

Georgetown City Council Meeting

Minutes for August 19, 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 Gordon
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

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

Alderman Krabel declared a quorum was present.

Public Comments:

- Eric Echols & Glenda Roulaine were present. They would like to see something done about homes in their area. Many needs mowed, trash picked up, etc. They maintain the alley behind their house to have access to their garage. The neighbors continue to blow grass into after asking them not to and have left huge ruts in the rocks, down to the dirt. The doctor's office doesn't look good, bushes need trimmed, lot needs mowed. The chief told them he would check out the properties mentioned to see what they could do.

1. **Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated August 5, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** with corrections,

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon,

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0, with Alder R. Scott abstaining.

2. **Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 864. There were 35 payments to vendors for a total of \$51,327.33.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. **Treasurer's Report.**

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

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

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 also collected waste lab payments totaling \$2082.50 and water lab payments totaling \$75.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- Streets & Alleys Report:** trimmed intersections and streets in Northwest section of town, fixed water leaks at 204 W. 11th and 303 Stone St, started sewer job on S. Seminary St. **Equipment:** changed oil in the backhoe and trucks. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: July 25 – August 7, 2024 – 2.5 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

- Water & Sewer Reports:** **Ed** – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly samples, mowing, weed eating, cleaned dump bunker, meet with Indiana department of health for our fluoride inspection (went well with no problems), got BPS room ready for painting to take place, and cleaned lab. Will took his awaiting results. **Will** – mowed and weeded both Cayuga water building, wells, and Georgetown sewer plant every week, cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at sewer plant every two weeks, filled chemicals at Cayuga water plant, filled chemicals at Georgetown sewer plant, did biweekly 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, cleaned grit wash station once a week, cleaned rake system once a week, cleaned septic dumping station, cleaned primary and final tanks weekly. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for July 25 – August 7, 2024.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Old Business

- Consider Personnel policy** – the personnel had voted to give employees their vacation according to the seniority, and have it accrued. This can stay the same, for new employees that had voted to give them a week if they were hired in the first 6 months of the fiscal year, and 2 personal days if they were hired in the last 6 months of the fiscal year. This will not comply with the PLAWA. The council made the motion to leave the vacation days for new employees the way it was.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

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

Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Committee Briefs

- Consider Personnel Committee Recommendations – The personnel committee would like to hire Kenzie Cravens for the full time HR clerk position.

Action Taken: **Approved,**

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

Motion passed unanimously 5 – 1, Alder Morrison abstained due to being related.

New Business

- Consider Ordinance car** – The chief has driven the vehicle, and it runs better than he thought and has less miles than originally thought. The chief would like to put some lights in the vehicle at a cost of around \$2800 for equipment and installation and drive it as his vehicle. A new vehicle will cost around \$60-65,000. The motion was made to rescind the previous motion to accept bids for the police vehicle and to allow the chief to add lights and use the vehicle.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

2. **Consider MFT** – seal coat projects total \$52,126.40. The price changed due to using a different oil. The oil they had been using was bleeding through. The new total is \$67, 429.65.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Brooks,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

3. **Discuss 1% grocery tax** – If we want the 1% grocery tax to continue, we must submit the ordinance to the IDOR before October 2025. If we do this there will not be a lull in the tax, it will continue the same. The council would like to pass the grocery 1% tax, the clerk will prepare the ordinance.

4. **Consider Rahmtech – firewall** – The firewall expires in November; Chris recommends replacing it before then.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder R. Scott,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

5. **Consider disposal license** – B & W Disposal is looking to service Georgetown. We have 6 licenses available and only 3 being used currently.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon
Motion passed 5 – 1, Alder Morrison voted no.

6. **Consider Church St. house** – a resident has approached Alder Morrison about the Digby house. They are interested in buying it but cannot afford to tear it down. The chief is going to see what the next step would be.

Action Taken: **Tabled,**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

7. **Consider new phone service** – Unified Global Solutions has given a quote for phone service. They cannot do anything with the internet at this time. A contract was just signed in June with Sparklight, they are willing to buy us out of that contract and would offer service at \$21.15 per line. This would be a 5-year contract, with the prices locked in. The council would like to see what Sparklight can do. Can they match that rate? If we do switch will the price for the internet change?

Action taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Brooks
Motion passed unanimously 6 – 0.

Announcements:

- Election packets can be picked up starting August 20 during normal business hours.

Adjourn Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder R. Scott / Alder Morrison,
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 August 19, 2024.

Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk