



# Georgetown City Council Meeting Minutes

## For July 1, 2024

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 M. Scott  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call:**

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

The Mayor declared a quorum was present.

**Public Comments:**

- No Public was present.

**1. Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated June 17, 2024.  
Action Taken: **Approved as presented.**  
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel,  
Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0 with Alders Davidson & R. Scott abstaining.
- b) Approve Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2024.  
Action Taken: **Approved as presented.**  
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder Krabel,  
Motion passed 3 – 0, with Alders Morrison, Davidson, R. Scott, and Gordon abstaining.

**2. Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 861. There were payments to 32 vendors for a total of \$43,488.99.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder M. Scott,  
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, phone calls, and FOIA Requests, and entered data from surveys received. The clerk issued golf cart permits to Lindsay Nigra and Rick Dailey. The city received \$25.00 for the water lab.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

4. **Streets & Alleys Report:** Did Work Orders and J.U.L.I.E.'s, worked on Bad Meter list, shut off list, and read meters, cleaned streets for fair, painted curbs, seal coated roads, worked on multiple sewers, mowed city properties, picked up trash at the park, took flags down, trimmed branches at the park, fixed pot hole at 403 Hill, cold patched around town, pushed up brush pile, added rock on McKinley, cleaned storm sewers. **Overtime hours:** 15.5 hours for June 13 - 26, 2024.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
5. **Water & Sewer Reports: Will:** chores at both sewer and water buildings every day, weekly test and sampling every Thursday/Friday, read test results every following Tuesday/Wednesday, Biweekly lift station reports, cleaned all glass bowls, cleaned rake, cleaned grit wash, clean trickling filter, mowed and weeded Cayuga, cleaned septic dumping bunker, filled chemicals at sewer plant, went and got lumber to build housing unit for S. Main lift station generator, worked on spraying lagoons, cleaned mowers, trimmed sewer plants sidewalks, replaced seals on sewer plants main door, cleaned finals and primary tank, cleaned primary building, started to paint bridge, finished spraying lagoons, cleaned front room to headworks, weeded and sprayed drying beds at sewer plant, cleaned C117, fixed Stenner pumps in back room of sewer plant. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for June 13 - 26, 2024.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,  
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
6. **Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 194 calls and 18 ordinance violations, along with 14 in town and 15 out of town assists.  
**Overtime Hours:** 24.5 hours, 56 Comp time for May 30 – June 12, 2024.  
Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.  
Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Old Business:**

1. **Consider Ordinance 2024-145 Tamper Fees –**  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.
2. **Consider Ordinance 2024-146 Solicitors –** The question was asked what we could do if the solicitors do not comply with the ordinance.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Davidson  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Committee Briefs:**

- The personnel committee met with Sergeant Anderson on June 27. They would like to recommend Sergeant Anderson for a promotion to Captain. Sgt. Anderson also introduced our new hire, Brook Lemon.  
Action Taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**New Business:**

1. **Consider Conxxus –** The council met with Miranda from Conxxus. They plan to start within the next month. She said they average around 30 Julie marks a week. There will be 2 crews in town. Their goal is

10,000 feet per week. They are hoping to be done in 8 weeks. The council agreed to allow them to bore fiber optics from 6 – 3:30. They can clean up or do whatever else they need to after that.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Davidson,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

2. **Consider Locis training – Shauna & Jacki**

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Davidson,

Motion passed unanimously 6- 0.

3. **Consider updating building code – Manufactured homes/trailers** – current ordinance states nothing less than 600 sq ft. Alderman Davidson stated according to the ordinances the foundation must be below the frost line. He says this is in the International Property Maintenance Code. He thinks this will take care of this issue.

Action Taken: **Do not change ordinance**

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

4. **Consider water bill review form** – Jeremy Starwalt discussed his water bill review with the council. He had a huge leak on a house that he is remodeling. He has been paying the minimum water bill for many years, some without the water on. He asked that they take that into consideration when adjusting his bill.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. **Consider health insurance** – The health insurance will be going up 15%. There were quotes from other companies but there all have been higher in rates.

Motion Taken: **Approved** Renewal

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

6. **Consider Alderman pay** – Alder Morrison mentioned if they had received a 3% raise for the last 12 years they would be at \$85.00. This pay would go into effect in May with the new elections. The motion was made to raise the alderman’s pay to \$85.00.

Action Taken: **Approved**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

7. **Consider street department position** – Alder Waterman has someone that the committee has interviewed before but took another job due to pay. It is not working out, and the city is still needing someone in the Streets & Alley’s department.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Announcements:**

- The Fair Family Dinner will be at 6:30 on Wednesday, July 3 at the Banquet Center.
- Rusty mentioned the curb to the east of the post office. There have been a few accidents there. The east side of the road is wider, than get narrow. The owners have asked that we widen the road down to the alley, to make it easier for the semis and mail trucks to get in and out.
- Rusty also mentioned they moved the no parking sign and painted the curb by the mailbox in the front of the building. We have received many complaints due to cars parking too close to the box and customers not able to pull up to the mailbox.
- An alderman asked about the work on the sidewalk next to Subway. Rusty believes we will have to get with IDOT for that. Alder Waterman mentioned that TIF District money can be used to fix it.

**Executive Session:** 5ILCS 120/2(c) (5) Personnel and (4) legal matters,  
Action Taken: **Passed** to enter executive session for personnel and legal matters.  
Motion / Second: Alder M. Scott / Alder R. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.  
Entered Executive session at 8:05 pm.

**Reconvened** from Executive Session  
Action Taken: **Passed.**  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.  
Exit Executive session at 8:21 pm

**Recommendations from Executive Session:** Approve increase in bonus.  
Action taken: **Approved**  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder M. Scott  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Recommendations from Executive Session:** Agree to undisclosed settlement amount.  
Action Taken: **Approved,**  
Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder M. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

**Adjourn Meeting:**  
Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder R. Scott,  
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:22 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 1, 2024.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk