go forward with the project. The motion was made to use Business District funds to pay for the renovation.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
3. **Consider Desks for Water Clerk & Treasurer** – The water clerk & treasurer have found a desk from Uline that will work for their offices.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
4. **Consider Council Desk** – The mayor has received an estimate for the materials that were picked out. He is going to back to Cabinet City and see what can be done to lower the estimate.
5. **Consider Council Chairs** – 3 choices were given to the council. The old chairs and the water clerks' desk can be donated to the school. The motion was made for the executive chairs.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
6. **Consider New impellers for 4 pumps at sewer plant** – Ed – These are extremely worn out and need replaced. They take 6-8 & 12-14 weeks for delivery.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.
7. **Consider Keep Vermilion County Beautiful Membership** – Motion was made to continue with the \$50 membership.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder M. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Announcements:

- Clerk Wilson mentioned the damage at the Sliva Building to the new siding. There have been holes drilled in the siding, the gutters have been smashed. The council discussed what needs to be done to address the issues. They would like to have a meeting with Chief Renaker.
- The clerk received a quote from Rahmtech for upgrades for the city hall and the police station for back ups. It will be on the next agenda.
- The food truck permit needs to be discussed. Is this the ordinance or business district committee's responsibility?
- The 200th anniversary of the City of Georgetown will be in a couple of years. The council needs to start planning, possibly create a committee of community members.
- The council needs to start campaigning for home rule. We need to create a committee of residents to help promote it.

- Alder Morrison would like to thank the council for the flowers following his recent surgery.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) Personnel matters

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for personnel matters.

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 8:26 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 8:37 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Approve 1 for full-time Streets & Alleys and 3 for part time.

Action taken: Approved

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Waterman

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 0.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 8 – 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 February 20, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk