

## FEBRUARY 2023 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were Stacy Denekas, Bob Gruis, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian. Absent: Ande Bruinsma.

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

OPEN FORUM: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. to present the Proposed Maximum Property Tax Dollar for Fiscal Year 2024. The notice was published in the Lyon County News on January 26, 2023 and posted to the door, facebook and website as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:04 p.m. Denekas introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-02-374** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVAL OF FY24 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS" and moved that the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Bruinsma. Motion carried.

REPORTS: Warren Tiedeman, city representative, recapped the NW IA Solid Waste Agency annual meeting on January 11. The board of directors approved a \$5.00 per ton increase in the Agency gate fees, effective July 1, 2023. In 2022 the agency saw a 7% increase in operation expenses and 50% increase in fuel costs. With this being said the council will review Denny’s Sanitation contract on how these increases will affect garbage and recycle for the City of George.

The council reviewed the report from Calhoun-Burns & Associates regarding 2022 bridge inspections. The recommended signs have been ordered. The council would like estimates to repair a couple bridges.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
605 RUNNING CO	TIMING FOR FREEDOM DAY 5K	\$500.00
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$171.97
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$125.56
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$6,919.56
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$159.49
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$431.30
CALHOUN-BURNS	BRIDGE INSPECTION/RATING	\$1,493.60
CERTIFIED POOL TRAINERS	CPO TRAINING	\$350.00
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$1,094.75
CITY OF GEORGE	FY23 & FY24 CEM BUDGET-WHEELER TOWNSHIP	\$8,000.00
CNA SURETY	SURETY BOND	\$525.00
COLLABORATIVE LIB PROGRAM	SUMMER READING PROGRAM	\$193.19

DENNY'S SANITATION	DEC.GB-468.56 X \$16 / 12.79 X \$20 RC-483.82 X \$1 JAN.GB-449 X \$16 / 14 X \$20 RC-464.42 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$16,219.08
DOUG STUBBE	CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT	\$375.00
ECONO SIGNS	STREET SIGNS	\$126.34
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,583.47
EQUIPMENT BLADES	BLADES	\$1,884.00
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND	20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$100.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$150.09
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$604.56
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$30.00
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$113.38
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,809.46
JERRY'S CARQUEST AUTO	PARTS	\$50.21
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$90.30
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$38.35
MAIN STREET CHECKS	ORDER CHECKS	\$20.05
MANITOU CARPETS	CARPET INSTALLATION	\$6,228.00
MATHESON TRI-GAS	OXYGEN	\$55.86
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$30.00
NW IA AREA SOLID WASTE	DISPOSE OF CHEMICALS	\$437.40
ORIENTAL TRADING	PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$91.66
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$90.19
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$378.72
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE-STAMPS	\$252.00
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$313.15
RICK DENEKAS	SNOW REMOVAL	\$56.00
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	REPAIR DOOR KEYPAD	\$781.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	UPS CHARGES	\$104.00
THRIFTBOOKS	PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$18.06
TITAN MACHINERY	BLADES	\$398.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$35.61
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	4TH QTR 2022 WATER EX TAX & SALES TAX	\$2,156.12
VINCE LUITJENS	SNOW REMOVAL	\$70.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,579.07
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC	LEGAL FEES	\$5,100.00
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$13,095.31
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$77,453.86

GENERAL FUND	\$20,867.34	GENERAL	\$20,142.89
CEMETERY FUND	\$8,638.53	CEMETERY	\$568.67

ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$10,011.70	ROAD USE TAX	\$10,666.71
INSURANCE FUND	\$2,104.07	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$55.74
LIBRARY FUND	\$269.21	INSURANCE	\$97.52
LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$7,311.63	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$10,844.07
WATER FUND	\$9,199.20	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$77.71
SEWER FUND	\$2,770.10	LIBRARY	\$983.86
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$16,282.08	DEBT SERVICE	\$215.86
TOTAL FUNDS	\$77,453.86	PERPETUAL CARE	\$100.00
		WATER	\$12,705.14
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$400.00
		SEWER	\$13,163.82
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,118.06
		REPORT TOTAL	\$79,140.05

