

AUGUST 2022 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Pro Tem Warren Tiedeman presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Tiedeman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Pro Tem Tiedeman. Present were Ande Bruinsma, Stacy Denekas, Bob Gruis and Carola Vivian. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: None.

Introduction of the candidates for Mayor were announced: Fred Trei, Billy Sprock, Warren Tiedeman and John Vivian. Vote was cast to appoint the Mayor of George. The vote went to Billy Sprock. Thank you to all the applicants for applying and you are all encouraged to apply again and also participate in the next city election in November 2023.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2022-08-352** entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A MAYOR" and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered to Billy Sprock who will fill the vacancy as Mayor for the City of George due to the resignation of James L. Cuttell.

Mayor Pro Tem Tiedeman resumed his seat on the council and Sprock continued the meeting as Mayor.

REPORTS: None.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$297.43
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$60.00
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GRP	REPAIRS	\$547.79
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$10,313.06
AVERA MEDICAL GROUP	EMPLOYMENT	\$96.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$320.56
BIOVERSE	POND CHEMICALS	\$198.87
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$356.66
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$176.94
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$1,495.35
COMPUTER CLINIC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$21.00
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$2,301.38
DATA443 RISK MITIGATION	SMART SHIELD LICENSE FEE	\$48.75
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$735.00
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-411.91 X \$16 / 9.95 X \$20 RC-436.97 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$8,074.54
EBEN CONSTRUCTION	CEMENT PAD FOR GENERATOR	\$923.92
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$295.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$6,404.41

EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND	20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$240.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$313.74
GCEDC	FY23 FACILITY RENT	\$15,000.00
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$1,298.37
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$288.97
HYDRAULIC SOLUTIONS	REPAIRS	\$11.92
ICAP	PROPERTY INSURANCE	\$38,435.00
IOWA DNR	ANNUAL NPDES WASTEWATER FEE	\$210.00
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$269.76
IPERS	IPERS	\$1,952.31
KEITH MERRICK COMPANY	FUN RUN 2022 SHIRTS	\$2,329.50
LEWIS FAMILY DRUG	SUPPLIES	\$9.97
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$7,517.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$330.55
LYON COUNTY REPORTER	SUBSCRIPTION	\$45.00
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$32.97
M & D ELECTRIC	GENERATOR & INSTALL/LIBRARY LIGHTS	\$16,099.88
MATHESON TRI-GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$101.02
MED COMPASS	GFD PHYSICALS	\$4,850.00
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$228.40
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	GRAVEL	\$663.44
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$216.62
NW IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL DUES	\$25.00
OBRIEN COUNTY IMPLEMENT	REPAIRS	\$967.51
OVERDRIVE, INC	FY23 EBOOK CONTENT FEE	\$526.17
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$85.89
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$233.08
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$239.36
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$355.83
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	PARTS/REPAIRS/LABOR	\$1,524.84
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	UPS CHARGES	\$43.50
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$355.00
THE COUNTRY FIX-IT SHOP	TARP REPAIRS	\$70.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$431.69
TRI-STATE READY MIX	CEMENT	\$363.00
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC	GFD RADIOS	\$7,349.99
	WATER REFUND DATE 07/27/2022	\$308.81
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$27,767.22
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$163,782.97

GENERAL	\$127,860.08	GENERAL	\$14,163.17
CEMETERY	\$373.10	CEMETERY	\$1,225.00

ROAD USE TAX	\$7,003.14	ROAD USE TAX	\$11,396.45
INSURANCE	\$7,517.00	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$246.01
LIBRARY	\$2,653.88	INSURANCE	\$164.27
WATER	\$6,370.09	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$12,331.51
WATER DEPOSITS	\$308.81	LIBRARY	\$3,006.27
SEWER	\$3,540.95	DEBT SERVICE	\$594.40
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,155.92	PERPETUAL CARE	\$240.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$163,782.97	WATER	\$12,428.99
		WATER/SEWER RESERVE	\$0.00
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$1,600.00
		SEWER	\$13,462.22
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,985.53
		REPORT TOTAL	\$79,843.82

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2022 Summer Help Staff. Denekas made a motion to approve the June 9th hire of Swimming Pool Assistant Manager – Thea DeBoer \$12.25/hour (\$11.25/hour lifeguard). Due to scheduling conflicts the pool manager requested the hire of a second assistant pool manager. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the report from Northern Leak Detection.

Due to the recent swimming pool vandalism the city is revisiting the idea to install security cameras. City Clerk visited with Scott Heibult and brought back the bid from 2019 to include a 3-camera system and installation for \$2500 from Computer Clinic/Denekas Electric. Gruis made a motion the cameras needed to be rebid and M&D Electric should be included for the rebid.

Discussion regarding the Virginia Street road project. Gruis would like to have the sewer lines that run under Virginia Street televised.

Council received a copy of the 2014 report on the Emerald Ash Boer and Ash Trees plan for George. David Grave is working with tree services that are available to remove trees in George.

Michael Mulder, GEMS chief gave an update to the council regarding the purchase of a 2023 Ram 4500 4x4 Hemi 6.4L V-8 gas. Mulder locked in a down payment for the chassis and signed an agreement with Arrow Manufacturing. This agreement also needs the council approval and signature of the mayor. Vivian made a motion to approve the agreement with Arrow Manufacturing. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Billy Sprock, GFD chief gave an update to the council regarding the sale of the 1986 GMC grass rig. Sprock gave the proposal to have sealed bids collected and opened by the council at the next city council meeting. Sprock reminded the city that ½ of the sale proceeds need to be reimbursed to the George Rural Fire Board.

Arielle Renner presented to the council a sketch as they continue to design the dog park. Concerns were who is responsible to clean up after dogs, who would do the maintenance (ie. mow/trim), insurance coverage questions.

John Grotluschen requested the closure of Main St and Michigan Ave for the HWY 339 Show and Shine Car Show to be held on September 11, 2022. Tiedeman made a

motion to allow the street closure. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to approve the request for an outdoor event special liquor license and street closure for Last Call 2 to be held on September 11. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Tiedeman introduced the following **Resolution 2022-08-353** entitled "RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTING TIF FUNDS FROM LOCKER PARK AND SUNSET ADDITION" and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: – ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Gruis proposed the idea to purchase the City of George website domain. Council didn't agree with this idea because there would need to be a person that knows webpage design and coding. At this time the city clerk knows how to upload documents to the webpage to get information out to residents. Gruis wants a better system to alert residents of any situation that may arise.

Gruis reported that he has been looking into storm drainage on the west side of town. Council agreed that there needs to be something done in the intersections where water sits for extended periods of time. Mitchell & Huss will be putting a proposal together for this storm sewer project.

Gruis would like to see the store front grants funds to be spent on fixing up homes. It was noted that the store front grant is an incentive program for businesses to update or remodel the front of their business. City of George partnered with the GCEDC to create this program and this project is also funded by a Lyon County Riverboat Foundation grant.

Next monthly council meeting will be held September 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

ATTEST:

Billy Sprock, Mayor

Loralye Wibben, City Clerk