

JANUARY 2024 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton, Derek Storm and Carola Vivian. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: none.

REPORTS: Michael Mulder, Chief, presented the annual report from the George Emergency Medical Service. They continue to maintain a squad of 12 members. Elections were held on January 8 with the following results: Chief – Michael Mulder, Asst. Chief/Public Relations – Melissa Grave, Secretary/Treasurer – Allison Sandbeck, Training Officer/Public Relations – Brandi Mulder and Training Officer/Supply Officer Ashley Eben. The GEMS responded to 88 calls in 2023. GEMS will have their annual fundraiser with Dad’s Belgian Waffle Breakfast scheduled for February 4. In December the new ambulance was put into service.

Bill Sprock, Chief, presented the annual report from the George Fire Department. They continue to maintain a squad of 22 members. Elections were held on January 3 with the following results: Chief – Bill Sprock, 1st Assistant – Josh Eben, 2nd Assistant – Paul Denekas, Secretary/Treasurer – Emily Denekas, Fire Marshal – Chad Bechler, Training Officers – Cole Riemersma, Matt Grave, John Vivian, David Grave, Safety Officers – Caleb DeKam and Joe DeBoer. The GFD responded to 23 calls in 2023. George Fire Department continues to host their annual Duck Race Fundraiser and fireworks show during the 4th of July.

The City Council wants to thank both the GEMS and GFD for their continued dedication to the City of George. These volunteers go above and beyond the call of duty when needed.

Kayla Gerloff, Librarian, 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 checked out 23,106 books and movies during 2023. The library remodel is still in process.

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

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$163.09
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION	GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$312.04
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$5,304.84
ARNIE EBEN	ZONING ADMIN FEES	\$1,010.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$357.11
BILL SPROCK	FIRE CHIEF STIPEND	\$250.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$83.34
BROAD REACH BOOKS	BOOKS	\$229.50
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$172.87
COMPUTER CLINIC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$503.08
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$1,066.48
COULANDER MANURE HANDLING	REMOVE LEAVES/GRASS @DUMP	\$22,815.00

DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-443.59 X \$16 / 14.68 X \$20 RC-459.4 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$7,908.31
DGR	SEWER REPAIR PLANNING	\$25,590.13
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$361.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,225.85
EVERGREEN LAWN CEMETERY	FY24 CEM BUDGET-CITY SHARE	\$1,800.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$272.57
GEMS	2023 EMS CALLS = 51 X \$75	\$3,825.00
GEORGE FIRE DEPT	2023 FIRE CALLS = 7 X \$125	\$875.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$43.92
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$1,690.87
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$41.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,633.06
KD DESIGNS	WORK CLOTHES	\$694.00
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC	SEWER JETTING	\$2,112.50
LEXI LANDIS	PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$35.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	SUBSCRIPTION	\$30.00
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	UTILITY POLES @TREE DUMP	\$1,171.68
MICHAEL MULDER	EMS CHIEF STIPEND	\$250.00
MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	DONATION	\$2,000.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$93.00
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$90.19
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$270.30
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$361.93
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	SUPPLIES	\$27.60
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$548.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$76.96
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$105.94
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	\$1,780.27
WALL STREET PRINTERS	LAMINATION	\$48.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,640.64
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC	LEGAL FEES	\$6,100.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 12/15/2023	\$3,800.00
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$14,099.34
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$116,042.00

GENERAL	\$30,420.27	GENERAL	\$40,159.03
CEMETERY	\$283.91	CEMETERY	\$5.22
ROAD USE TAX	\$9,519.43	ROAD USE TAX	\$12,971.74
INSURANCE	\$1,813.23	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$602.44
LIBRARY	\$259.00	INSURANCE	\$1,606.45
WATER	\$9,173.04	EMERGENCY FUND	\$315.30
WATER DEPOSITS	\$3,800.00	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$16,391.69
SEWER	\$29,957.91	LIBRARY	\$1,381.11

LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$30,815.21	WATER	\$12,207.42
TOTAL FUNDS	\$116,042.00	WATER DEPOSITS	\$400.00
		SEWER	\$13,117.13
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,998.22
		REPORT TOTAL	\$108,155.75

Council reviewed the proposal from Rehab Systems for sanitary sewer cleaning. Vivian made a motion to do a yearly contract as they investigate options for a different sewer jetter. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes.

Council scheduled a work session on January 31 at 5pm with Carr, Kurth and Mitchell to further discuss the sanitary sewer and street projects.

Michael Mulder notified the council that he is taking paramedic classes and the potential changes for the Emergency Medical Service Department.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No 2024-01-410** 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. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to approve the Mayor recommendations to the committees. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. The mayor's recommendations for council committees are:

Trees/Parks – Carola Vivian, Kris Hamilton

Streets/Alleys – Bob Gruis, Carola Vivian

Pool/Recreation – Bob Gruis, BJ Gerken

Water/Sewer – Bob Gruis, Derek Storm

Bldgs/Beautify – Carola Vivian, Kris Hamilton

Personnel Committee – Bob Gruis, Derek Storm

Finance Committee – Billy Sprock, Loralye Wibben, Emily Denekas

Mayor Pro-Tem – Bob Gruis

Daycare Committee/Library – Billy Sprock

NW IA Area Solid Waste Rep – BJ Gerken, alternate – Derek Storm

NW IA Regional Housing Authority Rep – Kris Hamilton, alternate – Derek Storm

George Chamber of Commerce Rep – Loralye Wibben, Emily Denekas

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution 2024-01-411** entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2023-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M." and moved that the same be adopted. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

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

Next monthly council meeting will be held February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Gerken made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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_____Loralye Wibben, City Clerk