

AUGUST 2024 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 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 BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Derek Storm and Carola Vivian. Absent: Kris Hamilton.

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

OPEN FORUM: Fred & Carol Trei talked to the council regarding S Hamilton St and the driveway of Amanda Trei (300 S Hamilton St).

Fred Landis recapped the Freedom Days 5K Fun Run / Walk there were 165 participants this year which decreased from last year's participation of 205. This decrease came about due to all the flood devastation in the area. The participants came from 10 states, 127 were Iowa participants and 52 were George participants. Council wants to thank Fred & Kristi Landis for all their hard work and dedication to make the George Freedom Days 5K Fun Run / Walk a successful event. We hope to see everyone back next year.

Alexis Landis presented an end of season report on the swimming pool there were 75 private lessons and 37 public lessons taught. The pool had 65 family memberships, 6 single memberships, 1 daycare, 10 Lyon Co Riverboat Foundation family memberships, 2 Lyon Co Riverboat Foundation single memberships and 5 GLR Education Association Grant family memberships. Council wants to thank all the assistant managers for all their hard work and dedication to make the swimming pool season a success.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$172.13
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION	GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$312.04
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$9,447.32
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$55.75
ANDREW DENEKAS	FLOOD HELP	\$90.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$96.96
BIOVERSE	POND CHEMICALS	\$198.87
BJ GERKEN	SUPPLIES	\$109.08
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$501.50
BRANDON VAN BRIESEN	FLOOD HELP	\$15.00
C&B OPERATIONS	PARTS	\$126.32
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	\$6,783.91
CASEY'S	SUPPLIES	\$24.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$509.24
CFE	REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	\$2,108.06
CITY OF GEORGE	PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$25.00
CLIFF KRUGER	PARTS	\$32.85
COLLIN DELEEuw	FLOOD HELP	\$90.00
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$5,027.34
CORE & MAIN	PARTS	\$552.76

DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$900.88
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-513.5X\$17.50 / 22.46X\$21.50 RC-537.01X\$1 / DUMPSTERS 2024 FLOOD ROLLOFFS	\$19,000.13
DGR	STREET & SEWER REPAIR PLANNING	\$12,383.00
DRG PLUMBING & HVAC	REPAIRS	\$165.00
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$80.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$10,401.87
ETHAN KANNEGIETER	FLOOD HELP	\$90.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	'24 AMR 360 SOFTWARE & SUPPORT	\$2,493.00
FIRST RATE EXCAVATE	INSTALL 2 ZONE VALVES	\$10,000.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$238.04
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	SUPPLIES	\$78.44
HACH COMPANY	CHLORINE TESTING SUPPLIES	\$151.08
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$3,666.22
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$1,055.78
IOWA DNR	WASTEWATER EXAMFEE	\$30.00
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$82.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,890.59
JOHN M DONAKER	CEMETERY WAGES	\$92.89
KEITH MERRICK COMPANY	FUN RUN 2024 SHIRTS	\$3,442.10
KRISTI LANDIS	FUN RUN SUPPLIES	\$392.39
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC	SEWER JETTING	\$1,060.00
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$6,230.00
LYON CO TREASURER	PROPERTY TAX	\$260.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$269.48
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$132.99
M & D ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$11,193.31
MED COMPASS	GFD PHYSICALS	\$4,580.00
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	FLOOD WORK & EQUIPMENT	\$8,222.74
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$25.00
PIXEL SIX GRAPHICS	SUPPLIES	\$30.00
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$591.04
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$395.30
RENT-ALL CENTER, LTD	PARTS	\$31.98
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	REPAIRS/PARTS	\$3,160.72
SEAN DYKSTRA	FLOOD HELP	\$585.00
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK	PROGRAMMING EXPENSE	\$60.00
SIOUXLAND DISCRICT HEALTH	2024 POOL INSPECTION FEES	\$418.00
SPENCER SPROCK	FLOOD HELP	\$90.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$757.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS	\$113.92
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$555.63

TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	REPAIRS	\$469.97
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	JUNE'24 WATER EXCISE & SALES TAX	\$711.64
VESERIS	MOSQUITO SPRAY	\$5,008.38
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,640.64
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$52,968.11
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$193,669.98

