

DECEMBER 2022 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were Ande Bruinsma, Stacy Denekas, Bob Gruis, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: None.

REPORTS: None.

Gruis 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	\$156.26
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$95.48
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$4,222.33
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$157.92
ASHLEY BLAUWET	BOOKS	\$26.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$1,077.33
BOOKSHOP	BOOKS	\$100.46
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$63.50
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$1,965.19
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	BOOKS	\$42.00
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$39.22
COMPUTER CLINIC	REPAIRS	\$414.39
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/PARTS/REPAIRS	\$2,082.32
CORE & MAIN	FIRE HYDRANT	\$4,742.53
CREATIVE EDGE	UPDATE SIGN @CEMETERY	\$47.62
CULLIGAN SOFT WATER SERVC	SUPPLIES	\$60.50
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$714.90
DEMCO	SUPPLIES	\$54.87
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-447.43 X 16 / 16.72 X \$20 RC-481.34 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$54.00
DGR	LAND SURVEY @KINDER PARK	\$827.38
DOON PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$32.00
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$2,029.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$5,697.74
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	WATER METER SUPPLIES	\$282.42
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$597.40
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$48.47
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$30.00

HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$38.43
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIA	2023 DUES	\$408.00
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$41.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,380.48
JERRY'S CARQUEST AUTO	REPAIRS	\$8.61
KAYLA GERLOFF	BOOKS	\$59.86
KD DESIGNS	WORK CLOTHES	\$129.00
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$2,500.33
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$1,215.10
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$36.60
MATHESON TRI-GAS	OXYGEN	\$331.71
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$36.23
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	WATER & STREET REPAIRS	\$3,829.89
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$539.16
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	BOOKS FF1	\$285.00
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$85.89
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$553.44
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$245.08
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$298.88
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK	BRDG/ST/POOL LOAN INTEREST	\$1,696.50
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	REPAIRS EAST LIFT STATION	\$710.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	REPAIRS	\$118.56
SS MOBILE GLASS	INSTALL WINDOW WHITE PLOW TRK	\$150.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$520.00
SWEET SAVANNAH CUPCAKES	CUPCAKES FOR OPEN HOUSE	\$80.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$189.96
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	REPAIRS	\$10,487.28
TRUE NORTH COMPANY	GEMS / GFD INSURANCE	\$438.90
VMC CONSTRUCTION	STREET REPAIR	\$5,236.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,035.49
ZIEGLER CAT	SANDER	\$3,764.49
	WATER REFUND DATE 11/16/2022	\$400.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 11/21/2022	\$200.00
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$20,837.15
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$84,573.25

GENERAL	\$23,751.57	GENERAL	\$34,375.60
CEMETERY	\$184.35	CEMETERY	\$25.00
ROAD USE TAX	\$34,095.66	ROAD USE TAX	\$11,713.97
INSURANCE	\$3,535.82	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,038.80
LIBRARY	\$344.24	INSURANCE	\$3,272.86
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,696.50	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$14,327.02
LOCKER PARK URBAN RENEWAL	\$1,546.74	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$491.93

WATER	\$14,163.57	LIBRARY	\$51.91
WATER DEPOSITS	\$600.00	DEBT SERVICE	\$3,932.42
SEWER	\$4,517.48	WATER	\$15,819.25
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$137.32	WATER DEPOSITS	\$600.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$84,573.25	SEWER	\$11,464.33
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,664.58
		REPORT TOTAL	\$105,777.67

Personnel Committee reviewed the applications and interviewed for the Deputy Clerk position. The position was offered to Emily Denekas and she has accepted the position as Deputy Clerk and will begin employment December 20, 2022. Gruis made a motion to hire Denekas at \$15.00/hour. Vivian seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –abstain: Denekas. Motion carried.

Personnel handbook is still in review.

Personnel committee also reviewed the current wage of \$19.00 for Cole Riemersma. He has obtained his CDL. Vivian made a motion to increase the wage \$0.75/hour. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to hire **Library Aide Subs** – Becky Stueven at \$12.00/hour and Gregory Stueven at \$8.00/hour. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council will schedule another work session reviewing the sanitary sewer planning.

City clerk informed the council that there are 171 people signed up on Remind. The city needs to continue its effort to find ways to contact people whether it is informational or emergency situation. To anyone that wants to get set up for Remind on your phone please text **@cityofgeo2** to this number **81010**. Step 2: enter **first and last name**. Step 3: enter **S** or **P**. Step 4: enter date of birth **YYYY-MM-DD**. If you need help, please stop in at the city clerk's office.

Council discussed the Residential Tax Abatement applications received from Randy Popkes on the property located at 212 E Michigan Ave; Rick Walth on the property located at 303 Lacour St; and Kasey Wichman on the property located at 301 Lacour St. Vivian made a motion to approve the applications subject to the Lyon County Assessors review and valuation of the property. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000 to support Mid-Sioux Opportunity as they currently serve 204 residents in 83 households of George. Vivian seconded the motion. All cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to appoint Warren Tiedeman as representative on the NW IA Solid Waste Agency Board. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council will review the city code policy regarding sprinkler meters.

Vivian made a motion to approve the Alcohol/Liquor License for Casey's General Store. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to accepted the engagement letter from Williams & Company PC to perform the FY2022 Annual Examination. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed a concern of residents piling snow in the parkways.

Next monthly council meeting will be held Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 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