

Town of Georgetown
Organizational Meeting
January 1, 2015

Brenton Fender, Town Clerk-Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Members in attendance were Chris Loop, Jim Tripure, Gary Smith, Patti Denison, and Kathy Haller.

Town Council President

Brenton Fender asked the council for a nomination for Town Council President. *Patti Denison nominated Gary Smith. Seconded by Jim Tripure. Approved by all.*

Town Council Vice President

Gary Smith nominated Chris Loop as Town Council Vice President. Seconded by Kathy Haller. Approved by all.

Public Works Director

Gary Smith nominated Richard Stiles for the position of Public Works Director. Patti Denison stated that she believed we should have a more formal hiring process with more candidates. Kathy Haller seconded Gary's nomination of Richard. Approved by all except Jim Tripure and Patti Denison.

Town Attorney

Town council discussed two attorneys that had been interviewed, Kyle Williams and Kristi Fox. Council members believed both attorneys to be qualified and acceptable for the position. Kyle Williams' quoted rate was \$165 per hour. Kristi Fox's quoted rate was \$125 per hour. *Gary Smith made a motion to appoint Kristi Fox as Town Attorney. Seconded by Jim Tripure. Approved by all.*

Ordinance G-14-09

Gary Smith stated that he believed the 5% raises given to town employees in ordinance G-14-09 were not approved correctly. He then stated that he would have Town Attorney Kristi Fox investigate.

Employees of the Clerk Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer, Brenton Fender, asked that the Town Council approve the hiring of Julia Keibler as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer. *Kathy Haller made a motion to approve this hiring. Seconded by Patti Denison. Approved by all.*

Clerk-Treasurer, Brenton Fender, asked that the Town Council approve the hiring of Diane Lilly. Chris Loop made it be known that Diane was his mother-in-law and that he would abstain from the vote. *Jim Tripure made motion to approve the hiring. Seconded by Kathy Haller. Approved by all except Chris Loop.*

Plan Commission

Richard Stiles and Chris Loop were selected to fill the two open positions for town official/employee. Jerry Brock was selected for the open position as a town citizen.

Safety Panel

Kathy Haller and Julia Keibler agreed to be on the Town Safety Panel.

Financial Institutions

Jim Tripure made a motion to maintain the town's financial institutions. Seconded by Gary Smith. Approved by all.

Building Commissioner

Chris Loop made a motion to retain Steve Broadus as Building Commissioner and Building Inspector. Seconded by Patti Denison. Approved by all.

Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule

Council agreed to continue meeting on the third Monday of the month. Chris Loop asked that the January meeting be moved from Tuesday the 20th to January 12th. *Patti Denison made a motion to approve this schedule. Seconded by Jim Tripure. Approved by all.*

Chief of Police

Patti Denison made a motion to retain Dennis Kunkel as Georgetown Chief of Police. *Seconded by Chris Loop. Approved by all.*

People's Petitions and Comments

Georgetown Township Trustee, Dennis Roudenbush asked that the town waive customers' late fees on their water bill, if he was providing them with assistance on the bill. This would allow Georgetown incur less write-offs and help the citizens who can't afford their water bill. *Kathy Haller made a motion to approve. Seconded by Jim Tripure. Approved by all.*

Meeting was adjourned. *It was not recorded who made the motion or who seconded the motion. Apporved by all.*