

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for October 16, 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 Gordon
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Kim Shrout of W. 14th St. – had some concern about the police. He sees them sitting in multiple parking lots, day and night shift. He feels that they should be out patrolling more. He would also like to see them patrolling the dead-end streets more often.
- Mr. Shrout noticed the sign for vehicles over 4 tones 20 mph speed limit in front of Josephines. He feels like if this is not going to be enforced, the sign should come done.
- Mr. Shrout would like to know why the railroad is not held responsible for upkeep of the railroad tracks. The weeds and trees are getting out of control, and it is in city limits.
- Brian Russell of 407 Huffman asked about the lot he owns across the street from his house. He would like to use it to park his semi. He said he was told he couldn't park his vehicles in the lot. The mayor suggested putting down rock or building a driveway to make it look nice. Mr. Russell asked about putting a business there, if it was allowed in a residential area. He was told there is no zoning in Georgetown. The council just recommended no businesses that would disturb the peace. He mentioned a resale shop.
- Rachel Carson of 108 E. 14th St. – Rachel asked about getting the water turned on at her address. She was informed the city had to have legal paperwork showing who the owner was before anything could be done.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 2, 2023. Alder Gordon asked if the school had contacted the surrounding neighbors about the livestock.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- b) Approve Appeals Board Meeting Minutes dated October 2, 2023

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

Motion passed 5 – 0.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 843. There were payments to 44 vendors for a total of \$39,903.93.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Davidson,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Waterman,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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, filed Ordinances 2023-130 & 131, created Ordinance 2023 -132 Tax Levy, Ordinance 2023 – 133 Tax Levy Abatement 1997 Bonds, Ordinance 2023 – 134 Tax Levy Partial Abatement 2013B Bonds. Building Permits were issued to Donnie & Julia Adkisson at 506 E. 12th St. & Tracy Isaacson at 204 E. 11th St.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- 5. Streets & Alleys Report:** pulled sidewalk at corner of North 3rd St. & Church, and West 11th, poured 30 ft of sidewalk on W. 11th and EN 3rd, seeded and strawed areas where sewer work and water tap was completed, did consumption report. **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 5 – 0.

- 6. Water & Sewer Reports: Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, replaced mechanical seal in #2 sludge pump station, de-canted digester, cleaned grit washer, mowed sewer plant, filled chemicals at BPS, flushed hydrants at dead end's, took samples for October sent to lab, did water usage report, worked with Zack on new sludge Management permit, did locates with Rusty in Cayuga. **Will** – chores at both sewer and water buildings every day, 001 test every Monday and Wednesday followed by reading test results next day (18 hours), weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, mowed and weeded at Cayuga and Georgetown water buildings and both wells once a week, biweekly lift station reports, cleaned primary and finals, applied chemicals to digester daily, topped off chemicals at water and sewer plant, removed and replaced mechanical seal in #2 sludge station pump, decanted digester, weeded and sprayed south main lift station, took apart grit auger and cleaned, 10/10/23 attempted water test, flushed all dead end hydrants, cleaned rack system in back room of head works, cleaned grit wash system, cleaned trickling filter.

Overtime hours: 18 hours for September 7 - 20, 2023.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- 7. CILBA Report** – had 2 trials, 111 NE 3rd David Lewis was a no show, fined \$100 plus costs, 21 days to remediate. 316 Gibson, Latoz, had a hearing, there were found guilty on both counts, fined \$100 for each plus costs, 21 days to remediate.

New Business:

- 1. Consider RMA Insurance** – this is our insurance through IML. It covers everything from vehicles to lawsuits. The city pays option 1 which gives us a 1% discount.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder Gordon

Motion passed unanimously 5 -0.

2. Consider Ordinance 2023 – 132 Tax Levy Ordinance

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. Consider Ordinance 2023 – 133 Tax Levy Abatement Ordinance

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Davidson

Motion passed 5 – 0.

4. Consider Ordinance 2023 – 134 Tax Levy Partial Abatement Ordinance.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Waterman / Alder R. Scott

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

5. Consider Trick or Treat Hours – Trick or Treat hours will be 5-8 pm on October 31.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

6. Consider 120Water –

Action Taken: **Tabled**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

7. Consider Appeals Application – the clerk and Biggerstaff created an application to use for variance request and ordinance appeals.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Davidson

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

8. Consider Building Application – Mr. Biggerstaff made some updates and combined the fence and building permits into one.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Announcements

- Terry Lewis has agreed to cater the Christmas Lunch at the garage in December.
- Alder Davidson asked about the building permit for the Historical Society. It has been approved. They must put parking curbs along with a sign.

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

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

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Entered Executive session at 7:41 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 7:58 pm

Recommendations from Executive Session: Give 5% raises, except for exceptions discussed.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Adjourn Meeting:

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 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 October 2, 2023.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk