

JANUARY 2021 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor James L. Cuttell presiding. Mayor Cuttell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Cuttell. Present were Ande Bruinsma, Stacy Denekas, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian.

Vivian made a motion to adopt the agenda. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: Cory Altena, District 3 County Supervisor, gave an introduction as he was just elected to the position and left his contact number.

Council Vacancy Candidates: Dustin Rodger, candidate, gave an introduction and background to the council. Rodger wants to serve and be a part of this great community that we have going for us. – no other comments made.

Vote was cast to select the councilperson to fill the vacancy between the four candidates John Grotluschen, Matt Hilbrands, Nyron Moore and Dustin Rodger. The vote went to Nyron Moore. Thank you to all the applicants for applying and you are all encouraged to apply again and also participate in next election.

Tiedeman introduced the following **Resolution 2021-01-293** entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TO THE CITY COUNCIL and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Nyron Moore was unable to attend the meeting so he will complete the Oath of Office at the next council meeting.

Fred Landis, Chief, presented the annual report from the George Emergency Medical Service. They continue to maintain a squad of 14 members with 2 students. The GEMS responded to 72 calls in 2020. Due to the unknown with COVID the GEMS have cancelled their annual fundraiser with Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast for 2021. GEMS and George Fire Department want to do fundraiser/open house to show off the expansion and this will depend on COVID. In the next couple years, the GEMS would like to upgrade the 2002 Ford Super Warrior Ambulance and they are currently looking into different models, prices, grants and matching funds.

Bill Sprock, Chief, presented the annual report from the George Fire Department. They continue to maintain a squad of 23 members. The GFD responded to 25 calls in 2020. George Fire Department hopes this year they will be able to have their annual Duck Race Fundraiser and fireworks show during the 4th of July and this all will depend on COVID. The GFD and GEMS are grateful to the City Council and the Heeren Estate for the opportunity to put an addition to the current fire station to accommodate the amount of space needed for trucks used in emergencies. Sprock asked the council to continue their support of the George Fire Departments work with the Rapid Speedway Racetrack and the renewal contract should be coming in April. The City Council wants to thank both squads for their continued dedication to the City of George. These volunteers go above and beyond the call of duty when needed.

Lois Jurrens, Museum Board chair presented a written annual report and financials to the council.

Fred Landis, Library Board Representative, presented the annual report from the Library. Library staff continue to do an excellent job offering many program opportunities for youth and adults. The library received a Dollar General Summer Literacy Grant and that was used to help purchase ARC program to coincide with the school's reading program. Library circulation of books and non-books continues to increase. They are in the process looking at new furniture to update the "original" furniture and the choice will accommodate a placement in a new building. The board still continues to look all the details of building a new library by searching locations,

funding, grants, blue prints, possibly creating a “Friends of the Library” group. The new book drop box will be here soon and will install at a later date.

Tiedeman made a motion to approve the consent items. Vivian seconded the motion. All cast aye votes, motion carried.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$301.15
ABC	REPLACE SMOKE DETECTOR	\$194.38
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$4,634.46
ARNIE EBEN	ZONING ADMIN	\$1,245.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$330.57
BEV GERKEN	CEMETERY WAGES	\$77.86
BILL SPROCK	FIRE CHIEF STIPEND	\$250.00
BRUCE'S REPAIR	SHARPEN BLADES	\$41.70
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$913.92
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$154.47
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$76.25
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	GARNISHMENT	\$86.76
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$1,547.58
CREATIVE EDGE	ADVERTISING CHRISTMAS CARD	\$276.53
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$525.00
DENNY'S SANITATION	456.54 X \$15 / 4.06 X \$19 / DUMPSTERS	\$7,069.30
DGR	2020 COMPLIANCE STRATEGY HELP	\$173.00
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT	REPAIRS	\$130.95
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$5,152.28
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	PARTS	\$218.71
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$439.34
GUARDIAN	GROUP INSURANCE	\$97.20
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$148.21
IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$1,695.00
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIA	2021 DUES (24X\$13)	\$312.00
IOWA OUTDOORS	MAGAZINE	\$14.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,760.12
LYON CO CONSERVATION	DONATION	\$1,000.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$377.00
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$28.95
MAIN STREET CHECKS	ORDER CHECKS	\$17.06
MATHESON TRI-GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$191.54
MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	DONATION	\$1,000.00
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$12.74
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	RIO GRANDE REPAIRS	\$803.50
MONTICELLO PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS	\$12.00

NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$90.00
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$183.75
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$245.16
SARA SPROCK	EMS CHIEF STIPEND	\$250.00
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK	2021 ANNUAL CEM SAFEBOXRENT	\$14.00
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	FLUSH FIRE HYDRANTS/MACHINE	\$1,716.96
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	UPS CHARGES	\$21.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$622.50
STRYKER	SUPPLIES	\$790.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$56.75
SUDENGA INDUSTRIES	SNEEZE GUARDS	\$280.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$64.85
TRAF-O-TERIA SYSTEM	CITY TICKET BOOKS	\$246.72
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX/4TH QTR 2020 WATER SALES & EXISE TAX	\$3,901.00
TRUE NORTH COMPANY	FIRE DEPT/GEMS INSURANCE	\$505.40
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,663.84
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC	LEGAL FEES	\$1,150.00
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$20,245.27
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$64,380.73

GENERAL FUND	\$29,728.68	GENERAL	\$50,403.09
CEMETERY FUND	\$150.77	CEMETERY	\$877.25
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$8,700.88	ROAD USE TAX	\$13,245.01
INSURANCE FUND	\$3,456.04	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,141.94
LIBRARY FUND	\$351.91	INSURANCE	\$1,712.89
WATER FUND	\$9,878.64	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$11,094.26
SEWER FUND	\$4,982.04	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$3,029.84
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$7,131.77	LIBRARY	\$800.88
TOTAL FUNDS	\$64,380.73	DEBT SERVICE	\$6,640.64
		EMS/FIRE HEEREN ESTATE	\$570.29
		PERPETUAL CARE	\$160.00
		WATER	\$14,962.12
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$1,000.00
		SEWER	\$13,308.84
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,005.17
		REPORT TOTAL	\$126,952.22

Taylor Klingenberg, GCEDC representative, presented to the council a request to install one of the roads in Locker Park either Lacour St or Baldwin St. The installation of the roads will bring value to Locker Park and sale of lots. Klingenberg also reported on the daycare and will have more information to present at the next council meeting.

Tiedeman made a motion to accept the GEMS election results and approve Fred Landis as GEMS Chief. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered to Fred Landis who will fill the vacancy as Chief on the George Emergency Medical Service due to the resignation of Sara Sprock.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2021-01-294** entitled RESOLUTION NAMING THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER AND ALLOW CITY CLERK TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS PRIOR TO COUNCIL APPROVAL, AUTHORIZING DEPUTY CLERK TO SIGN, CITY DEPOSITORY AND DEPOSITORY LIMIT, CITY ATTORNEY, PUBLICATION NEWSPAPER, AND AUTHORIZE SURETY BONDS and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor presented his recommendations for council committees:

- Trees/Parks – Carola Vivian, Stacy Denekas
- Streets/Alleys – Ande Bruinsma, Warren Tiedeman
- Pool/Recreation – Nyron Moore, Stacy Denekas
- Water/Sewer – Nyron Moore, Warren Tiedeman
- Bldgs/Beautify – Carola Vivian, Stacy Denekas
- Personnel Committee – Ande Bruinsma, Warren Tiedeman
- Finance Committee – Jim Cuttell, Loralye Wibben
- Mayor Pro-Tem – Warren Tiedeman
- NW IA Area Solid Waste Rep – Warren Tiedeman, alternate – Carola Vivian
- Daycare Committee – Carola Vivian, Stacy Denekas
- George Chamber of Commerce Rep – Loralye Wibben

Vivian made a motion to approve the Mayor recommendations to the committees. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Denekas introduced the following **Resolution 2021-01-295** entitled RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. and moved the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

The Mayor will negotiate a renewal garbage contract with Denny’s Sanitation as the current 3-year contract expires March 2021.

Stacy Denekas reported to the council that Michael Denekas has already removed two beaver from the Rio Grande. Council agreed for Michael Denekas to submit an invoice to get paid by the city for \$35 per beaver removed. He will continue to work on this project.

Next council meeting will be held February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Tiedeman made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast ayes votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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_____Loralye Wibben, City Clerk