

**Regular Session of Council
Village of Georgetown
June 9, 2022**

The Georgetown Village Council convened in regular session on Thursday, 9, 2022, from 7:01 p.m. until 9:37 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Council Chambers. Mayor Dale Cahall called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Cahall asked for an attendance roll call with the following Councilmembers present: Kelly Cornette, Nancy Montgomery, Jeremy Varner and Steve Wolfe. Employees present: Chief Freeland, Captain Staggs, Solicitor Joe Braun, Fiscal Officer Newberry and Administrator Owens.

Councilmember Montgomery made a motion to excuse Councilmember Anderson with a second by Councilmember Varner. Mayor Cahall called for a roll call vote. Councilmembers Cornette, Montgomery, Varner and Wolfe all voted yea. Motion carried.

Councilmember Wolfe made a motion to excuse Councilmember Mays with a second by Councilmember Varner. Councilmember Varner and Councilmember Wolfe voted yea. Councilmember Cornette and Councilmember Montgomery voted nay. Mayor Cahall made a tie breaking vote of yea. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Berry, Eagles President: Announced Family Funday on June 18, 2022, from noon until 6 PM. It will take place at the large hall. It is open to the public. Councilmember Montgomery thanked the Eagles for there \$1000 donation to the Kegs for a Cause.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 26, 2022, were reviewed. Councilmember Montgomery recommended changing under public comment (Delbert Aicholtz) add "will be addressed." Councilmember Varner made a motion to approve as amended with a second by Councilmember Wolfe. Mayor Cahall called for a roll call vote with Councilmembers Cornette, Montgomery, Varner, and Wolfe voting yea. Motion carried. This was actually a correction recommended at the first meeting in May in reference to the second April meeting. That correction was appropriately made at that time.

Review of the Human resources Meeting held May 25, 2022.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS FOR INSTALLATION AND PARALLEL OPERATION OF CUSTOMER-OWNED RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES FOR THE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS was brought to the table for a first reading by title only.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 1285 AND AMENDING AND ADOPTING IN THEIR ENTIRETY CHAPTERS 50, 51, 52 AND 53 OF THE VILLAGE

OF GEORGETOWN MUNICIPAL UTILITY ORDINANCE was brought to the table for a first reading.

Payment Listings: Councilmember Montgomery asked about payment 46319...Cincinnati State Technical Community College. Fiscal Officer Newberry responded this is the medic classes for Kyle Cornette. Councilmember Wolfe asked if Televac was one of the subcontractors doing work in the village under the engineering study. Administrator Owens responded that they are doing the camera work and the smoke study in the sewer system. Councilmember Wolfe also asked about payment 46327...Meredith Schneider Company LLC. Fiscal Officer Newberry responded that it was for utility poles.

Police Report: Chief Freeland presented statistic. He also announces some controlled buys of tobacco and vape products at local businesses. Four businesses failed to card the buyer and the clerks were charged. The information is being forwarded to the Ohio Attorney General for possible charges against the businesses. Captain Staggs discussed a case a potential Felony case. He also discussed the complexity and paperwork associated with these larger cases. Councilmember Montgomery asked about the Feldner case and the arresting Officer. It was explained that Greene in his capacity with the Brown County Swat transported the suspect to the jail and was listed as the arresting officer. Officer Pendleton of Georgetown was the charging officer and therefore makes the case jurisdiction of Georgetown PD.

Administrator Owens: Thanked Police, Fire/EMS and all of the other Village crews that left their own families at home to protect the Village during another bad storm that came through the area. Councilmember Montgomery reiterated thanks the families that are home alone during these storms.

ROUND TABLE:

Councilmember Cornette: Expressed concerns about the growing number of people around town loitering and panhandling. She asked about how to handle this as a government. She explained 2 uncomfortable episodes during a single visit to UDF and another at a gas station. Chief Freeland said one particular person they are aware of has been charged. There was also discussions on the group home but it isn't regulated by the state. Solicitor Braun said he would investigate further. Cornette suggested a request to meet with the owner. Cornette also mentioned incidents of jail releases. Chief Freeland did say they have no control over the jail and the jail releases inmates and allows them to just leave even if they don't have transportation. Cornette is concerned because people do things as crazy as laying down in the middle of the road or screaming among other things. Solicitor Braun said the jail has no obligation to find transportation for inmates leaving the jail. Captain Staggs went on to describe the former inmate as a free person so the jail no longer has the ability to hold them for a ride or anything else.

