

APRIL 2021 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 14, 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, Nyron Moore, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian. Absent was none.

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

OPEN FORUM: Matt Zeman, CFE Head of Grain and Katie Koopman, CFE gave an update to the relocation of Cooperative Farmers Elevator to a location south of town and indicated that the demolition on the annex will begin in a couple weeks. Request was made to close portions of Croghan, Sidney and Minnesota during the demolition. Council agreed that would be appropriate for the safety of the public. Council will need to review the Farm to Market Route.

Fred Landis, Freedom Days 5K Fun Run/Walk report they will be having the event this year on July 3. The route will remain the same with the use of some city streets. Request was made to use portions of city streets for the event. Council agreed to allow the use of city streets for the event and law enforcement will be directing traffic at these locations where the event enter the streets.

Bill Sprock, George Fire Department Chief reported that the emergency department repeater tower for the paging system has been moved from the CFE annex to the main house temporarily until a permanent location can be established.

Pam Grave, submitted a written comment regarding the beaver situation along the Rio Grande. Council is aware and working on this problem.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$619.22
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	\$99.60
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GRP	PARTS	\$90.33
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$5,445.20
AVERA MEDICAL GROUP	GFD PHYSICAL	\$161.50
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$228.16
BARB WESSELS	2021 EMS CONFERENCE	\$50.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$66.06
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$1,379.94
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$308.42
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTR	BOOKS	\$63.04
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	GARNISHMENT	\$86.76
CONCRETE SURFACING INC	POOL MULTIPOXY INTERIOR PAINT & REPAIRS	\$4,300.00
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL	\$1,319.67
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$825.00
DENEKAS ELECTRIC, INC	REPAIRS	\$640.00
DENNY'S SANITATION	494.45 X \$15 / 4.37 X \$19 / DUMPSTERS	\$7,643.81
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$211.64
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$5,239.66
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	WATER METERS	\$29,879.14
FRANKEN IMPLEMENT & SERVI	PARTS	\$47.03

FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$50.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$204.04
GCEDC	FY21 FACILITY RENT	\$3,750.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$365.21
GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE	AFTER PROM DONATION	\$150.00
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$1,256.01
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$209.01
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,750.87
JAMES CUTTELL	MILEAGE	\$58.80
JUSTIN DICKMAN REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$391.33
KINGSLEY COMPANIES	LIBRARY BOOK DROPBOX	\$4,500.90
KNOW BUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	\$238.00
LOOKOUT BOOKS	BOOKS	\$65.97
LYON CO EMERGENCY MGMT	MITIGATION PLAN	\$500.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$278.70
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$38.01
M & D ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$315.00
MATHESON TRI-GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$191.54
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$125.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$120.00
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STAT	AUDIT REPORT FILING FEE	\$175.00
PENNY KRULL	SUPPLIES-METAL DETECTOR	\$185.63
PETTY CASH	REPLENISH PETTY CASH	\$7.70
PIZZA RANCH	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$74.80
PLUMBING & HEATING	SEWER REPAIR	\$908.56
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$202.05
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$241.47
PREMIER PYROTECHNICS, INC	2021 FIREWORKS	\$7,000.00
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$194.28
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	SWEEPER PARTS/REPAIRS	\$6,060.78
SCHWEBACH TREE SERVICE	LIFT RENT	\$375.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	UPS CHARGES	\$22.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$1,301.50
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$47.40
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	PARTS	\$45.20
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAX / 1ST QTR 2021 WATER SALES & EXISE TAX	\$3,456.00
VALLEY SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$282.73
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,663.84
	WATER REFUND DATE 03/24/2021	\$169.93
	WATER REFUND DATE 03/25/2021	\$200.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 04/01/2021	\$1,800.00
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$20,629.31

CLAIMS TOTAL	\$119,305.75
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GENERAL FUND	\$38,821.19	GENERAL	\$19,994.75
CEMETERY FUND	\$236.94	CEMETERY	\$25.86
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$13,827.69	ROAD USE TAX	\$4,674.91
INSURANCE FUND	\$1,858.12	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$367.15
LIBRARY FUND	\$172.32	INSURANCE	\$550.73
LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$4,500.90	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$9,334.18
WATER FUND	\$41,762.35	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$70.54
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$2,169.93	LIBRARY	\$58.41
SEWER FUND	\$8,247.26	DEBT SERVICE	\$2,010.76
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$7,709.05	WATER	\$13,927.15
TOTAL FUNDS	\$119,305.75	WATER DEPOSITS	\$400.00
		SEWER	\$15,184.94
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,717.61
		REPORT TOTAL	\$75,316.99

