



Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes for July 3, 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:

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Tom Bradfield of 415 W. 10th St. talked to the mayor about his mower. He was stopped by the police and told he could not drive it on the streets. He is allowed to drive it from yard to yard that he is mowing, but not allowed to drive it for personal use. He mentioned he has no valid license; he is working on getting it. Sergeant Anderson explained to him that he can not use it to go to the store or gas station. If he is mowing a yard, he can drive it to that property.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 20, 2023.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Davidson,
Motion passed 4 – 0, with Alder R. Scott abstaining.
- b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting minutes dated June 20, 2023
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Waterman
Motion passed 5 – 0, with Alder R. Scott abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 836. There were payments to 33 vendors for a total of \$67,660.91.
Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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, entered data from surveys received, filed 4 lien

releases. Golf cart permits were issued to Brad Hayes, Dale Brooks, Katherine Gil, Amanda Winland, Jack Flynn, & Charles Cheney.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report: Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s**, cleaned & painted curbs on Mill St. & East West, town wide clean up from storm, took tree and cup up from house on North Main. **Equipment:** dig up well at Cayuga.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, water/sewer reports, water usage report, gathered all documents for source water protections for EPA, finished flushing hydrants, installed new lagoon pump #2, decanted digested to drying beds, put bio bags in man-holds down by China Wok, changed out batteries in generator at booster pump stations (they tested bad from our gen guy), added new cleanout water line to sludge station for convenience during winter, sprayed weeds at sewer plant, cleaned and mopped lab, gathered all paperwork on upgrades to booster pump station for Jacki, mowed sewer plant, storm clean-up, and worked with Danville Septic to pump out lift station due to no power. **Will:** chores at sewer and water building every day, weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, finished hydrant flushing, decanted to drying beds, applied bio degreasing bags in man holes on north end of Georgetown, mowed and weeded at Cayuga and Georgetown water buildings once a week, trimmed tree line at Cayuga Water building, trimmed /lines around Cayuga's drive way, took 001 sample to Danville, applied bio degreasing bags to all lift stations on south side of town, biweekly lift station reports, scrubbed the basement at Georgetown waste water plant, took out and replaced lagoon pump #2 with new one, started to clear coat stair way to PBR, disassembled and scrubbed grit wash station, scrubbed rake in back room of headworks building, topped off all chemical's at sewer building in Georgetown, made new blacks & Scraper for raking system in back room of headworks, exchanged old battery's and picked up new ones and installed in generator at Cayuga's water building, changed bad battery contact with new one on generator in Cayuga, topped off all chemicals in Cayuga, cleaned trickling filter, applied degreasing chemicals to digester, hooked up a new water line in sludge station to help with cleaning glass bowls in sense in winter months we have no access to water hose to prevent frozen water lines, grouted all cracks in 003 pipe. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for June 15 - 28, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 163 calls along with 7 in town and 7 out of town assist.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Old Business:

1. Consider Water Tower cleaning – To have the water tower cleaned every 2 years would cost \$56,600 total over 10 years. To have it cleaned every 5 years, would cost \$39,136. The motion was made to have the water tower cleaned every 5 years.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- Alder M. Scott said he had called a dumpster company and was waiting to hear back. He is hoping they can get a dumpster to Georgetown on Wednesday or Thursday. He wants to have this available for citizens to dispose of food they lost in the storm. This dumpster will be for food only. It will be located on the Latoz Lot. Alder M. Scott will watch it during the day and hopes the police with help with it at night. He will give the residents notice as soon as he has information from the company.
- Chairman Waterman needs to schedule a personnel meeting.
- Alder Morrison asked for an update from Superintendent Noggle on storm clean up. Rusty said they are currently working on the streets and right of way. Alder Morrison asked about picking up branches for citizens. It would not have to be right away. Alder M. Scott asked about the police writing warnings and citations to residents throwing brush in alleyway. They are causing issues for utility trucks that need to get through.

New Business:

1. **Consider Fire Department approach** – Mr. Berry asked to be updated about the sidewalk. He mentioned that the city and fire department should be working together. Chairman Waterman said that the request passed the TIF district, but when taken to full council, it was denied for the time being. The Streets and Alleys department has a lot on their plate, and there is a lot that would need to be done before we can change the approach. IDOT has to be contacted and a permit approved. Mr. Berry said that it did not make since to the fire department to spend money to build up the lot. He also mentioned that a council member came in during their open house complaining about the sirens and saying something about why he had denied the TIF request. Alders M. Scott and Morrison wanted to apologize for anything the council member had said. Mr. Berry is going to get a bid for the cement. He also asked about the water bill for the fire department. He said the fire department taxes the same people the city does and didn't think they should have to pay the water bill. It was explained to him that even the city pays a water bill.
2. **Consider American Legion Request** – The legion would like to have a ride/car show on August 5th. They are asking permission to use the city's parking lot across the street. They do not want to close the street, just use it for extra parking space. They have already gotten permission to use the bank parking lot, where the main portion of the event will be. They have also booked a DJ and would permission to set it up in the gazebo. They asked if it would be possible to allow open alcohol outside during the car show. They will only be serving alcohol inside the building. The legion asked about a parade license. Danville has a parade license and wondered if Georgetown had anything similar. The council does not have an issue with them using the parking lot. They are concerned about the alcohol outside the building. The council had some questions, and requested a representative come to the next meeting to discuss it.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. **Consider painting City Signs** – We received 2 bids for the signs. One from Lindsay Franz for \$900-1200, with a goal of having them painted by July 10. Another from Mike Harper for \$1200. The motion was made to go with Lindsay Franz.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Waterman,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

4. **Consider property at Adelia & 15th St.** – The city would have to vacate the property. Rusty is going to check to see if there are any utilities in the area. We seem to have a lot of alleys that are not vacated, but have personal property in them.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Announcements:

- Tonya left a memo with the city clerk. The health insurance has been signed for the next year. It did go up 8.5%. The broker is going to look at insurance at the end of the year, Vermilion Advantage has a group insurance that renews January 1. He will also look at other options.
- Alder M. Scott would like to see about claiming the flags on the city's insurance. Each flag costs \$30 plus the cost of the mount and hardware. We have many flags ripped, poles bent, or mounts broken from the storm.
- Alder Morrison wanted to formally recognize the Street's and Alley crew for all their hard work during the storm clean up.

Adjourn Meeting:

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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 July 3, 2023.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk