

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for June 1, 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 Alder Gordon
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present:	Dennis Davidson	Alder Ward 1
	Jack Morrison	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
	Jacqueline Wilson	City Clerk
Absent:	Mike Scott	Alder Ward 3
	Nick Krabel	Alder Ward 4
	Amy Cavanaugh	Treasurer

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

Public Comment:

- Rusty Berry said one of the police officers was told by a council member they couldn't be hanging around the fire station. He wasn't sure who said it, but thinks that the police, fire, and ambulance all need to be able to work together. The mayor agreed that we all need to work together. He wasn't sure why it was said. He told Mr. Berry that Chief Renaker would be coming to the meeting, and he could talk to him about it.
- Darren Alexander asked where the council was with the third well for the water system. Mayor Readnour explained that we have the land to put a third well but the price to add it was too much. The engineers are applying for a loan through the EPA and looking for grants.
- Darren Alexander asked for the contact information for the new owner of the strip mall. Clerk Wilson said she would send it to him.
- Darren Alexander asked about the yearly fireworks contract. He wanted to know who would be negotiating the contract for next year, and if we would be doing a bigger display for the 200th year celebration. Alderman Weaver said the bicentennial group was wanting to talk to the council about moving the fireworks up and combining them with the bicentennial celebration. The committee is looking at possible doing a drone show.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated May 18, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved as presented,**
Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Morrison,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
- b) Approve Personnel Committee Minutes dated May 18, 2026.
Action Taken: **Approved as presented,**
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. Payment of Bills.

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 911. There were 28 payments to vendors for a total of \$29,767.34.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Brooks,

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. The clerk collected waste pad payments totaling \$4675.00 and water lab payments totaling \$50. The clerk issued a building permit to Kris Hutson at 405 S. Main St. The clerk issued golf cart permits to Dennis Howard, Tom Smith, Todd Green, and John Unakis.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- 4. Streets & Alleys Report:** put flags up for Memorial Day, cleaned up Rt. 1 from hydraulic fluid line breaking on sprayer, take flags down after Memorial Day, clean storm drains, rebuild pit and installed new meter on Pine St, cutting sewers with jetter, restored areas that we have dug up, washed all trucks and backhoe, mowed and weed eat city properties. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: May 14 - 27, 2026 – 15 hours. Alder Morrison asked about the cost of the hydraulic fluid clean-up. Will the owners be reimbursing the city?

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- 5. Water & Sewer Report:** CSO report, water reports, sewer reports, monthly test, cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant and Georgetown sewer plant, mowed and trimmed all of 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 was 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, cleaned all final tanks and the primary tank, worked on a few water turn on's/off's as needed, did extra test and samples for over flows (002), did fecal test on 001, did fecal test and suspended solid test for Homer, took Big Red to get new treads, weeded and sprayed South Main lift station, cleaned basement. **Overtime hours:** 10 hours for May 14 - 27, 2026.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- 6. Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 230 calls along with 16 in town and 26 out of town assists, with 13 ordinance violations and 59 traffic stops.

Overtime Hours: 25.5 hours, 24 Comp time for April 30 – May 27, 2026.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Brooks,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Old Business

1. **Consider Committees** – The mayor talked to Alderman Scott about removing him from the committees while he is out for a health issue. He will be replaced by Jack Morrison on the Civic Improvements committee, and the Ordinance committee, by Curt Gordon on the Street & Alley committee, and Mitch Weaver on the Personnel committee. Steffanie Lyons will cover for Jack Morrison when he is unavailable.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Brooks

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Committee Briefs:

- Consider water/sewer committee recommendations
 - Fire department water bill
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
- Consider Public Properties committee recommendations:
 - Regulating business use of yard waste at dam - The committee would like to add an annual permit for landscaping and tree services. The business would have to provide a certificate of liability. If they have a permit, they will be able to come to city hall and pick up a key on days the dam is not open. The fee would be \$50 for landscapers and \$100 for tree services. For City residents the dam will be open on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 7 am – 7 pm. They would like a sign put up reminding guests the it is for residents and permitted businesses only and yard waste only.
Action Taken: **Approved**,
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

New Business:

1. **Consider Dog fine** – the council discussed the dog fines. The decision was made not to waive the fine. For a first-time offense it is \$150.00. This helps to cover the cost of animal control expenses. If we waive it for one, we have to waive it for all.
Action Taken: **Approved**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Lyons,
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 1.
2. **Consider new keypad system** - Tom Wagner sent a quote for a new keypad system for the city hall and garage. Kenzie is having issues programming the current one. The council would like to see about getting another quote.
Action Taken: **Tabled**
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements:

- Alder Weaver asked about using the Sliva building at the park for the Bi-centennial celebration. It is not being used at the moment due to the roof leaking and mold in the building. Mr. Alexander mentioned asking for donations and contractors to donate time to fix the building.
- Alder Brooks would like to have an ordinance committee meeting soon. She asked that Chief Renaker come. Someone asked the Chief the fine for illegal dumping. He said it was \$100. He would like to add it to the PNT ordinance so they can tow the vehicle if it is a big issue.

- Mr. Alexander asked why the city attorney is not at meetings. It was explained to him, that we would have to pay him hourly for the meetings, when we may not need him. If we have a question, we can call or email him. Mr. Alexander said any other town meeting he has been at the attorney is present. Alder Morrison explained that 13 years on the school board, the school board attorney was never at a meeting.
- The council asked the Chief about Mr. Berry's complaint. He did not tell the police they could not be at the fire department at all, he told them they did not need to be hanging out at the fire department when they should be out patrolling. If they have a training that would be beneficial to the police, he has no problem with officers being present.

Executive Session: 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) litigation

Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for litigation.

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Executive session Entered at 7:58 pm.

Reconvened from Executive Session

Action Taken: **Passed.**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Exit Executive session at 8:18 pm

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 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 June 1, 2026.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk