

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for July 17, 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 Gordon
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present:	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Curt Gordon	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
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
Absent:	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- No public was present

1. Approval of Minutes.

a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated July 3, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

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

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

b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 13, 2023

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

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

Motion passed 4 – 0, with Alders R. Scott and Gordon abstaining.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 837. There were payments to 42 vendors for a total of \$110,180.75.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 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 2 golf cart permits to Sara Spesard and Delbert Felgenhauer. A demo permit was issued to Razmus Demolition for 703 W. West.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** worked on storm damage clean up, fixed sewer at 402 S. Main St., started clean up at dam. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s**

Overtime Hours: 46 hours for June 28 – July 12, 2023

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Ed:** daily chores, water/sewer reports, water usage report, CSO report, disinfection by products sample, worked with Kyle @ Farnsworth to install new computer and hardware, removed digester mixing motor and propellor (ordered new parts), mowed, picked up trash around plant yard, cleaned up down tree limbs, cleaned up big rocks laying around sewer plant, cleaned sludge station pump bowls, trained on new equipment for fecal coliform testing, and cleaned up lab and put away all new testing supplies for fecal in cabinet. **Will:** chores both sewer and water buildings every day, weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, mowed and weeded at Cayuga and Georgetown water buildings once a week, bi-weekly left station reports, applied degreasing chemicals to digester, filled gas cans for sewer plant, filled chemicals at Georgetown, filled chemicals at Cayuga, cleaned rake in back of headworks building, cleaned finals and primary, pulled the propellor and motor out of digester to do repairs and clean it.

Overtime hours: 16 hours for June 28 -July 12, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented

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

7. **CILBA Report:** The first case for ordinance violations will be in court tomorrow, Dave and Chief Renaker have been working on a list of abandoned/burnt homes. They are going to meet with Attorney Wesner to see what steps they need to take legally and what the cost will be.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Old Business:

1. Consider American Legion Car Show/Ride – The legion plans to have a side-by-side ride. It will start and end at the legion. They will have food trucks and a car show starting at 4:30. All the proceeds will benefit Mission Klaus. No alcohol will be allowed outside the building. They have gotten permission to use the bank parking lot, and would like to use the city's lot on the North side of East West St. Mayor Readnour suggested shutting down the first block of East West St. This will give them more parking, and they won't have to worry about the traffic.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Gordon
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. Consider Property at Adelia & 15th – Rusty has checked into this. There is no water/sewer lines on this property. The motion was made to move forward with vacating the property.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Gordon
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements

- Ed had to order some new equipment for the sewer plant. The cost is around \$3,100. It was something he needed, they are working on rebuilding it.
- The signs at the North and South End of town look nice. Lindsay Franz completed the work this weekend.

- The Clerk has received a letter from Youth Football. They would like to use the park starting on July 29. The letter was sent too late to be added to this agenda. They will be sending in their insurance and financial statement.
- The Eastern Illinois Foodbank would like to come to Georgetown. They are looking for a place to set up on July 25 from 2:45-3:30 pm. They are hoping to make this a regular event on the 4th Monday of the month. Alder M. Scott is going to contact the First Church of Christ to see if they can use their parking lot.
- A neighbor has contacted the mayor about a tree on Mack St. The tree is split, and it is only a matter of time until the tree falls. It could potentially fall on the neighbor's house. He is scared to even mow his yard. The clerk contacted the owner and told them they needed to get the tree taken care of.
- Superintendent Noggle received an estimate for the water lines that will need to be replaced on Pine St. The quote was \$180,000. The mayor says we have two big projects that need to be taken care of. One is Pine St. and the other is the roof at the park Building. Rusty mentioned there is also an issue with a power pole sitting on a valve on East Mulberry. It will need to be addressed ASAP.
- Alder M. Scott asked who owned the house at 201 E. 9th St. The clerk said according to the tax records it is William Englert. The house has been condemned. The neighbors are interested in buying the house and tearing it down.
- Janet Martin has asked Alder M. Scott about having a mental health awareness meeting. They are going to start working on that. Alder M. Scott wanted to let the council know, because Mrs. Martin would like the council to be involved somehow.
- Alder Davidson would like to invite everyone to the ribbon cutting for the Lion's Club Play for All park at Georgetown Park. It is Saturday, July 22 at 10 am.
- Alder Waterman mentioned that Oakwood's water bills are going up to \$130 minimum.

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

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

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:37 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 8:38 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Give Ed Hitt raise in November to \$35 with signed statement concerning IMRF fees at retirement

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Give Zach Winters a raise to \$19.50, start new streets & alley employees at \$18.00.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 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 17, 2023.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk