

DECEMBER 2024 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Pro-Tem Mayor Bob Gruis presiding. Pro-Tem Mayor Gruis called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The roll was called by Pro-Tem Mayor Gruis. Present were BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton, Derek Storm and Carola Vivian. Absent: Mayor Billy Sprock.

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

OPEN FORUM: None.

PUBLIC HEARING: Pro-Tem Mayor Gruis opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. and announced that this was the time and place for public hearing and meeting on the matter of sale of real estate owned by the City of George to Ronald & Valerie Julius. The proposed tract of real estate to be sold is described as: That part Outlot A of Locker Park. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on November 26, 2024 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:04 p.m. After due consideration and discussion, Vivian introduced the **Resolution No. 2024-12-452** entitled "RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF CITY'S INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE" and moved that the same be adopted. Gerken seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Pro-Tem Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

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

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B, COPIER LEASE.....	\$258.31
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$345.18
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$305.56
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$4,696.24
BAKER & TAYLOR, BOOKS	\$161.54
BIERSCHBACH, PARTS	\$66.30
BRAD HINSCH, REPAIRS.....	\$2,250.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, SUPPLIES.....	\$3,428.02
CFE, SUPPLIES	\$1,677.65
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTR, BOOKS	\$89.82
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL/REPARIS/PARTS.....	\$1,122.65
CORE & MAIN, PARTS	\$406.68
DENNY'S SANITATION, NOV'24 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTERS.....	\$8,274.30
DGR, STREET & REPAIR PLANNING	\$23,471.32
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP, LEGAL FEES.....	\$14,000.00
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS.....	\$3,858.24
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX.....	\$3,508.26
FERGUSON WATERWORKS, SUPPLIES	\$643.38
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE, BOOKS.....	\$270.38
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$48.90
GRAINGER, PARTS.....	\$125.13
GWORKS, SOFTWARE/TRAINING	\$5,880.00
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$50.00
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$30.14

IOWA DNR, WASTEWATER EXAMFEE	\$30.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, SEWER SRF LOAN INTEREST	\$2,339.25
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSN, 2025 FIRE DEPT DUES	\$567.00
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$82.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,647.78
ISU EXTENSION OFFICE, CPAT CONT ED	\$70.00
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$92.89
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING.....	\$480.00
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE, WORK COMP INSURANCE.....	\$2,076.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$359.10
LORALYE WIBBEN, TRAVEL EXPENSE.....	\$116.58
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$45.08
MIDWEST TAPE, DVD'S.....	\$126.95
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION, MANHOLE INSTALL/SEWER MAIN EXT ...	\$8,827.78
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$90.00
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE.....	\$308.48
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET.....	\$367.23
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP INSURANCE	\$121.98
SEAN DYKSTRA, LABOR	\$33.75
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$1,440.50
STRYKER, SUPPLIES.....	\$210.42
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS.....	\$282.03
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES.....	\$226.99
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, NOV'24 WATER EXCISE & SALES TAX	\$688.73
TRUE NORTH COMPANY, FIRE DEPT/EMS INSURANCE	\$452.20
ULINE, SUPPLIES.....	\$151.76
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE.....	\$1,640.64
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC, LEGAL FEES.....	\$1,700.00
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS.....	\$13,372.85
CLAIMS TOTAL.....	\$113,940.97

GENERAL FUND	\$23,103.24
CEMETERY FUND	\$450.41
ROAD USE TAX FUND.....	\$29,877.16
INSURANCE FUND	\$4,183.80
LIBRARY FUND	\$89.82
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$72.98
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	\$7,850.58
LOCKER PARK URBAN RENEWAL FUND	\$1,383.88
SANITARY SEWER LINING FUND	\$14,000.00
WATER FUND	\$9,531.95
SEWER FUND	\$14,576.66
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND.....	\$8,820.49
TOTAL FUND DEC 11	\$113,940.97

GENERAL.....	\$33,347.53
CEMETERY	\$104.68
ROAD USE TAX.....	\$12,840.89
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,259.98
INSURANCE	\$2,259.98

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....	\$12,650.93
LIBRARY	\$538.56
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$100.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$500.00
STORM SEWER PROJECT.....	\$3,695.72
SANITARY SEWER LINING.....	\$416,493.61
WATER.....	\$12,250.65
WATER DEPOSITS	\$600.00
SEWER	\$14,007.88
LANDFILL/GARBAGE.....	\$9,289.75
REPORT TOTAL NOV 30	\$520,940.16

Pro-Tem Mayor Gruis presented the council a cost estimate to replace Virginia Street received from the Board of Supervisors meeting this past Monday.

Deputy Clerk continues to work with FEMA to report the city losses due to the June 2024 flood.

Council members will do Christmas at the Nursing Home on December 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Vivian nominated council members BJ Gerken and Alternate Derek Storm to represent the City of George at the NW IA Area Solid Waste Agency for 2025. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to reschedule the council meeting in January to Thursday, January 9 due to the NW IA Solid Waste Agency Annual Meeting on January 8. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gerken made a motion to approve a donation of \$2,000 to support Mid-Sioux Opportunity as they currently serve 192 residents in 77 households of George. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

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

Due to scheduling conflicts Gerken made a motion to close the city office on Friday, December 27. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held January 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Vivian made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

Loralye Wibben, City Clerk

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