

FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor James L. Cuttell presiding. Mayor Cuttell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Cuttell. Present were Ande Bruinsma, Stacy Denekas, Nyron Moore, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian.

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

OPEN FORUM: none.

Stacy Denekas reported from the Library Board she attended on Monday, February 8, 2021. She will continue to work with the Library regarding concerns.

Warren Tiedeman, representative attended the Northwest Iowa Landfill Meeting on January 19, 2021 and it was a very informational meeting.

Council received a report from Calhoun-Burns regarding the 2020 Annual Bridge Inspection.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$311.13
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$5,289.87
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$244.98
BEV GERKEN	CEMETERY WAGES	\$80.19
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$32.88
BRUCE'S REPAIR	SHARPEN BLADES	\$62.65
CALHOUN-BURNS	BRIDGE INSPECTION/RATING	\$1,681.50
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES / AM RED CROSS-LTS DUES 2021	\$912.59
CENGAGE LEARNING INC / GALE	BOOKS	\$101.37
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$150.84
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$7.46
CITY OF GEORGE	FY22 CEM BUDGET-WHEELER TOWN	\$4,000.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	GARNISHMENT	\$86.76
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$4,121.11
DENNY'S SANITATION	434.42 X \$15 / 6.74 X \$19	\$6,644.29
DGR	2020 COMPLIANCE STRATEGY HELP	\$519.00
EBEN CONSTRUCTION	LABOR SEWER PIPE VENTILATION	\$125.00
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$674.82
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT	SUPPLIES / BUNKER GEAR	\$834.51
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,535.50
EVERGREEN LAWN CEMETERY	FY22 CEM BUDGET-CITY SHARE	\$2,100.00
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND	20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$100.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	WATER METERS	\$111,220.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00

GEMS	2020 EMS CALLS = 46 X \$75	\$3,450.00
GEORGE FIRE DEPT	2020 FIRE CALLS = 7 X \$125	\$875.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$61.54
GUARDIAN	GROUP INSURANCE	\$97.20
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$1,246.50
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$270.19
IMFOA	2021 MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$50.00
IOWA INS COMMISSION	2020 PERPETUAL CARE REPORT FEE	\$61.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$16.20
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,513.83
JOHN T GERKEN	2020 CEMETERY ANNUAL WAGE	\$280.12
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC	SEWER JETTING	\$500.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$223.80
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$30.62
MATHESON TRI-GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$191.54
MICHAEL MULDER	2021 EMS CONFERENCE REIMBURSE	\$100.00
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$95.95
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	SNOW REMOVAL	\$450.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$60.00
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$207.81
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$190.78
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$236.45
REHAB SYSTEMS INC	TELEVISIONING	\$1,180.00
SIBLEY SHEET METAL	MOVE FURNACE & GAS LINE	\$1,281.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$47.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	SUPPLIES	\$46.72
TITAN ACCESS ACCOUNT	REPAIRS	\$86.78
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$47.15
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,663.84
	WATER REFUND DATE 01/26/2021	\$236.96
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$12,447.93
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$171,107.36

GENERAL FUND	\$22,459.88	GENERAL	\$13,144.54
CEMETERY FUND	\$4,565.23	CEMETERY	\$6,810.58
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$11,527.33	ROAD USE TAX	\$12,494.05
INSURANCE FUND	\$1,761.04	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$91.77
LIBRARY FUND	\$6.68	INSURANCE	\$137.71
EMS/FIRE HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$1,281.00	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$11,094.28
WATER FUND	\$117,861.19	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$70.54
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$200.00	LIBRARY	\$749.88

SEWER FUND	\$4,738.12	DEBT SERVICE	\$510.01
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$6,706.89	PERPETUAL CARE	\$100.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$171,107.36	WATER	\$14,481.82
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
		SEWER	\$12,450.77
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$7,781.55
		REPORT TOTAL	\$80,117.50

