

DECEMBER 2023 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 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 Ande Bruinsma, Bob Gruis, Lucius Johnson, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: none.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$163.09
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION	GROUP INSURANCE	\$345.18
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$312.04
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$4,686.53
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$90.94
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$310.52
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$6,591.91
CENTURION TECHNOLOGIES	SMART SHIELD LICENSE FEE	\$48.76
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$425.15
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$177.07
COMPUTER CLINIC	SECURITY CAMERAS	\$5,938.97
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$1,496.27
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-446.17 X \$16 / 19.56 X \$20 RC-471.60 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS GB-429.8 X \$16 / 15 X \$20 RC-451.32 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$15,687.68
DGR	SEWER REPAIR PLANNING	\$14,221.85
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$1,564.77
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$4,821.53
EMILY DENEKAS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$197.81
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$50.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$62.08
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$20.00
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$158.89
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SEWER SRF INTEREST	\$2,152.50
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$82.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,357.56
KNOW BUDDY RESOURCES	BOOKS	\$270.40
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$5,047.33
LORALYE WIBBEN	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$196.50
LYON CO SHERIFF	1ST 1/2 FY24 POLICE PROTECTION	\$14,270.25
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$357.47

LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$94.82
M & D ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$6,001.59
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$307.87
MOON RIVER AUTO	PARTS	\$250.00
MULDER HOME IMPROVEMENT	STREET REPAIR	\$600.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$227.50
ORV'S PLUMBING & HEATING	SEWER JETTING	\$360.00
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$90.19
PERSONAL TOUCH HAIRSTYLE	LCRF-2023 STOREFRONT GRANT	\$4,921.42
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE NEWSLETTER	\$932.85
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$354.23
REHAB SYSTEMS INC	TELEVISION	\$1,427.50
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$121.98
SCHOLASTIC	BOOKS	\$175.31
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$448.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	DEMOLITION PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$50.00
SWEET SAVANNAH CUPCAKES	SUPPLIES	\$120.00
THE TOY BOX	LCRF-2023 STOREFRONT GRANT	\$5,000.00
TOP NOTCH FLORIST	LCRF-2023 STOREFRONT GRANT	\$1,502.04
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$75.34
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	OCT'23 WATER EX & SALES TAX NOV'23 WATER EX & SALES TAX	\$1,279.59
TRI-STATE READY MIX	STREET REPAIR	\$554.50
WARNTJES PAINT & BODY	LCRF-2023 STOREFRONT GRANT	\$1,683.03
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,579.07
WESTERN IOWA TECH CC	CDL COURSE	\$1,590.00
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	\$124.94
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$18,261.66
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$132,738.48

GENERAL	\$55,497.18	GENERAL	\$39,049.23
CEMETERY	\$151.31	CEMETERY	\$66.94
ROAD USE TAX	\$20,498.76	ROAD USE TAX	\$11,921.42
INSURANCE	\$7,093.56	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,234.52
LIBRARY	\$315.01	INSURANCE	\$3,292.08
WATER	\$12,703.74	EMERGENCY FUND	\$646.12
SEWER	\$20,474.07	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$16,749.57
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$16,004.85	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$1,163.62
TOTAL FUNDS	\$132,738.48	LIBRARY	\$354.06
		WATER	\$12,217.27
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$600.00
		SEWER	\$12,423.27
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,709.52

REPORT TOTAL	\$108,427.62
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Council discussed the sewer jetter and it is not able to be fixed so decided to look into replacement options.

Council reviewed the proposal for a 3-year contract with Rehab Systems to continue the rotation for sanitary sewer cleaning. Council would like to see a 1 or 2 year contract instead as they investigate options for a different sewer jetter.

Gruis made a motion to accept and sign the Offer to Buy Real Estate and Acceptance to purchase property located at George OT 100' X 150' Abandoned Railroad ROW Lying NE of Block 31. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Mayor Sprock nominated council members BJ Gerken and Alternate Derek Storm to represent the City of George at the NW IA Area Solid Waste Agency at the annual meeting on January 10. Tiedeman made a motion to accept the nominations. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Johnson made a motion to approve a donation of \$2,000 to support Mid-Sioux Opportunity as they currently serve 209 residents in 79 households of George. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the Residential Tax Abatement applications received from Delores Krull on the property located at 101 N Birch St. Tiedeman made a motion to approve the applications subject to the Lyon County Assessors review and valuation of the property. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Bruinsma made a motion to accepted the engagement letter from Williams & Company PC to perform the FY2023 Annual Examination. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to approve the Alcohol/Liquor License for Dollar General. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the Future Energy of Iowa letter.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution 2023-12-409** entitled " A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GEMS CD SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL SAVING ACCOUNT TO CLOSE ACCOUNT". Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. . Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Johnson, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered by the new council members BJ Gerken, Kris Hamilton, Derek Storm and Mayor Billy Sprock.

Council would like to thank Ande Bruinsma for 20 years of service, Warren Tiedeman for 4 years of service and Lucius Johnson for 6 months of service. "Thank you!"

Council will be going the nursing home on December 20 at 4:30pm to spread Christmas cheer.

Next monthly council meeting will be held January 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:52 pm. Gruis 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