

SEPTEMBER 2022 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were Ande Bruinsma, Stacy Denekas, Bob Gruis and Carola Vivian. Absent: Warren Tiedeman.

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

OPEN FORUM: Carol Trei stated concerns regarding city codes not being enforced.

Christy Crawford stated concerns regarding the nuisance complaints received from the city. Myra Modder, Julee Lund & Brianna Modder stated responses on Crawford behalf regarding the dog nuisance complaints.

Fred Trei stated concerns regarding city nuisances.

REPORTS: None.

Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. to present the Proposed Request for Zoning Amendment and the corresponding Ordinance 258. The notice was published in the Lyon County News on September 1, 2022 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The council reviewed the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board minutes on September 1. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:17 p.m. Vivian introduced the following **Ordinance 258** entitled RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST FOR ZONING AMENDMENT. and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Denekas seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Tiedeman. Mayor Sprock declared that the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings has been passed by a vote of 4 to 0, motion carried. Denekas then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Tiedeman. Mayor Sprock declared this ordinance to be adopted by a vote of 4 to 0, motion carried.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$210.96
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$60.00
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$9,056.26
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$506.98
BIOVERSE	POND CHEMICALS	\$198.87
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$205.08
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$3,422.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$184.84
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$1,866.99
CNA SURETY	SURETY BOND	\$545.00
COMPUTER CLINIC	COMPUTER BACKUP/ANTIVIRUS	\$690.00
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$3,779.76

DEMCO	SUPPLIES	\$399.36
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-458.51 X \$16 / 11.1 X \$20 RC-471.33 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$8,371.40
DOON PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$40.00
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$506.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$4,428.26
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND	20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$180.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS	MRX920 REPAIR	\$1,418.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$250.64
GCEDC	FY22 TIF FUND PAYOUT	\$10,042.15
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$17.67
HAWKINS	EARTH TECH-LAGOON	\$1,758.32
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$150.45
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT	SERVICE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	\$1,159.50
IOWA DNR	MODIFY WATER USE PERMIT	\$350.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$168.30
IPERS	IPERS	\$1,944.97
JERRY'S CARQUEST AUTO	TOOLBOX	\$481.52
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$109.65
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$33.22
M & D ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$2,127.76
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT	SWEEPER REPAIRS	\$41.81
MATHESON TRI-GAS	TANK RENTAL	\$101.02
MOSQUITO CONTROL OF IOWA	2022 MOSQUITO SPRAYING	\$1,150.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$373.24
OUR IOWA MAGAZINE	SUBSCRIPTION	\$34.98
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$85.89
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$237.16
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$344.40
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$66.18
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	SUPPLIES	\$290.71
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$204.00
TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE	TREE/STUMP REMOVAL	\$5,900.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$185.85
WEBCLIMBER SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$533.67
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$174.26
WIERSMA CONSTRUCTION	STREET REPAIRS	\$936.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 08/26/2022	\$324.32
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$17,875.89
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$83,548.79

GENERAL FUND	\$44,867.37	GENERAL	\$93,583.22
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CEMETERY FUND	\$313.35	CEMETERY	\$29.75
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$6,564.26	ROAD USE TAX	\$10,988.12
INSURANCE FUND	\$785.44	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$11,755.92
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND	\$10,042.15	LIBRARY	\$2,345.94
LIBRARY FUND	\$34.98	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	\$77,901.46
WATER FUND	\$8,024.63	WATER	\$18,426.26
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$324.32	WATER DEPOSITS	\$800.00
SEWER FUND	\$4,051.27	SEWER	\$18,149.57
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$8,541.02	LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$11,880.27
TOTAL FUNDS	\$83,548.79	REPORT TOTAL	\$245,860.51

Council discussed personnel and the council will schedule a special council meeting next week to consider the for hire a Public Works Water/Wastewater Superintendent.

Council received notice that the Deputy Clerk plans to retire December 31, 2022. The city clerk needs to create a job ad to start advertising for the deputy clerk position.

Council discussed the results of the camera on the Virginia Street sanitary sewer line. Rehab indicated that the line is in good shape and has no concerns with that section at this time.

Council discussed the storm sewers and Rehab will be here in a month to clean and camera lines of concern.

Maitland Dykstra, Pool Manager gave her end of season report to the council. The pool had 55 family memberships, 12 Lyon Co Riverboat Foundation family memberships, 12 single memberships and provided swimming lessons to 126 youth (60 public & 66 private). Maintenance needed on the tarps for eyelet replacement and windows on the office leak. Council reviewed the bids for installation of cameras at the pool. Gruis mad a motion to accept the bids from Computer Clinic bid for camera, antennae, network video recorder, and etc. hardware in the amount of \$1,590.00 and from M & D Electric to install the camera system in the amount of \$472.35. Camera system will be installed in the spring but in the meantime a trail camera will be installed. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed putting up cameras at the city dump and the city office. Bruinsma made a motion to install a couple trail cameras at the city dump and to install a regular camera at the city office. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed street projects and equipment. The guys are working plow trucks and blades/wings to ensure things are prepared for winter. There are two power washers at the shop that the city will be putting up for sealed bids.

Council will continue to monitor for beavers along the Rio Grande.

Council discussed the storefront grant incentive program. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution 2022-09-354** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING REQUESTS" and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Tiedeman.

Council discussed the new rig option for the GEMS. Denekas introduced the following **Resolution 2022-09-355** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION FOR

FUNDING REQUESTS” and moved that the same be adopted. Bruinsma seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Tiedeman.

Council received three sealed bids for the 1986 GMC Grass Rig. Mayor Sprock opened and read the bids out loud to the council. The council agreed to accept the bid from Parry Boogard in the amount of \$4,555.00. Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2022-09-356** entitled "RESOLUTION AWARDDING 1986 GMC GRASS RIG" and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Tiedeman.

John Grotluschen presented a recap from the Hwy 339 Show and Shine show. There were over 103 cars at the show and Grotluschen thanked the city for allowing this event to happen downtown. Proceeds from this event went to the Jack Sauter American Legion.

Kayla Gerloff, Librarian, presented to the city the remodel of the front of the library. The remodel will include the replacement of the door and two windows in the amount of \$6,500.77. The wall will be insulated and covered with sheetrock. Gerloff requested that the funds for this project be taken out of the Heeren Estate. Gruis made a motion to accept the request to withdrawal the funds for the library project from the Heeren Estate. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Taylor Klingenberg, GCEDC President, requested from the council assistance on the removal of a house on a property purchased by the development. Council indicated that there is a Demolition Grant in the amount of \$2,500 that can be applied for to assist with the cost of removal. Klingenberg also asked the council on behalf of the GCEDC to request a loan in the amount of \$25,000 from the city. Council tabled this request until the special meeting next week.

The final funds were received from the American Rescue Plan Act. Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2022-09-357** entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS FROM GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT TO A SAVINGS ACCOUNT RESERVED TO OFFSET AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN EXPENDITURES” and moved that the same be adopted. Denekas seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Tiedeman.

Mid-Sioux Opportunity contacted the city to see if they would donate smoke detectors to LiHeap customers in George. Last year the organization serviced 55 homes in George. Denekas made a motion to supply smoke detectors for LiHeap customers in George. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed submission of a grant to install playground equipment at the Depot. They decided to table **Resolution 2022-09-358** entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING REQUESTS.” until the special meeting next week.

Next monthly council meeting will be held October 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Denekas 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