Councilmember Wolfe: Talked about Kegs for a Cause. He addressed the questions he hears about if this is a Village Event or simply an event in the Village. Wolfe made a motion to officially make Kegs for a Cause a Village Event with a second by Councilmember Cornette. Mayor Cahall said the insurance has always been covered by the Village and Councilmember Montgomery stated the funds always go towards a Village project. Solicitor Braun addressed the

benefit of the motion allowing the event to use Village resources. Cornette request that this be done for all Village Events. Mayor Cahall called for a roll call vote to make the Kegs for a Cause an official Village Event. Councilmembers Cornette, Montgomery, Varner and Wolfe all vote yea. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Wolfe went further to explain the history and premise of Kegs for a Cause. The money raised this year will go to help fund a splash pad at the park. Wolfe and Montgomery announced the names of sponsors including the Eagles, Strauss and Troy, Jason Hammond.

Councilmember Wolfe asked why the Village wouldn't use Georgetown PD to secure this event as opposed to the Georgetown Police Association. Mayor Cahall and Fiscal Officer explained the processes of payroll allocations and staffing to use the PD for events. Mayor Cahall also explained the potential for additional resources by using the Police Association. There was additional discussion on the matter. Solicitor Braun stated that any detail officer uses Village resources and believes they would be covered by insurance if required. He also said the Chief Freeland has the authority to schedule officers for the event. This issue will go to committee.

Announced Kegs for a Cause would be July 9, 2022, at 5 PM until 11 PM.

Councilmember Montgomery: Talked about Kegs for a Cause being a real community event.

Continuing to receive complaints about a refrigerator in the trash behind bicentennial park. Worried about the safety hazard of this. Montgomery said those complaining claim they have filled out a complaint form with the Village. Mayor Cahall asked Administrator Owens to check into it.

Montgomery also discussed concerns she is hearing about solar farms and potential harm to property values. She would like limitations to be placed on the amount of solar allowable. She would like to have an ordinance in place. She would also like to see something in place regarding disposal of solar panels.

She also brought up the idea of a port authority. She thinks it would be an asset to the Village. Mayor Cahall explained how a port authority is not tied up in red tape and governmental restrictions. They can buy and sell property without a bid process. Administrator Owens said the Village is receiving interest from businesses to move to Georgetown and a port authority would provide quicker easier resources to make that happen. Montgomery asked about the process.

Councilmember Varner: Varner wants to explore the idea of a Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA). He thinks it can promote economic interest in the area. He explained it can be regulated and believes it should be. He believes it can promote interest for future businesses, makes special events easier and that it looks like we are developing our downtown area which could bring investment and government funding. It is simply a legislative action that come at zero cost. Solicitor Braun is providing information for review.

Facebook Questions: Holly Feiler asked about hanging past and present military member's picture on the pole throughout the Village. Administrator Owens said that is a question he gets

quite often. Also announced Benefit Event at the Fairgrounds on July 22 for Wayne Bingaman who has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Executive Session: Councilmember Montgomery to enter executive session of Council in accordance with ORC 121.22 (G) (6) Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office, if disclosure of the matter discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the public body or public officer. Second by Councilmember Wolfe. Mayor Cahall called for a roll call vote. Councilmember Cornette, Montgomery, Varner and Wolfe all voted yea. Motion carried.

Entered executive session at 8:59 PM.

Returned from executive session at 9:35 PM.

No finding to be discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Human Resources meeting Wednesday June 15, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be Thursday June 23, 2022, at 7:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Wolfe made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Councilmember Montgomery. Meeting adjourned by voice vote.



Georgetown Mayor



Clerk of Council