

APRIL 2023 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 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, Bob Gruis and Carola Vivian. Absent: Stacy Denekas and Warren Tiedeman.

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

OPEN FORUM: Jim Luenberger asked if the city could work on Calumet St where the new water and sewer lines were dug in last year. The city guys will work on this.

Pam Grave presented a petition to the council to reinstate the town whistles. The clerk will review the steps in regards to the receipt of a petition.

REPORT: Jolynn Hindt, representative from Williams & Company P.C. reviewed the annual exam report for FY2022 with the council. There were no significant finds noted.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$183.09
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION	GROUP INSURANCE	\$345.18
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$312.04
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$5,675.91
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$22.14
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$97.24
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	PARTS	\$31.62
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$372.00
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$35.05
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$2,988.27
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-459.12 X \$16 / 16 X \$20 RC-443.32 X \$1	\$8,199.12
DGR	SANITARY SEWER REHAB	\$309.00
D-P TOOLS	TOOLS	\$234.40
EASTWEST LIBRARY BOOKS	BOOKS	\$417.80
ECONO SIGNS	PORTABLE STREET SIGN	\$479.26
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,568.83
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND	20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$80.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$259.27
GEORGE CHAMBER	2023 DUES	\$75.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$149.54
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$10.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,914.27
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD	BOOKS	\$1,008.78
LAKE VIEW BOOKS	BOOKS	\$213.89
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE	SUBSCRIPTION	\$30.00

LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$317.00
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$45.68
MATHESON TRI-GAS	OXYGEN TANK RENTAL	\$60.72
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$105.70
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	REPAIRS	\$1,697.40
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$85.00
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STAT	AUDIT REPORT FILING FEE	\$350.00
ORIENTAL TRADING	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$132.06
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$90.19
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$213.47
PHIL HAMMAN	PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$75.00
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$255.84
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$305.38
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	GENERATOR / REPAIRS	\$25,239.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	REPAIRS / POSTAGE	\$1,621.70
SMART APPLE MEDIA	BOOKS	\$387.01
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$578.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$301.33
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$54.54
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	1ST QTR 2023 WATER EX & SALES TAX / STATE TAXES	\$3,541.04
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	BIKE HELMETS	\$480.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,579.07
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$15,239.76
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$80,791.59

GENERAL	\$17,603.12	GENERAL	\$7,893.61
CEMETERY	\$230.81	CEMETERY	\$1,131.12
ROAD USE TAX	\$12,054.81	ROAD USE TAX	\$7,187.51
INSURANCE	\$1,924.25	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$371.28
LIBRARY	\$259.20	INSURANCE	\$649.74
WATER	\$35,775.94	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$12,219.18
SEWER	\$4,657.36	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$105.17
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,286.10	LIBRARY	\$24.60
TOTAL FUNDS	\$80,791.59	DEBT SERVICE	\$1,398.92
		STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$2.50
		LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE	\$12,128.40
		PERPETUAL CARE	\$80.00
		WATER	\$12,770.66
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
		SEWER	\$14,076.78
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,359.03
		REPORT TOTAL	\$79,598.50

Council will review summer help applications at the next special meeting April 26 at 5pm.

Council discussed and reviewed the storm sewer project on Hamilton St. There will be 15" storm sewer pipe installed in these areas to better help with water drainage. Gruis made a motion to approve the three bids for the storm sewer project at the intersections of Ohio, Indiana and Minnesota Avenues not to exceed \$124,000. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed and reviewed the sanitary sewer cost opinion received from Mike Carr, DGR engineer. The council reviewed the sewer around the Michigan St project to begin the project. Vivian made a motion to authorize the engineer to complete SRF funding application and Preliminary Engineering Report for sewer lining project. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Mark your calendars: **Citywide Cleanup Days** are scheduled for May 2-4 from 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at the city shop. To help with the flow of traffic have your items sorted by METAL, TV & ELECTRONICS, APPLIANCES and OTHER. **Hazardous Material Collection Trailer** will also be in George on May 4 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the city shop.

John Grotluschen requested the closure of Main St (between Michigan and Minnesota) and Michigan Ave (between Sidney St and Virginia St) for the HWY 339 Show and Shine Car Show to be held on September 10, 2023. Gruis made a motion to allow the street closure. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Steve Simons presented the Urban Renewal Joint Agreement for council approval. This is an agreement is for Diversified Technologies Inc. Urban Renewal Area that will allow the county to exercise its urban renewal powers in respect to the property to carry out the project and future projects. Vivian made a motion for the mayor to sign the agreement. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Kayla Gerloff presented to the council that the George Chamber will be hosting a George Chamber of Commerce Trailfest on April 29 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. and requested to use the depot as needed and to close Baldwin St (from the carwash north) and Lacour St. (to the end of Mitchell & Huss property). This event is open to the public will include vendor booths and Wheel Rally (sponsored by Lil Mustangs Daycare). Gruis made a motion to approve the street closure and the use of the depot. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Kristi Landis presented to the council that this year is the 15th year for the Freedom Days 5K Fun Run/Walk Event. Landis requested permission to use the city streets and the depot like usual for the Fun Run/Walk Event to be held on July 1. Vivian made a motion to allow the use of the city streets and waive the depot fee for this event. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-04-282** 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. Bruinsma seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Denekas and Tiedeman. Motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-04-283** entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING FOR MAY 10, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M." and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Denekas and Tiedeman. Motion carried.

Council received bids to install a generator pad at the water wells and add onto the generator pad at the south sewer lift. Gruis made a motion to accept the bid from Mulder Home Improvement for the work not to exceed \$5200. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-04-284** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CASINO SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT TO OFFSET THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR AT THE WELLS" and moved that the same be adopted. Bruinsma seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Denekas and Tiedeman. Motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-04-285** entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE WITH ITC MIDWEST LLC" and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Denekas and Tiedeman. Motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to approve the 2023 Emergency Services Agreement with the Lyon County Fair Association for the Fire at Department to provide emergency services at the Rapid Speedway racetrack. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Lyon County League of Cities meeting to be held in Alvord on April 20 at 7pm. The city will attend Lyon County Riverboat Foundation mini-grant ceremony on April 24 at 7pm.

Council concluded the meeting with a short work session with a financial advisor, Michael Maloney from DA Davidson who will be assisting the city in obtaining funding for the upcoming sanitary sewer and street projects.

Next monthly council meeting will be held May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Gruis made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Vivian 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