

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for January 20, 2026

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
	Steffanie Lyons	Alder Ward 3
	Robert Weaver	Alder Ward 4
Also Present:	Darin Readnour	Mayor
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
Absent:	Jack Morrison	Alder Ward 1
	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated January 20, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
- b) Approve Water & Sewer Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed 4 – 0, with Alder Weaver abstaining.
- c) Approve Finance Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 2 – 0, with Alders Lyons, Brooks, and Weaver abstaining.

2. **Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 901. There were 38 payments to vendors for a total of \$37,814.05. Alder Davidson asked about the payment for insurance, if that was monthly or annually. Treasurer Cavanaugh stated it was monthly.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,
Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons,
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. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$2252.50 and water lab payments totaling \$25.00.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
5. **Streets & Alleys Report:** dug up sewer on E. Mulberry, ran sewer on E. 14th St, moved Santa house, installed cameras at city hall, cleaned storm drains, took in scrap, water main break on Pontiac, plowed snow, installed stop signs at Vermilion & Pearl and Stone & Pearl. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: December 25, 2025 – January 7, 2026: 11.5 hours.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.
6. **Water & Sewer Reports: Will:** cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga Water plant and Georgetown Sewer plant, did bi-weekly lift station reports and inspection, cleaned trickling filter once a week, did chores in Cayuga and Georgetown daily, did test every Thursday and Friday every week followed by reading test results every following Tuesday and Wednesday, washed lab equipment and dishes as needed after every test and sample, cleaned grit wash station once a week, cleaned rake system once a week, cut and collect all trash for trash pick-ups on Tuesday, cleaned septic dumping bed, decanted digester, worked with Tanner on training on every day maintenance and problem solving, deep cleaned grit wash, did Oakwoods test and read them, took both transfer pump check valves apart and rebuilt them and reinstalled them, cleaned back room of headworks building, clean, fixed, and replaced parts on rake system. **Overtime hours:** 18.5 hours for December 25, 2025 – January 7, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- Recommendation from the Water/Sewer Committee: The water/sewer committee met to discuss plans for this year and some
 - Raise water/sewer rates – The water/sewer committee is recommending raising the minimum for usage up to 2000 gallons to \$65.00. The clerk will get an ordinance prepared for this.
Action Taken: **Approved**,
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed 4 – 1.
- Recommendation from the Finance Committee:
 - American Legion Business grant – The legion had met with the council previously asking for \$15,000 for work on the furnace. They did not end up needing that. But they are currently needing the money for other projects. The finance committee is recommending giving the Legion \$15,000 to help with those projects.
Action Taken: **Approved**,
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

New Business

1. **Consider GRF Men's Club – Project at dam** – William Schlunaker presented their plans for the dam. They would like to honor Jim Chandler and his work there by continuing projects. Williams has written a grant to help with new boat ramps, trails, and projects to clean up the area. The council would like for William to meet with the city's grant writer to look over the grant, as it will be submitted in the city's

name. The men's club will be doing fundraising also and provide volunteers for the work. The mayor mentioned that they are working on cleaning up the asphalt and concrete piles. The mayor also mentioned officially naming it the Jim Chandler Dam.

Action Taken: **Approved to start the process.**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

2. **Consider 120 Water renewal** – The council tabled this until they could talk to Ed about it.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

3. **Consider creation of Capital Projects Fund** – Amy needs to create a new account and move funds from the Capital Improvement fund to the Capital Projects fund. This is something the auditors are recommending.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 5 - 0.

4. **Consider Water Quality Report** – The council tabled this due to Ed being sick.

Action Taken: **Tabled,**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

5. **Consider CILBA Code Enforcement** – The Landbank has a company they are working with for code enforcement. The would not be for trash or grass, it would be for buildings. This would help the land bank and the city receive grants in the future.

Action Taken: **Tabled for more information**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Announcements:

- Alder Gordon asked if there was any update on 300 Garfield being torn down.
- Alder Gordon also asked about the Church St property. Clerk Wilson said we are waiting on paperwork from the lawyer. Mrs. Digby has agreed to sign it over to the city.
- Alder Brooks asked to be put on the agenda for the next meeting for the Bi-Centennial committee. They are asking if the city could open an account for the fundraising.
- Alder Weaver mentioned the new stop signs on Pearl St. are working.
- Troy Pate thanked the council for the grant to the American Legion.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 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 January 20, 2026.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk