

APRIL 2022 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 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, Bob Gruis, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian (phone). Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: Deputy Levi Horstman introduced himself to the council. The council would like to welcome him to George.

REPORTS: Council reviewed the documents for the final rule on the American Rescue Plan funds. Denekas introduced the following Resolution No. 2022-04-340 entitled "RESOLUTION ALLOCATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS" and moved that the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$297.86
AAA STATE OF PLAY	PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT-KINDER PK	\$9,821.00
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$126.96
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$6,008.71
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$174.19
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$534.22
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$125.08
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	WASTEWATER & CPO TRAINING / SUPPLIES	\$1,232.22
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$152.15
COMPUTER CLINIC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$188.72
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$988.99
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$325.00
DEMCO	SUPPLIES	\$212.42
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-455.42 X \$15 / 6.38 X \$19 RC-466 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$7,580.43
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES	\$357.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,380.30
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$284.84
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$25.56
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$16.98
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,517.66
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC	SEWER JETTING	\$375.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$935.30
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$38.47
MATHESON TRI-GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$101.02
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$52.47

MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$300.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$15.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$110.00
ORIENTAL TRADING	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$26.34
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$85.89
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$395.18
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$212.40
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$272.12
ROCK RAPIDS MACHINE	PARTS	\$40.70
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$578.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$28.34
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES / 1ST QTR WATER EX TAX & SALES TAX	\$3,707.27
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,667.73
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC	LEGAL FEES	\$1,600.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 03/16/2022	\$27.19
	WATER REFUND DATE 03/23/2022	\$172.01
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$12,867.65
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$57,983.37

GENERAL	\$27,297.29	GENERAL	\$30,516.60
CEMETERY	\$138.60	CEMETERY	\$700.58
ROAD USE TAX	\$5,657.91	ROAD USE TAX	\$6,726.17
INSURANCE	\$1,667.73	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$377.63
LIBRARY	\$200.53	INSURANCE	\$566.44
WATER	\$9,356.52	EMERGENCY FUND	\$0.00
WATER DEPOSITS	\$172.01	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$10,482.21
SEWER	\$5,838.89	LIBRARY	\$229.07
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$7,653.89	DEBT SERVICE	\$2,049.79
TOTAL FUNDS	\$57,983.37	WATER	\$14,131.39
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$600.00
		SEWER	\$13,197.93
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,499.65
		REPORT TOTAL	\$88,077.46

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2022 Summer Help Staff. Council reviewed the wages for the swimming pool employees. Gruis made a motion to increase the starting wage to \$10.50 for Lifeguards and a \$0.50 raise for returning employees. Denekas seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: Tiedeman. Motion carried.

Bruinsma made a motion to hire Mowing & Street Help – Jim Kannegieter at \$17.00/hour., and Spencer Sprock at \$11.00/hour. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the applications for the custodian position. Bruinsma made a motion to hire Barb Wessels at \$16.00/hour for city Custodian. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received a resignation from Randy Rypkema, Public Works Superintendent with the last day of employment April 22, 2022. Tiedeman made a motion to accept the resignation from letter from Rypkema. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis gave a report from Roto-Rooter and the swimming pool has some repairs that need to be complete and they will return to camera lines.

City received the 2022 ICAP Grant and used the funds to purchase a fire proof safe. The playground equipment also arrived for Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Grant Kinder Park Project and is waiting for installation.

Council discussed that the city needs to continue work on finding the water leaks within the city. Denekas made a motion to accept the bid from Northern Leak Detection to examine the city's water system for leaks. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes.

Council discussed the concern with the sanitary sewer system and the work that needs to be done. Gruis made a motion to table the bid received from Rehab Systems until more information is received on their services they will provide in the bid. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Fred Landis presented the council that the George Chamber will be hosting a George Rec Trail Event on April 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and request to use the depot as the meeting location for door prize drawings. This event is open to the public will include vendor booths similar to a "Farm & Home Show". Landis also requested permission to use the city streets and the depot for the Freedom Days 5K Fun Run/Walk Event to be held on July 2. Denekas made a motion to allow the use of the city streets and waive the depot fee for these two events. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Carol Krull submitted a letter to the council that The Wagon Wheel will be hosting a Vendor/Craft Event on June 11. This event will be held on the open lot owned by Last Call Saloon between the Post Office and the Pizza Ranch. Council is supportive of this event and asks that vendors do not occupy city streets or sidewalks.

Council discussed the bid submitted to expand water and sewer utilities to the new GCEDC development. Tiedeman made a motion to accept the bid not to exceed \$20,738 from Mitchell & Huss to expand the water and sewer to these development lots contingent that the property is purchased by the George Community Economic Development Corporation. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Denekas introduced the following Resolution No. 2022-04-341 entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING PRE-PAYMENT OF STREET/BRIDGE/POOL BOND PAYMENT" and moved that the same be adopted. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Denekas introduced the following Resolution No. 2022-04-342 entitled "RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE WATER CASH ACCOUNT AND SEWER CASH ACCOUNT TO THE WATER/SEWER RESERVE CASH ACCOUNT FOR FUTURE EXPENSES" and moved that the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Bruinsma introduced the following Resolution No. 2022-04-343 entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POOL MANAGER TO SIGN CHECKS FOR THE CITY OF GEORGE POOL CONCESSIONS ACCOUNT" and moved that the same be adopted. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Tiedeman introduced the following Resolution No. 2022-04-344 entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING FOR MAY 11, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M." and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to accept the mosquito spraying 2022 contract in the amount of \$1,150 from Mosquito Control of Iowa. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to purchase a belt clip transceiver from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$6,000 to give the office staff an alternate method to read water meters. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

The city will look into adding more outlets and ceiling fans to the depot.

Council discussed the Citywide Cleanup Days and determined that due to the lack of staffing the event needed to be shortened or eliminated for the year. Bruinsma made a motion to set the cleanup days to a one-day event held on May 10 from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. To help with the flow of traffic we ask that you please enter from Baldwin Street and exit to Virginia Street. Have your items sorted by METAL, TV & ELECTRONICS, APPLIANCES and OTHER. There were no changes made to the Hazardous Material Collection Trailer Event on May 12 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the city shop. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held May 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Vivian made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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_____Loralie Wibben, City Clerk