PERSONNEL: The State of Iowa requires all gross wages to be published annually. Gross wages paid by the City of George for **2022** are as follows: TODD KLEIN \$11,807.63; KAYLA GERLOFF \$25,461.76; BRENDA GERKEN \$2,708.64; MICHAEL MODDER \$6,565.56; ASHLEY STUEVEN \$132.00; SUSAN ROSEBERRY \$11,439.52; BARBARA WESSELS \$4,859.61; LORALYE WIBBEN \$42,440.03; RANDALL RYPKEMA \$18,470.95; DAVID GRAVE \$44,817.10; PATRICIA BRUINSMA \$1,778.28; COLE RIEMERSMA \$10,920.61; GREGORY STUEVEN \$100.00; REBECCA STUEVEN \$117.00; EMILY DENEKAS \$146.25; BERNETTE WEIER \$999.00; JAMES L CUTTELL \$2,010.00; ANDE BRUINSMA \$1,045.00; CAROLA VIVIAN \$1,100.00; WARREN TIEDEMAN \$880.00; STACY M DENEKAS \$990.00; BOB GRUIS \$990.00; BILLY SPROCK \$1,975.00; MAITLAND GROEN \$8,804.62; COURTNEY DYKSTRA \$476.44; THEA DEBOER \$4,271.98; MAX GRUIS \$2,208.37; KALLY MODDER \$1,618.73; LYLE MOORE \$7,244.65; ROYA AMIRHAMZEH \$4,125.60; SAM GRUIS \$2,091.78; HANNAH ANDERSON \$2,696.99; ANDREW DENEKAS \$1,911.13; TOMMY DEN HARTOG \$1,772.12; KAMI GERKEN \$2,871.34; CHARLIE HAMILTON \$1,822.10; MATTHEW HELKENN \$1,804.69; ALEXIS LANDIS \$3,651.93; CARLY KOERSELMAN \$2,687.15; DOMINICK PUTNAM \$1,957.05; JIM KANNEGIETER \$5,406.34; CLIFF KRUGER \$12,777.16; HARRIS KASTER \$104.00; CHASE DUIN \$726.22

Council asked that the City Clerk to start advertising for summer help in the areas of mowing, street help and swimming pool staff. Wages will be determined at a later date. Denekas made a motion to approve a \$10.50 starting wage for lifeguards. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No 2023-02-375** entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GEORGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024" and moved that the same be adopted. Wage increases will be as follows: Todd Klein \$26.27/hour; David Grave \$22.05/hour; Cole Riemersma \$20.74/hour; Loralye Wibben \$46,200/year; Emily Denekas \$15.45/hour and Barb Wessels \$16.74/hour (city) & \$16.22/hour (fire station). The Library Board set wage increases for library staff as follows: Kayla Gerloff \$17.50/hour; Pat Bruinsma \$14.42/hour; Becky Stueven \$12.36/hour and Gregory Stueven \$8.24/hour. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Bruinsma. Motion carried.

Council will review and update the personnel policy.

Todd Klein, DNR Liaison, updated the council regarding the steps needed to obtain information for the Lead Service Line Inventory that is due October 24, 2024. The city clerk and deputy clerk will gather the data for Klein to complete this report.

Council will meet in a work session on February 22 to plan for future street, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects.

Ethan Mulder proposed an idea to utilize the Low-Moderate Income funding. The council will look into the legal usage of these funds.

Billy Sprock, George Fire Department Chief, and members: Caleb DeKam, Vince Luitjens, John Vivian, Ethan Mulder, Cole Riemersma and David Grave asked the council to consider the agreement with the Lyon County Fair Association to provide emergency support at the Rapid Speedway racetrack. Vivian made a motion to approve the 2023 Emergency Services Agreement. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the **Ordinance 261** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II PUBLIC SERVICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CHAPTER 3: WATER SERVICES; ARTICLE 8 WATER METERS and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Tiedeman seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. The roll was called, and the vote was as follows: Roll call vote: –ayes: Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Bruinsma. Motion carried. The Mayor declared that the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings has been passed by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council. Denekas then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Roll call vote: –ayes: Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Bruinsma. Motion carried. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared this ordinance to be adopted by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council.

Gruis introduced the **Ordinance 262** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II PUBLIC SERVICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH CHAPTER 3: WATER SERVICES; ARTICLE 7 PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM; SECTION 7.18 INSPECTION AND APPROVAL and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Denekas seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. The roll was called, and the vote was as follows: Roll call vote: –ayes: Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Bruinsma. Motion carried. The Mayor declared that the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings has been passed by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council. Gruis then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Roll call vote: –ayes: Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Bruinsma. Motion carried. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared this ordinance to be adopted by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution 2023-02-376** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET HEARING FOR MARCH 8, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.” and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Bruinsma. Motion carried.

Denekas made a motion to donate \$150 to the George-Little Rock After Prom Committee for the 2023 After Prom Activities. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast ayes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the proposals. Gruis made a motion to approve the upgrade to a color to a Kyocera TAsalfa 3554i 35 page per minute copier. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis reminded the council that the city needs to be prepared for flooding and to make sure that the generators are in good working order. The council then discussed the water supply and the importance of the wells operation. Council then proposed that a stand by generator should be installed at the wells. The mayor will get an estimate for the next council meeting.

Council discussed the town whistles and the one on the water tower is not working at this time. Gruis made a motion to limit the whistles to sound at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

The city will present report at Lyon County Riverboat Foundation board meeting on March 20. Council is invited to attend.

Next monthly council meeting will be held March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Vivian made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 pm. Denekas 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