

**FEBRUARY 2025 MINUTES**

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:03 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. Storm 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 13 members. Elections were held on January 15 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 Emily Denekas & Haylee Martin. The GEMS responded to 83 calls in 2024. GEMS had their annual fundraiser with Dad’s Belgian Waffle Breakfast on February 2. 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.

Lois Jurrens, Museum Board chair presented the council with a written annual report and financials. The City Council would like to thank the museum board for all their work in the museum.

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

VENDOR, REFERENCE .....	AMOUNT
A&B, COPIER LEASE.....	\$234.13
ACE PIPE CLEANING, INC, SANITARY SEWER PROJECT .....	\$21,920.71
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE.....	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE .....	\$277.80
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GRP, PAYLOADER REPAIRS.....	\$399.58
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS .....	\$6,712.21
ALLISON SANDBECK, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$788.55
ALPHA WIRELESS, PAGERS.....	\$281.00
ANDREW DENEKAS, GFD-CALL CHECK .....	\$46.91
ASHLEY EBEN, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$449.19
AUSTIN THOMPSON, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$140.74
BAKER & TAYLOR, BOOKS .....	\$428.53
BARB WESSELS, GEMS-CALL CHECK .....	\$739.32
BETTER HOMES & GARDENS, SUBSCRIPTION.....	\$32.05
BILL SPROCK, GFD-CALL CHECK .....	\$281.48
BJ GERKEN, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT .....	\$25.20
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES .....	\$70.82
BRANDI MULDER, GEMS-CALL CHECK .....	\$981.03
CALEB DEKAM, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$140.74
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, EMT TRAINING/SUPPLIES.....	\$3,715.28
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE.....	\$436.68
CFE, SUPPLIES .....	\$415.12
CHEROKEE REGIONAL HEALTH, EMS CONFERENCE .....	\$50.00

CITY OF GEORGE, FY26 CEM BUDGET .....	\$5,100.00
COLE RIEMERSMA, GFD-CALL CHECK .....	\$140.74
COMPUTER CLINIC, COMPUTER REPAIRS.....	\$47.50
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS .....	\$760.98
CORE & MAIN, FIREHYDRANTS .....	\$9,593.40
DAVID GRAVE, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$140.74
DEEP CLEAN CARPET, CARPET CLEAN-COMMUNITY ROOMS .....	\$1,125.00
DEMCO, SUPPLIES .....	\$280.66
DENNY'S SANITATION, JAN'25 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTERS.....	\$8,745.88
DEREK STORM, GFD-CALL CHECK .....	\$140.74
DGR, STREET & SEWER REPAIR PLANNING.....	\$11,620.00
DOLLAR GENERAL, ENVELOPES .....	\$8.08
DOUG STUBBE, CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT .....	\$405.57
EASTWEST LIBRARY BOOKS, BOOKS.....	\$85.78
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS.....	\$1,014.35
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT, FIREFIGHTER GEAR .....	\$1,437.02
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX.....	\$3,295.89
EMILY DENEKAS, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$896.44
EUGENE MODDER, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$251.54
EVERGREEN LAWN CEMETERY, FY26 CEM BUDGET .....	\$2,100.00
FIRE SAFETY USA, FIREFIGHTER GEAR.....	\$409.95
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE .....	\$50.00
GALE, BOOKS .....	\$120.82
GEORGE FIRE DEPT, 1/2 OF PO BOX KEYS.....	\$5.00
GEORGE LOCKER, SUPPLIES .....	\$300.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, OFFICE SUPPLIES .....	\$259.98
HAMBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOOKS .....	\$24.00
HARDROCK AGGREGATE, RIPRAP.....	\$417.02
HAWKINS, CHLORINE .....	\$30.00
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES/REPAIRS .....	\$427.35
IOWA DNR, AMENDMENT NPDES WASTEWATER FEE.....	\$85.00
IPERS, IPERS .....	\$2,602.17
JARED KANNEGIETER, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$140.00
JESSE STERNKE, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$46.91
JOE DEBOER, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$140.74
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES .....	\$95.68
JOHN VIVIAN, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$382.93
JOSH EBEN, GFD-CALL CHECK .....	\$140.74
KD DESIGNS, GEMS-YOUTH T-SHIRTS.....	\$76.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS.....	\$275.55
LORALYE WIBBEN, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$430.60
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS .....	\$96.22
MARK HAND, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$119.83
MATTHEW GRAVE, GFD-CALL CHECK .....	\$140.74
MELISSA GRAVE, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$1,076.47
MICHAEL DENEKAS, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$46.91
MICHAEL MULDER, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$836.88
MID AMERICA BOOKS, BOOKS.....	\$167.70
MIKE'S SERVICE GARAGE, REPAIRS .....	\$1,570.07

NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT .....	\$20.00
PAUL DENEKAS, GFD-CALL CHECK .....	\$140.74
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE.....	\$620.80
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET .....	\$367.15
SEAN DYKSTRA, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$46.91
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK, 2025 ANNUAL SAFEBOXRENT.....	\$40.00
SHANNON VAN MEETEREN, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....	\$307.01
SIEBRING ELECTRIC, REPAIRS .....	\$3,850.11
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING, SUPPLIES .....	\$6.15
SPENCER SPROCK, GFD-CALL CHECK.....	\$46.91
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING .....	\$685.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS.....	\$146.94
TASTE OF HOME, SUBSCRIPTION .....	\$10.70
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES.....	\$459.93
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, JAN'25 WATER EXCISE & SALES TAX ...	\$638.27
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE.....	\$1,758.64
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC, LEGAL FEES.....	\$2,500.00
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION, BOOKS.....	\$328.92
WATER REFUND DATE 01/16/2025 .....	\$3,144.93
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS .....	\$12,623.26
CLAIMS TOTAL.....	\$124,187.60

GENERAL FUND.....	\$24,794.90
CEMETERY FUND .....	\$5,677.98
ROAD USE TAX FUND.....	\$7,387.96
INSURANCE FUND .....	\$1,931.23
LIBRARY FUND .....	\$66.75
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND .....	\$5,740.99
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND .....	\$6,523.09
FEMA FUND .....	\$3,850.11
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND .....	\$4,597.29
SANITARY SEWER LINING FUND .....	\$21,920.71
WATER FUND.....	\$14,687.46
WATER DEPOSITS FUND .....	\$3,144.93
SEWER FUND .....	\$14,917.18
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND.....	\$8,947.02
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND FEB 12 .....	\$124,187.60

GENERAL.....	\$51,655.70
CEMETERY .....	\$296.42
ROAD USE TAX.....	\$12,796.91
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS .....	\$231.18
INSURANCE .....	\$231.18
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....	\$20,788.09
LIBRARY.....	\$488.35
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT .....	\$4,055.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT .....	\$2,575.00
STORM SEWER PROJECT .....	\$4,126.49
SANITARY SEWER LINING.....	\$26,600.07

WATER.....	\$13,440.28
WATER/SEWER RESERVE.....	\$12,000.00
WATER DEPOSITS.....	\$400.00
SEWER.....	\$32,124.00
LANDFILL/GARBAGE.....	\$10,009.25
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL JAN 31.....	\$191,817.92

Council would like a special council meeting with the city attorney, to further discuss nuisances: junk vehicles, weeds & cats.

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

Council discussed the request for chickens. Council will look at other city ordinances for more information before a decision is made.

First reading of the ordinance was read. Vivian introduced the **Ordinance 270** entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II PUBLIC SERVICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH; CHAPTER 6: PUBLIC WATER WELLS; ARTICLE 12 PROTECTION OF PUBLIC WATER WELLS; SUBSECTION 12.02 SHALLOW WELL PROTECTION AND SUBSECTION 12.03 DEEP WELL PROTECTION” and move that the ordinance be considered at a second reading. Storm seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared that the motion that the ordinance be considered at a second reading and the proposed ordinance has been passed by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the council. Motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution 2025-02-455** entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GEORGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026" 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 Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2025-02-456** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 HEARING FOR MARCH 12, 2025 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. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to donate \$150 to the George-Little Rock After Prom Committee for the 2025 After Prom Activities. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast ayes, motion carried.

Gerken made a motion to accept the Mayor Sprock’s appointment of Gerald Grave to fill a 6-year term as a city representative for the Evergreen Lawn Cemetery Board. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to accept the bid from Core & Main for material to install a waterline and fire hydrant at the George Fire Station using ARPA funding for the project. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to accept the bid from Mitchell & Huss Excavation to install 15” storm sewer intakes at the intersection of Hamilton St / W Michigan Ave using Storm Sewer funding for the project. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to accept the bid from Mitchell & Huss Excavation to install manhole on the intersection of S Lincoln St / E Indiana Ave using ARPA funding for the project. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held March 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Gerken made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 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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