The State of Iowa requires all gross wages to be published annually. Gross wages paid by the City of George for 2020 are as follows: ROBERT JOHNSON \$3,235.40; TODD KLEIN \$8,629.50; ELIZABETH SPROCK \$12,169.14; KAYLA GERLOFF \$21,072.26; BRENDA GERKEN \$15,312.73; SARA SPROCK \$1,289.26; MICHAEL MODDER \$6,374.40; ASHLEY STUEVEN \$32.00; SUSAN ROSEBERRY \$9,717.97; VINCENT LUITJENS \$1,085.32; LORALYE WIBBEN \$37,730.00; JOSHUA EBEN \$264.86; RANDALL RYPKEMA \$53,412.17; LANCE KRUSE \$9,069.64; BERNETTE WEIER \$276.75; JAMES L CUTTELL \$3,740.00; ANDE BRUINSMA \$935.00; CAROLA VIVIAN \$1,045.00; LARRY THOELKE \$660.00; WARREN TIEDEMAN \$1,045.00; STACY DENEKAS \$1,045.00; MAITLAND DYKSTRA \$5,603.61; KIELY GERKEN \$343.51; ISABELLE JOHNSON \$3,602.67; KAYLA GERKEN \$2,152.67; COURTNEY DYKSTRA \$3,117.09; PARKER NETTEN \$888.48; THEA DEBOER \$706.79; WILL HAMILTON \$2,643.23; BENJAMIN ANDERSON \$714.13; CALEB DE WIT \$928.22; MAX GRUIS \$1,912.28; KALLY MODDER \$1,091.15; LYLE MOORE \$1,300.21; EMERSYN NETTEN \$918.71; ROYA AMIRHAMZEH \$1,169.76; SEAN DYKSTRA \$1,792.48; SAM GRUIS \$1,634.24; JIM KANNEGIETER \$10,035.20; NYRON MOORE JR. \$1,480.20; ALEX BONESTROO \$1,558.90.

Bruinsma introduced the following **Resolution 2021-02-296** entitled RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GEORGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 and moved that the same be adopted. Wage increases will be as follows: Randy Rypkema \$21.75/hour; Todd Klein \$23.50/hour; Loralye Wibben \$40,040/year; Susan Roseberry \$17.00/hour and Elizabeth Sprock \$16.50/hour. The Library Board set wage increases for the two librarians as follows: Kayla Gerloff \$16.50/hour and Brenda Gerken \$15.50/hour. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Council asked that the City Clerk to start advertising for summer help in the areas of mowing, street help and swimming pool staff. Wages will be determined at a later date.

Judd Reifers, Taylor Klingenberg and Kary Conaway representatives of the George Community Economic Development Corporation and Daycare Committee presented to the council the first quarter financials for the George Community Daycare. The enrollment numbers continue to grow. The board is requesting that the City review the option to enter a 28E Agreement with the GCEDC to support funding for the daycare.

Vivian made a motion to approve the 3-year contract with Denny’s Sanitation for Collection and Transportation of Garbage/Recycling and Refuse. The fees are as follows: for garbage \$15.00 per month per residential garbage collection and recycle \$1.00 per month per residential recycling collection. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

As of February 2, 2021, Kelly’s Catering decided to discontinue providing senior meals to residents in George. Carola Vivian, representative from Last Call presented to the City the idea to continue the senior meal option for residents of George with the request to waive the community room fee. Bruinsma made a motion to waive the community room rental for Last Call to provide senior meals. Last Call will keep the same schedule and serve senior meals on

Tuesdays. Denekas seconded the motion. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore and Tiedeman, –nays: none, –abstain: Vivian. Motion carried. For more information contact Last Call.

Denekas introduced the following **Resolution 2021-02-297** entitled RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO PAINT IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM FOR FUNDING REQUESTS and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2021-02-298** entitled RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTING THE HEEREN ESTATE TO THE GEORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT/GEORGE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR THE BUILDING EXPANSION FINAL BILLS in the amount of \$1,281.00 and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Denekas introduced the following **Resolution 2021-02-299** entitled RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR HEARING FOR MARCH 3, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. and moved that the same be adopted. Bruinsma seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Randy Rypkema, Public Works Superintendent reported on the water meter installation and stated that letters are scheduled to go out the week of February 15 and they plan to begin the installation process on February 23. The letter will have the information for scheduling your meter with the Ferguson Install Team. The install team plan of work is 9 days on and 6 days off.

Next council meeting will be held March 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm. Tiedeman 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