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2021 Summer Help Staff. Denekas made a motion to hire **Swimming Pool Assistant Managers** – Courtney Dykstra \$11.00/hour (\$9.30/hour lifeguard) and Kayla Gerken \$10.25/hour (\$9.30/hour lifeguard); **Lifeguards** – Isabelle Johnson \$9.75/hour, Thea DeBoer \$8.75/hour, Max Gruis \$8.50/hour, Kally Modder \$8.50/hour, Emersyn Netten \$8.50/hour, Sean Dykstra \$8.25/hour, Sam Gruis \$8.25/hour, Hanna Anderson \$8.00/hour, Andrew Denekas \$8.00/hour, Tommy DenHartog \$8.00/hour, Kami Gerken \$8.00/hour, Charlie Hamilton \$8.00/hour, Matthew Helkenn \$8.00/hour and Alexis Landis \$8.00/hour. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the repairs being done on West Minnesota Avenue they have repaired and installed 150 foot of new sanitary sewer line.

Council discussed the install process for the new water meters for the City of George. The project is ninety percent complete with the exception of the large meters and pit meters that still need to be installed. These meters are ordered and will be here within the next few weeks to complete this project.

Discussion continued regarding the request from Last Call Saloon to sponsor a “Burn Out” Contest during Freedom Days Celebration on July 3. Council still has concerns for liability and safety of this event.

Council reviewed the Emergency Services Agreement and firemen attended the mandatory racetrack training on Monday, April 12. Vivian made a motion to approve the 2021 Emergency Services Agreement with the Lyon County Fair Association for the Fire Department to provide emergency services at the Rapid Speedway racetrack. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the dates for the Citywide Cleanup ONLY for residents that reside within the city limits of George. To help with the flow of traffic residents are asked to enter the city shop area from Baldwin Street and exit onto Virginia Street. Have your items sorted prior to arrival as this will aide in the proper disposing of your items. Vivian made a motion to set the dates for May 18-19 with drop off time from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Tiedeman introduced the following **Resolution No. 2021-04-309** entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POOL MANAGER TO SIGN CHECKS FOR THE CITY OF GEORGE POOL CONCESSIONS ACCOUNT” and moved that the same be adopted. Bruinsma seconded the motion

to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Moore. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No. 2021-04-310** entitled “RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTING THE HEEREN ESTATE TO THE GEORGE LIBRARY SERVICE FOR BOOK RETURN BOX BILLS” and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Moore. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No. 2021-04-311** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2020-2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING FOR MAY 12, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.” and moved that the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Moore. Motion carried.

Bruinsma made a motion to appoint Jim McConnell to serve a 3-year term on the Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustment. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the water tower service plan to keep the current water tower in good working condition. Denekas made a motion to approve the 10-year water tower service plan from KLM Engineering, Inc to perform three inspections with the total amount not to exceed \$9,300.00. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received a copy of the sealed bid that was placed on their behalf submitted to the GLR Community School on Friday, April 2 to purchase excess playground equipment. The idea is to expand Kinder Park on Washington Street. The school board will meet on Monday, April 19 to open bids.

Council discussed the swimming pool painting project. Sandblasting will happen this weekend April 16-17. The painting will begin when the weather forecast is appropriate. The council needs to look at getting an additional strainer for the maintenance room and replacing the landing mat for the polar bear.

Tiedeman made a motion to approve the Alcohol and Liquor Licenses for Last Call 2. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

The Mayor proposed to the council an offer to purchase of a piece of property within the city limits. The proposed property would be the new location to house the emergency services paging tower. Tiedeman made a motion to move forward and draft up a purchase agreement for the said property located at GEORGE AGRIC LAND GEORGE O.T. 100' X 150' ABAND RR R-O-W LYING NE OF BLK 31 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. Moore seconded the motion. Council vote – ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman - nays: Vivian, motion carried.

Council asked the Mayor to look into prices to complete LaCour Street in Locker Park.

Next monthly council meeting will be held May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 pm. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

_____ Lyon Co. News _____ Date

_____ Loralye Wibben, City Clerk