

**Town of Georgetown  
Regular Meeting  
October 16, 2023  
6:30 P.M.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

Council members present: Chris Loop, Ben Stocksdales, Billy Haller, Brandon Hopf and Jason Parrish. Also attending: Julia Keibler, Haley James, Chief Travis Speece, Reny Keener, Kristi Fox, and Bob Woosley.

**Approval of Minutes**

Brandon Hopf made a motion to approve the Regular Town Council meeting minutes from September 18, 2023. Seconded by Jason Parrish and approved 5-0.

**Clerk Treasurer Julia Keibler**

We have a resident in Town at 9835 State Road 64 who has been paying the monthly trash service fee plus privately for a dumpster. This was not brought to our attention until recently when Sweetland delivered the new cans to her address. She would like to ask the council for a credit because she did not know she was being charged monthly on her sanitation bill. Kristi Fox and Chris Loop both agree she should not receive a credit because there is an ordinance for all town residents to be charged monthly for trash services and because it was her choice to upgrade her service.

Haley James turned in a mileage reimbursement report for 529.8 miles at a rate of \$0.49. The total reimbursement is \$259.60.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the vehicle reimbursement report for Haley James for the amount of \$259.60 and for it to be paid from the General fund. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

Julia Keibler presented a salary Ordinance calculation report. Chris Loop would like to bring this report back at the November meeting showing the 7% increase to the Public Works Department and the Police's increases for the class a rate. Chris Loop would like to go with the 4% increase to everyone else.

There is a program available to help us send alerts and notices to the community. This program is called TextmyGov. This would help inform residents on special events, closings, and bad weather updates. Chris Loop is interested and would like more information and to see if they have a competitor.

#### **Chief Travis Speece**

Nothing to report.

#### **Town Attorney - Kristi Fox**

Nothing to report.

#### **Town Engineer**

#### **WWTP B Side Air Leak Repair Quotes**

There was a leak recently repaired by Coffman Construction that has exposed additional air leaks on the B side. The plug valves that help drain flow from both the A & B side digestors are no longer functioning properly and need to be replaced with gate valves in lieu of plug valves. Bob Woosley only received one quote from TRC for \$67,148.94 and recommends approval.

Jason Parrish made a motion to approve TRC's quote for \$67,148.94 and for this to be paid from the Waste Water Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

#### **Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG)**

Lois Lane paving has started. Completion will be delayed due to the relocation of power poles by Duke Energy. We were given a time line of four months before the poles will be relocated. Within the next week, Temple and Temple will start milling the streets that need to be paved. Bob Woosley expects all the streets to be finished in a week depending on the weather. Once this is completed, we will be eligible for next year.

#### **Copperfield Drainage**

Bob Woosley is still waiting to hear from Edwardsville Water to confirm if the water line relocation work will be approved or denied.

#### **Crimson Creek Drainage Improvements (8277 Crimson Creek)**

Work is currently underway. Minor modifications were needed to avoid conflicts with existing utilities. This project is almost completed.

## **Dual FM Modifications (Legacy Springs)**

The flushing ports that were installed for the dual force mains in the ground is finished. The pump run times have settled around the 5–6-hour range, which is good. We were seeing 11-12-16 hours of running time, almost always running. This is a huge improvement.

## **East Knable Road Lift Station**

Someone dumped a tar like substance down their sewer system. The pumps were not damaged. Bob Woosley had TNT install a monitoring system and it is currently online. Bob Woosley has the line plugged until the new 8" sewer is televised to confirm there are no issues with the line.

## **Henriott Road Culvert**

There is a culvert under Henriott Road right after the Police Station. Bob Woosley went out to the site and found the bottom of the culvert is rusted away and will need replaced. Bob Woosley would like to put this with Capital Improvements for next year. This will need to be replaced very soon.

## **East Lift Station**

We had high level alarms go off on Sunday, October 15, 2023. This is one of our main lift stations. It is very important these are running and in good condition. These stations should be running about 350 gallons a minute. Right now, one is doing 90 gallons and the other one is running 20 gallons a minute. We currently have an axillary pump pumping to keep up. Bob Woosley will check all five ARV's immediately and look into flushing the line to make sure we do not have a clog somewhere.

## **Sidewalks**

We are looking at the next possible phases of sidewalk improvements. It is a very ambitious project but there is a federal grant available. Reny Keener said that the project came out to over a million dollars. There will be creek crossings, retaining walls and business signs that will make the project even more challenging. Survey data will be needed.

## **Public Works - Town Manager - Reny Keener**

### **Readi 2.0 Grant:**

Reny Keener attended the RDA meeting last Friday and is hopeful we will be approved for this grant.



### **Community Foundation Grant**

This grant would help pay for the all-inclusive playground at Georgetown Park. We have made it to the final round and hope to have an update at the November meeting.

### **Georgetown Park Improvement Project**

Riley Excavating has completed this project. Reny Keener had Riley Excavating fix the catch basin boxes that were in the ground and they helped install the new water fountain. This increased the project by \$2,750.00 for a total of \$26,678.00.

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve change work order Number 1 from Riley Excavating for the Georgetown Park Improvement Project for a total of \$2,750.00 and for this to be paid from the Gaming Fund. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

### **Bibb Meter**

Reny Keener would like to make some changes to our Bibb Meter Rental Program. We receive a lot of broken or damaged bibb meters when customers are returning them for the season. Chris Loop suggested the utilities supervisor check all bibb meter returns very thoroughly and to sign off on the condition before a refund is issued.

