

## SPECIAL MEETING

The George City Council met in special session on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, 120 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were Ande Bruinsma, Bob Gruis and Carola Vivian. Absent: Stacy Denekas and Warren Tiedeman.

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

This past week the personnel committee reviewed the applications. The position was offered to Cole Riemersma and he has accepted the position as Public Works Water/Wastewater Superintendent and will begin employment after a two-week notification. Gruis made a motion to hire Riemersma at \$19.00/hour with incentive pay as certifications are obtained. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Personnel committee also reviewed the wages for David Grave and Cliff Kruger. Gruis made a motion to increase their wages at \$1.50/hour. This will increase will move Grave from \$19.50 to \$21.00 and Kruger from \$14.00 to \$15.50. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Melissa Grave, GEMS member requested a letter of support from the city stating the funds set aside for a new ambulance. Vivian made a motion to sign and submit a letter of support to the LCRF Grant for the GEMS. The funds will be designated from the GEMS CD & savings account and \$30,000 to be funded from the casino non-competitive fund account. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the promissory note in the amount of \$25,000 for the GCEDC and the resolution for the city drafted up by the city attorney. There were no changes and the decision was made the funds will be borrowed from the local option sales & service fund account to be repaid by September 30, 2023. Gruis introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING LOAN OF FUNDS TO GEORGE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION". Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, – absent: Denekas and Tiedeman.

Council reviewed the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation Grant application for playground equipment by the Depot in Locker Park. **Resolution 2022-09-358** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE LYON COUNTY RIVERBOAT FOUNDATION FOR FUNDING REQUESTS." This resolution failed due to lack of support.

Council reviewed the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Board Meeting held on September 1, 2022.

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

Gruis made a motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. Bruinsma 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