

JUNE 2021 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 16, 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. Absent was none.

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

OPEN FORUM: Maitland Dykstra, Pool Manager, gave a swimming pool update. She reported to the council that the school bus participation has increased from 6 the last week up to 30 this week. The council thanked Dykstra for her work in helping with the alternative swimming option. The Community Daycare was able to start participating in the shuttle starting June 14. The bus runs Monday thru Thursday [pick up in George at 12:15 p.m. and Little Rock at 12:30 p.m.] [swimming from 1-4 p.m.] [approx. shuttle return to Little Rock at 4:30 p.m. and George at 4:45 p.m.] The council would also like to say "Thank you" to the George-Little Rock Community School and the bus drivers for providing bus transportation for the City of George this summer.

American Rescue Plan the council was asked to think of ideas for these funds.

Tiedeman 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	\$369.82
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$149.40
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$4,458.35
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$35.51
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$544.88
BIBLIONIX	AUTOMATION SERVICE	\$1,400.00
BIOVERSE	POND CHEMICALS	\$196.88
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$708.00
BRYAN ANDERSON	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$85.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$364.28
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$156.94
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$850.79
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	GARNISHMENT	\$130.14
COMPUTER CLINIC	PRINTER REPAIRS	\$63.75
CONCRETE MATERIALS	COLD MIX	\$3,461.53
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$2,282.46
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$125.00
DENEKAS ELECTRIC, INC	REPAIRS	\$113.75
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-403.66 X \$15 / 5.39 x \$19 / RC-411.65 X \$1	\$6,568.95
DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	\$16.05
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$77.98
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$6,199.47
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$278.67
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES / DESK	\$574.23
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$3,706.34

HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$530.05
IMWCA	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$4,065.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	PRINCIPAL & INTEREST - SEWER LOAN	\$58,635.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	FY22 ANNUAL DUES	\$906.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$33.50
IPERS	IPERS	\$3,687.48
JAMES CUTTELL	SUPPLIES	\$85.56
K & D DESIGNS	LIFEGUARD TSHIRTS	\$190.00
KIERS PLUMBING & HEATING	REPAIRS	\$32.50
KRISTI LANDIS	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$85.00
LEAK INVESTIGATORS LLC	REPAIRS POOL LEAK	\$9,750.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$1,864.26
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$36.21
M & D ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$279.00
MATHESON TRI-GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$191.54
MICHAEL'S	SUPPLIES	\$67.53
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$88.46
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	REPAIRS	\$5,802.49
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$30.00
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$80.19
POLLARDWATER	CHEMICAL PUMP	\$668.63
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$590.48
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$348.70
RECREATION SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES POOL	\$104.04
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$209.40
SANFORD HEALTH	GFD PHYSICAL	\$475.00
SCHOLASTIC	BOOKS	\$322.00
SCHWEBACH TREE SERVICE	STUMP GRIND	\$54.00
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK	PRINCIPAL & INT. - BRIDGE/STREET/POOL	\$78,069.50
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	UPS CHARGES	\$21.50
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$886.50
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$179.91
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	REPAIRS MOWER	\$143.30
UNITED INDUSTRIES INC	SUPPLIES POOL	\$1,095.04
VALLEY SAND & GRAVEL	GRAVEL	\$51.90
WALL STREET PRINTERS	RUN REPORTS	\$167.50
WALMART	SUPPLIES	\$39.32
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,663.84
WIERSMA CONSTRUCTION	LABOR	\$150.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 06/15/2021	\$749.97
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$21,695.22
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$227,068.69

GENERAL	\$49,262.67	GENERAL	\$11,518.38
CEMETERY	\$732.62	CEMETERY	\$400.00
ROAD USE TAX	\$13,864.94	ROAD USE TAX	\$11,711.29
INSURANCE	\$5,938.24	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$414.35
LIBRARY	\$158.41	INSURANCE	\$621.48
DEBT SERVICE	\$78,019.50	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$10,952.85
LOCKER PARK URBAN RENEWAL	\$238.91	LIBRARY	\$312.37
WATER	\$7,554.24	DEBT SERVICE	\$2,258.30
WATER DEPOSITS	\$749.97	LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE	\$4,500.90
SEWER	\$63,751.95	PERPETUAL CARE	\$80.00
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$6,797.24	WATER	\$11,839.72
TOTAL FUNDS	\$227,068.69	WATER/SEWER RESERVE	\$12,000.00
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$1,000.00
		SEWER	\$12,620.77
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$7,568.15
		REPORT TOTAL	\$87,798.56

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2021 Summer Help Staff. Denekas made a motion to hire **Lifeguard** – Roya Amirhamzeh \$8.25/hour. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to hire **Mowing & Street Help** – Lyle Moore \$10.00/hour. Denekas seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –abstain: Moore. Motion carried.

Council was recapped that Pearson Bros, Inc will seal coat the streets and they will be here in August.

On June 10, 2021 the council received the contract via email and paper copy from Leak Investigators to review the repairs needed on the expansion joints for the swimming pool. The company request ½ of the payment before the work starts and the final ½ when the repairs are completed, not to exceed the \$9,750 in repairs. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried to approve the repair contract. The repairs began on June 14 and were completed on June 16. They recommend 10-days for the sealant to set before the city can fill the pool.

Bruinsma made a motion to accept the Mayor Cuttell's recommendation to appoint John Gieske to fill the vacancy on the Museum Board that was left vacant due to the passing of Carol Luitjens. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Denekas introduced the following **Resolution 2021-06-314** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CASINO SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT TO OFFSET THE PAINTING OF THE SWIMMING POOL EXPENDITURES" and moved that the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2021-06-315** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO IMT COMMUNITY CONTEST FOR FUNDING REQUESTS" 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.

Vivian made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Freedom Days Celebration for this year and last year since COVID didn't allow the celebration to happen. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Denekas introduced the following **Resolution 2021-06-316** entitled " RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GEORGE, IOWA TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF CITY STREETS FOR THE

JULY CELEBRATION" and moved that the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Moore, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Denekas made a motion to approve the request for an outdoor event and street closure (from north side of Total Stop driveway to Iowa Ave) for Last Call 2 to be held on July 4. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Denekas made a motion to waive the swimming pool fees on July 3 during the Freedom Day Celebration. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to renew the ICAP Property Insurance policy. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding mosquito spraying, the testing for Category 7D and the 28E Agreement with the City of Matlock. Due to COVID-19 Rypkema last year was unable to test at any of the locations. In the meantime, the council will need review the applicators certified to spray for the city. A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21 to finalize the mosquito spraying for the City of George and Matlock.

Vivian made a motion to approve a wavier to extend the peddler permit time until 10:00 p.m. on July 3 for Sibley’s Tropical Sno. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Bruinsma made a motion to approve the Alcohol and Liquor License for Total Stop. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Discussion was held whether the city needs to implement water restrictions. The council was told that due to the lack of moisture that our wells are getting lower and they reviewed information from the surrounding cities on what they have in place. City of Sheldon ordinance states: Under a Water Watch, all customers of the municipal water service are encouraged to limit or curtail all nonessential uses of water in order to conserve precious water resources during the time of shortage. Customers may be encouraged to comply with the following voluntary standards: 1.) No watering of lawns, shrubs or gardens between the hours of eight o’clock (8:00) a.m. and eight-thirty o’clock (8:30) p.m. 2.) No water should be used to fill private swimming pools, children’s wading pools, reflecting pools or any other outdoor pool or pond. 3.) No water should be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks or building exteriors. 4.) No water should be used for nonessential cleaning of commercial and industrial equipment, machinery, and interior spaces. 5.) Water should be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer. Denekas made a motion that the city should draw up with the attorney a similar ordinance to what Sheldon has implemented. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding law enforcement and underage individuals riding ATV’s, ORV’s and golf carts. City Code states that operators must possess a valid driver’s license and must be 18 years of age to operate on public streets. It is illegal to operate these vehicles on recreational walking/bike trail and/or sidewalks. Council will meet with Sherriff Vander Stoep to see what can be done with deputy coverage for George. There needs to be something done before a serious accident happens.

Council reviewed and discussed the Application of Occupancy on the Right of Way of City Streets from Premier Communications. This project will be directional boring of internet fiber optics. The anticipated project dates are August 2021-May 2022. Vivian made a motion to approve and for the mayor sign the application. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm. Moore seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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