GENERAL FUND	\$88,590.42	GENERAL	\$25,797.33
CEMETERY FUND	\$440.54	CEMETERY	\$50.00
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$22,824.97	ROAD USE TAX	\$12,254.55
INSURANCE FUND	\$8,043.23	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$100.24
LIBRARY FUND	\$170.75	INSURANCE	\$281.36
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$24.00	EMERGENCY FUND	\$52.47
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$185.06	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$15,620.31
FEMA FUND	\$23,821.47	LIBRARY	\$1,008.40
LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$2,803.23	GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$710.00
WATER FUND	\$23,901.23	STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$4,766.66
SEWER FUND	\$12,287.83	WATER	\$15,682.96
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$10,577.25	WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
TOTAL FUND AUG 14	\$193,669.98	SEWER	\$16,227.29
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$11,598.83
		REPORT TOTAL JULY 31	\$104,350.40

Amanda Miller, GLR Superintendent, discussed the opportunity of a sharing agreement between the school and the city for a building and grounds director. The council will further discuss this at a special council meeting.

Fred Landis, Kiwanis Can Cribs cement will be poured August 30-31.

Gerken introduced the **Ordinance 267** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VI BUILDING REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 1: BUILDING CODE; ARTICLE 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Storm seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. 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. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared this ordinance to be adopted by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council. Motion carried

Vivian introduced the following **Ordinance 268** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II PUBLIC SERVICE AND HEALTH; CHAPTER 2 SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM; ARTICLE 6 SEWER RENTAL RATES; SECTION 6.02 and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Gerken seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. WHEREUPON, 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 all of the members of the council. Storm then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared this ordinance to be adopted by a vote of not less than three-fourths of all of the members of the council. Motion carried. All residents of George will see a \$5.00 increase on the first 1,000 gallons of sewer. This utility increase will start on the September 15 billing. These funds will be collected to repay the Sewer Revenue Loan for sanitary sewer lining project.

Council discussed the sand filter at the swimming pool and how the sand that was being released into the pool. They reviewed the quote from ACCO and the options. Vivian made a motion to replace the filter media and the 42-lateral assembly utilizing the casino revenue. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed installing cameras at the pump house and swimming pool. Gruis made a motion to accept the bid from Computer Clinic to install 2 cameras at the pump house and 1 camera at the swimming pool. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

The city guys will finish installing the last part of curb & gutter on Baldwin Street in Locker Park.

Stewart VanderStoep, Lyon County Sheriff presented to the council the new Police Protection Contract for FY25 & FY26. The first-year rate remains the same as last year however the second year will increase \$0.50/citizen. Gruis made a motion to accept the Police Protection Contract. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the **Resolution No. 2024-08-432** entitled “Resolution to fix a date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$769,000” hereinafter next set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Gerken; and after due consideration thereof by the Council, the Mayor put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. Motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2024-08-433** entitled “RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTING THE HEEREN ESTATE TO THE GEORGE LIBRARY SERVICE FOR ENTRANCE REMODEL BILLS” and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. Motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2024-08-434** entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GEORGE, IOWA TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF CITY STREETS FOR THE FREEDOM DAYS CELEBRATION" and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a request for an outdoor event and street closure (entire Main Street from Iowa Ave to Michigan Ave -only as needed and will not interfere with local business operations) for Last Call 2 street dance to be held on August 16. Gruis made a motion to allow the street closure and approve the liquor license for the event. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received a peddler permit application was received from Tropical Sno Cone and the request to extend the peddler permit time until 10pm on August 17. Gruis made a motion to allow the extension to the peddler permit for the event. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

An application for a solicitor permit was received from Maarjali Vaht of Southwestern Advantage, to sell education books door to door in George. Gruis made a motion not to allow

Vaht to solicit in the town of George. Vivian seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. Motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2024-08-435** entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GEORGE, IOWA TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF CITY STREETS FOR THE HWY 339 SHOW & SHINE" and moved that the same be adopted. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none; –absent Hamilton. Motion carried.

Council discussed the 1992 International Dump Truck and decided to put it up on sealed bids. Bids must be submitted by Noon on September 9

Council discussed the option to vacate city property to Ron Julius and the city will contact the attorney to discuss the legal transfer of the property.

Next monthly council meeting will be held September 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Vivian made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 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