



# Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes for May 1, 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. City hall was set up with the Social Distancing in mind.

Invocation delivered by Alderman M. Scott  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

## Roll Call:

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

## Public Comments:

- No public was present at the meeting.

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

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated April 17, 2023.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,  
Motion passed 6 – 0.
- b) Approve Public Hearing Meeting minutes dated April 17, 2023  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Waterman  
Motion passed 6 – 0.
- c) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting minutes dated April 3, 2023  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder M. Scott  
Motion passed 3 – 0, with Alders Morrison, Davidson, & R. Scott abstaining.
- d) Approve Special Council meeting minutes dated April 24, 2023  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Morrison  
Motion passed 6 – 0.

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

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 830. There were payments to 29 vendors for a total of \$43,042.88.  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott,

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 and phone calls, updated ordinance book, & worked on creating a lead service line survey. The Clerk issued one building permit to Crys Glines, a fence permit to Rodger Mertens and Randy Beauvois. Golf cart permits were issued to Steve Henderson, Mac & Kay Sprouls, Nina Finchum, Michael Shake, and Clifford Sawyer. Disposal licenses were issued to Crane Roll Off and Pabst Disposal. Liquor & Cigarette license was issued to Village Pantry, a liquor license issued to Cornelio's Restaurant, a cigarette license issued to Dollar General, and Liquor & Gaming licenses issued to Lucky 7.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report: Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s**, fixed tile on East 14<sup>th</sup> St., picked up trash around town, and ran sewer at 511 Guy. **Equipment:** greased backhoe, worked on mowers. **Buildings:** mowed all city lots and ditches. **Park:** put in 200 fee of drain tile in park, worked on pickle ball court. **Overtime Hours:** 2.5 hours for April 6 - 19, 2023

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, water/sewer reports, water usage report, mowing, trimming, working on yard hydrant in front of garage, decant digester, finished CCR for 2023, cleaned trickling filter, worked on John Deere mower – no reverse (fixed), swept and mopped lab, meet with Indiana Construction crew that is doing work around our water line, and worked with Liz 120 water on lead inventory. **Will:** chores both sewer and water, weekly test and sampling, cleaned trickling filter, cleaned primary, cleaned finals, sexual harassment training, mow, weeded, and trimmed, cleaned Cayuga's drive way, decanted, cleaned headworks floors, filled and started up chemicals in back room of sewer plant, filled chemicals in Cayuga's water building, cleaned all glass bowls, greased all motors and pumps, cleaned slug station tank, cleaned basement in head works building. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for April 6 - 19, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 256 calls along with 9 in town and 4 out of town assist.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

### Committee Briefs

- Alder M. Scott cancelled the Streets & Alleys committee meeting he had scheduled. The bus stop is in IDOT territory, outside of city limits. The school is temporarily moved the bus stop to Scwhan's parking lot until the issue is addressed. IDOT will investigate and get back to Alder M. Scott. Alder Scott would like a bus stop ahead sign and would like to reduce the speed sooner.
- Chief Renaker sent an update to the council.
  - Sgt. Anderson has taken and passed several sexual assault investigations classes and will go for his certification class later this month. Once certified, he will be able to assist the chief in sexual assault investigations and interviews.
  - Sgt. Anderson and the Chief will attend Biological & Trace evidence training May 8 -10. The chief will also be going to Lead Homicide class May 15-19. This course is required to investigate any death whether from natural causes, suicide, or suspicious means.

- Officer Andrew Haugen has been released from field training and is working on his own. New officers are required to have extensive instruction and guidance after they've been released from field training.
- Officer Quynnten Watson graduated from PTI on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. He will begin his field training today with Officer Smitley.
- Jayson Thompson passed all his physical fitness requirements and will begin his 16 weeks of academy on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Colton Murray has been added to the roster for academy to begin in August. The chief is still waiting on paperwork from the state to be able to add him to our department roster.
- Dave Biggerstaff is going a phenomenal job with code enforcement. The chief believes having him will be a huge step forward in cleaning up our town. If the council has any concerns that haven't been addressed, please let the chief know and he will forward them to him. Dave would like to meet with the board and possibly the City attorney to discuss vacant/abandoned properties in which there is no owner. He's wanting guidance on what the city would like to do with the properties and what legal recourses we have.

**New Business:**

1. Consider Mayor appointments for Chief, Treasurer, Clerk, & Attorney. The motion was made to vote for the Attorney separate from the Chief, Treasurer, and Clerk.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Waterman  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
  - a. Consider Mayor appointment for Attorney. The mayor does not want to change attorneys at this time with current litigation.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed 4 – 2.
2. Consider Water tower cleaning contract. The company the contract for water tower cleaning was through cancelled the contract. They are saying the water towers was not what they were told originally. That they were told to clean a ground tank at the sewer plant. The contract does have the 500k water tower listed, and a 135k tank listed on the contract. The suggestion was made to pay 1/3 of the original contract, which is what they stated was completed. The company has left equipment at the tower since October 2022. It has had to be moved at least once by city employees. The motion was made to pay \$1,900 and give the company 30 to remove their equipment from the property or it will be impounded.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
3. Consider APPI for electric aggregation pricing & community solar. Good Energy will be holding the auction for pricing on May 11. The council would like to see what APPI can get us but will also look at Good Energy's pricing. The council would also like to be included in the community solar program.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
4. Consider MFT Bid package. Low bidder was Cross Construction at \$190,250.50.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. Consider Sign for city hall. The council liked the design and would like to get a price.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Announcements:**

- Gail Deck would like to have the Poppies collection at the square on May 20 from 10-noon.
- Tim White with the Marine Core League would like to hold a collection at the square on June 24 or July 8 from 12-4 pm for Marine Core Veterans.
- Both items will be on the next agenda for council vote.
- Alder Morrison asked for someone to attend the May Land Bank meeting as he will be out of town. Alder Davidson said he will go.
- Clerk Wilson asked for someone to go to the Vermilion County Mitigation plan meeting. Alder Seilhymer had previously committed but has other board commitments the same day. Alder Davidson said he would attend.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 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 May 1, 2023.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk