

# Georgetown City Council Meeting

## Minutes for November 3, 2025

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:**

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

The mayor declared a quorum was present.

### **Public Comments:**

- Jessica Carter asked where the water quality report was located. Clerk Wilson told her it could be found at georgetownil.net under residents, water, 2025 Water Quality Report. She asked if there were any issues reported on the water report. She complained about the water being hard and smelling like chlorine. The mayor explained that yes, the water is hard as it comes from a well. The water is tested daily and has not had any issues with chlorine.
- Mrs. Carter also asked if the council saw a conflict of interest as the city has multiple people that work for the city and the school district. She said she has never seen that anywhere else. The city's grant writer also works for the school. The mayor explained that the treasurer position is an appointed position, and the grant writer is contracted.
- Mrs. Carter asked where for a breakdown of the police department's salaries. She could only find it listed in bulk. The mayor told her she could FOIA it.
- Janet Greene had a complaint about all of the cars at 206 E. West St. There are 10 cars, but only 2 have moved in the last 2 weeks. She mentioned she had talked to the funeral home, they have been parked in their lot, and they do not have permission to park there.
- Janet Martin asked about parking on Route 1. It is allowed, although at the south end it is not allowed from 6 pm – 6 am.
- Janet Greene asked about who owns the Schwan's building. The mayor said Charlie Lambert tried to buy it and they were asking \$600,000. She said it would be perfect for the legion.

### **1. Approval of Minutes.**

- a) Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes dated October 20, 2025.  
Action Taken: **Approved as presented**,  
Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed 4 – 0, with Alders Davidson, Brooks, and Krabel abstaining.
- b) Approve Business & TIF District Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 20, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved as presented,**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Morrison,

Motion passed 4 – 0, with Alder Davidson, Brooks, and Krabel abstaining.

**2. Payment of Bills.**

Action Taken: **Authorized payment** of bills as presented in List 896. There were 27 payments to vendors for a total of \$26,903.33.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented,

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 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 issued a building permit to Fisher Bank. The clerk also collected waste pad payments totaling \$1763.75.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

**4. Streets & Alleys Report:** repaired water main at Park and W. 6<sup>th</sup> St, cleaned up stumps from fallen trees, ran sewers around town, mowed all city lots, worked on cleaning up dam area, changed out light in break room at city hall. **Did work orders, read meters, shut off list, Bad meter list, and J.U.L.I.E.'s.** Overtime hours: October 15-29, 2025 – 7 hours.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

**5. Water & Sewer Reports:** Ed – daily chores, CSO report, water report, sewer report, monthly testing, got the new communications (radios and new sim cards) all installed and system is back up and running, sprayed BPS for bugs, submitted new coliform sample sites to EPA for approval, got everything ready for winter, scooped the drying beds and placed on bed 7 for storage, and cleaned BPS. Will – cleaned glass bowls on all pumps at Georgetown sewer plant every 2 weeks, mowed and weeded once a week at least, 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, cleaned the outside of Cayuga water plant building and sprayed for bugs, winterized all pumps exposed to the outdoor conditions, checked all heaters and made sure there were in working order and the ones that were not I replaced with new, greased all pumps and grease fittings, cleaned blower building and sprayed for bugs, cleaned chlorine building and sprayed for bugs, decanted to drying beds, did Homer's fecal test. **Overtime hours:** 8 hours for October 15 - 29, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

**6. Public Safety Report:** The Police had over 72 calls and 3 ordinance violations, along with 4 in town and 4 out of town assists.

**Overtime Hours:** 34.5 hours, 53.5 Comp time for October 2-29, 2025.

Action Taken: **Approved** as presented.

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

## **Old Business**

### **1. Consider records storage building bids –**

- Silver Bros. - \$143,540, option 1 – spray R14 insulation \$6,600, option 2 – French drain for condensate line \$500, extra for cold weather concrete related costs - \$5,100.
- Hillside Development - \$167,750.00
- Schomburg & Schomburg Construction - \$219,776

The council would like to look into these companies and their reputation. They were also wondering when they would be able to start. A representative from Hillside was at the meeting and said they were ready to start as soon as the area was prepared by the city, the materials were all lined up.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Brooks / Alder Lyons,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

## **New Business**

### **1. Consider GRF Pinecrest Parking lot –** The traffic patterns are pick up are the big concern. Cars begin to line up around 12:30-1 pm. The school board has looked at several options. They looked up putting a road on the east side of the property that came out on E. West St. They are applying for a grant and have to have letters of support from community leaders. They could not get the support because the road would be coming out on a blind corner at E. West St. They are now looking at expanding the parking lot south of the school. There has been concern about drainage from Greene's.

At a meeting with area leaders, it was decided to try lining up the cars in 3 lines on the property. They can hold up to 85 cars if they expand the parking lot. Their plan is to develop a good foundation and put gravel and mills down to expand it. They received 5 bids ranging from \$104,000 - \$186,000. The lowest bid was Prairieland Drainage.

This project would benefit the city by getting the cars off the road. The grant the school is applying for request the cities involvement. They are asking the city to donate 30% of the funding. The city can use TIF district funds. The school is currently in deficit spending, meaning the money is not flowing from the state. Many grants have been reduced. Mrs. Neal said they have good reserves but are deficit spending. In order for the school to apply for the grant, they have to show the city is willing to commit.

Alderman Weaver asked about brining bus service back. The issues at pick up started when they took away the bus service. Mrs. Neal said they went to the state guidelines. The state will reimburse the school for children who live 1.5 miles from the school. Many agreed that the police need to start writing tickets.

Mrs. Neal was asked what the plan was to fix the drainage. The millings won't be permeable. She could not give the plans for that. Mayor Readnour asked that she get them and submit them to the city.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Krabel / Alder Weaver,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

### **2. Consider community solar contract –** the attorney highlighted many concerns with the community solar contract. The council agreed.

Action Taken: **Denied**

Motion / Second: Alder Gordon / Alder Krabel,

Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

### **3. Consider leak detection –** It has been 4 years since we have done a leak detection. The current water loss is estimated at approximately 41,000 gallons per day.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Gordon,  
Motion passed 7 – 0.

4. **Consider Beth Hall – alley** – Beth is requesting the alley to the west of the Pumphouse be vacated. They own the property on both sides. They would like to be able to use it and it is not used by the public. She also wanted to update the council on the building. They are still in the process of restoring the building. It is coming along but taking more time than planned.

Action Taken: **Tabled**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

5. **Consider Christmas basket donation** – council approved to do same donation as before

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

6. **Consider Ladie's club – would like to use the 2 parking spots in front of the library for food trucks on December 7 for the Christmas Parade** – Alder Morrison mentioned other food trucks have been denied due to liability. It was also mentioned the bank or legion would be a better area. Alder Morrison did not see an issue with the setting up there, it could also help Josephine's business.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Morrison / Alder Krabel,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

7. **Consider 2025 – 26 Tax levy** – The council discussed the tax levy at the finance meeting. Treasurer Cavanaugh stated the increase would be 4.79%. This is to help cover higher wages, police protection, and health insurance. The city is trying to hire the next water/sewer superintendent, but is having trouble finding someone due to the current wages.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Davidson / Alder Gordon  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 0.

8. **Consider 2025 Employee raises** – 5% was budgeted for all except employees currently on probation and the water/sewer superintendent.

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Lyons / Alder Weaver  
Motion passed 7 – 0.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Action Taken: **Approved**

Motion / Second: Alder Weaver / Alder Morrison,  
Motion passed unanimously 7 – 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 November 3, 2025.

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Jacqueline Wilson, City Clerk