### **9150 State Road 64 - Wolfe Motel**

The property owners have received our offer and declined it. The homeowners said they have not received any other offers. Kristi Fox recommends letting Reny Keener make another offer and to allow Chris Loop to sign it outside of the meeting. Send an email or letter to both homeowners for our documentation, not via telephone.

### **CyberDome USA**

Reny Keener is looking into a new Cyber security company for the Town. CyberDome has agreed to price match what we currently pay through AppSalute. This company is local and based out of Clarksville, Indiana. This company will also help the Town write grants to help improve our cyber security needs. Cyberdome was in attendance tonight and presented their credentials.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow CyberDome to come into Town Hall to do an analysis of the Town's cyber security and IT system with the purpose of generating a proposal. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

## **Plan Commission**

Nothing to Report.

## **Redevelopment Commission**

The Redevelopment Commission approved a Façade Grant Application for 9135 State Road 64 for Justin Juhasz for \$10,000.00. Reny Keener has put together a Pitch Competition that we contingently approved to start doing to help bring businesses to Town and the board is in support of a tax abatement for 9135 State Road 64. This tax abatement will be presented tonight under new business. The Board has also approved new yard signs for completed Façade applications.

## **Agenda Items**

### **Tax Abatement (9135 St. Rd. 64)**

Justin Juhasz, the owner of Floyd Farm and Feed, is in the process of buying 9135 State Road 64 (the old bakery building) and turning it into a microbrewery that will manufacture its own beer. The Redevelopment Commission is in support of a tax abatement for this project, as well as, Matt Hall from 1si. Matt Hall is in attendance tonight to give his support.

Chris Loop made a motion to allow Chris Loop to sign a letter of support for a tax abatement, with the intent to move forward, outside of the meeting. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

### **Ordinance G-23-10 – An Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates**

#### **First Reading**

Ben Stocksdales made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-10, An Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Seconded by Chris Loop and approved 5-0.

#### **Second Reading**

Chris Loop made a motion to approve Ordinance G-23-10, An Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

### **Resolution R-23-04 - A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property**

The Town would like to sell a 2004 Ford F350 Dump Truck through Govdeals with a minimum listing price of \$8,000.00.

Jason Parrish made a motion to approve Resolution R-23-04, A Resolution for Sale of Personal Property. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

### **New Town Logo**

This item was brought up at the September meeting and the Town Council decided to bring back a few more designs before approving at the October meeting. Reny Keener has brought back three additional designs and the Town Council agree on design #3.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the new Town Logo design. Seconded by Billy Haller and approved 5-0.

### **Ashley Mariah Park Playground Equipment**

Reny Keener would like to ask the Town Council to pay \$54,925.88 from one of our funds so we can receive the matching funds from Patroniciti sooner. Reny Keener would like to adopt a Resolution to transfer the money back to the fund once we receive the funds from the website.

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the purchase with Gametime with a purchase price of \$54,925.88 to be paid from the General Fund. We will further reimburse the fund once we receive funds from Patroniciti and allow Chris Loop to sign outside the meeting. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

### **Fence/Neighbor Dispute at 2306 Henriott Rd.**

Haley James received a phone call from Sandra Conrad (2306 Henriott Rd) concerning her neighbor's fence at 2300 Henriott Rd. Reny Keener and one of the utilities workers visited this location at the beginning of October and found the fence that is in place is in violation of our Zoning Code. This fence has been in place for years but has just been brought to our attention after these two neighbors have had a conflict concerning stray animals. The Georgetown Zoning Ordinance, Section 4.0 (Accessory Uses) states, "Fences in a front yard cannot exceed 3 feet in height unless it is a chain link fence. A chain link fence can be 4 feet in height in the front yard." This fence is measured at 5ft. 10in. in the front yard. If the homeowner with the fence would like to keep the fence, they will need to apply for a variance through the Board of Zoning Appeals. Kristi Fox recommends sending a violation letter to 2300 Henriott Rd to let them know they are out of compliance and they need to request a variance. If the property does not get in compliance, the Town can choose to take action.

Ben Stocksdale made a motion to approve sending a violation letter to the homeowner at 2300 Henriott Road to get them into compliance. Seconded by Jason Parrish and approved 5-0.

## **John Beams - Destination Georgetown**

John Beams from Destination Georgetown is in attendance to give an update on the Georgetown Mural by Copperfield Plaza. Bob Woosley informed John Beams if he plans to install any more signs of this size, it will need a sign permit from the Building Department. Destination Georgetown will be hosting a Farmers Market on the next two weekends from 10-2 at Copperfield Plaza. Floyd Farm and Feed will be having the Scarecrow Contest this year.

## **Claims Docket**

Chris Loop made a motion to approve the claims docket. Seconded by Brandon Hopf and approved 5-0.

## **Miscellaneous Business**

Billy Haller would like an update on Duke Energy LED project. We are in contract with them over this project. Kristi Fox would like a copy of the Duke Energy Contract before reaching out.

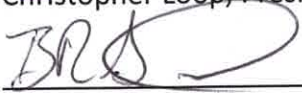
## **Adjournment**

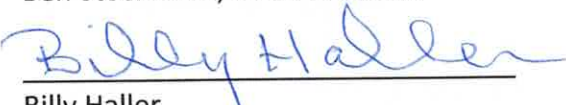
Jason Parrish made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ben Stocksdales and approved 5-0.




**Minutes approved by:**

  
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Christopher Loop, President


  
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Ben Stocksdales, Vice President

  
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Billy Haller

  
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Brandon Hopf

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Jason Parrish

**Attest:**

  
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Julia Keibler, Clerk Treasurer