

JANUARY 2023 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, 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, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: None.

REPORTS: Michael Mulder, Chief, presented the annual report from the George Emergency Medical Service. They continue to maintain a squad of 12 members and 1 student. Elections were held on January 3 with the following results: Chief – Michael Mulder, Asst. Chief – Ashley Eben, Secretary – Allison Sandbeck, Treasurer – Emily Denekas, Supply Officer – Loralye Wibben and Training Officers – Melissa Grave & Brandi Mulder. The GEMS responded to 107 calls in 2022. In August the new ambulance was ordered. GEMS will have their annual fundraiser with Dad’s Belgian Waffle Breakfast on February 5.

Bill Sprock, Chief, presented the annual report from the George Fire Department. They continue to maintain a squad of 23 members. Elections were held on January 5 with the following results: Chief – Bill Sprock, 1st Assistant – Josh Eben, 2nd Assistant – Paul Denekas, Secretary/Treasurer – Emily Denekas, Fire Marshal – Vince Luitjens, Training Officers – Cole Riemersma, Matt Graves, John Vivian, Ethan Mulder, Safety Officers – Caleb DeKam and Jon Denekas. The GFD responded to 32 calls in 2022. George Fire Department continues to host their annual Duck Race Fundraiser and fireworks show during the 4th of July. Three to five years out the GFD is looking to upgrade the 1988 GMC Water Truck. The City Council wants to thank both squads for their continued dedication to the City of George. These volunteers go above and beyond the call of duty when needed.

Kayla Gerloff, Librarian, presented the annual report from the library. Library staff continue to do an excellent job offering many program opportunities for youth and adults. The library checked out 21,352 books and movies during 2022. The library received a \$2000 mini grant from the Lyon County Riverboat Foundation to upgrade to LED lighting. Also received a grant from the Community Foundation of Lyon County to update furniture. The front entrance remodel is almost complete with a few minor repairs needed.

Lois Jurrens, Museum Board chair presented the council with a written annual report and financials.

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	\$156.26
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$158.34
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$5,249.57
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$7.48
AMERICAN LEGION	FLAG	\$18.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$186.03
BILL SPROCK	FIRE CHIEF STIPEND	\$250.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES / PAYLOADER PARTS	\$6,053.52

CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$570.23
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$985.48
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/PARTS/REPAIRS	\$3,036.71
CORE & MAIN	WATER PARTS	\$1,958.83
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$105.00
DENEKAS ELECTRIC, INC	REPAIR	\$75.00
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-427.91 X \$16 / 12.57 X \$20 RC-444.11 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$7,595.99
DGR	SANITARY SEWER REPAIR PLANNING	\$1,496.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$4,279.53
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$109.83
GCEDC	DEMOLITION PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
GEMS	2022 EMS CALLS = 80 CITY	\$6,000.00
GEORGE FIRE DEPT	2022 FIRE CALLS = 12 CITY	\$1,500.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$55.18
HACH COMPANY	CHLORINE TESTING SUPPLIES	\$147.69
HAWKINS	CHLORINE PUMP	\$3,492.84
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES/SNOWMELT	\$119.49
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$41.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$21.60
IPERS	IPERS	\$3,111.36
JERRY'S CARQUEST AUTO	SUPPLIES	\$278.09
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$326.50
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$37.47
M & D ELECTRIC	REPAIR	\$907.95
MATHESON TRI-GAS	OXYGEN	\$294.13
MICHAEL MULDER	EMS CHIEF STIPEND	\$250.00
MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	DONATION	\$1,000.00
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION	WATER REPAIR	\$948.46
MULDER HOME IMPROVEMENT	LIBRARY REMODEL	\$2,650.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$40.00
NOAH'S ARK	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$479.65
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$50.00
ORIENTAL TRADING	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$66.34
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$85.89
POPKES INC	PROPANE FOR GENERATOR	\$789.04
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$467.72
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$301.60
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK	CEMETERY SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENT	\$14.00
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	SOUTH LIFT GENERATOR	\$20,762.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	FURNACE MOTOR	\$199.00

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$283.50
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$73.99
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$14.40
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	STATE TAXES	\$442.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$2,016.91
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION	BOOKS	\$342.69
ZIEGLER CAT	FREIGHT	\$234.81
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$16,667.53
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$99,329.63

GENERAL FUND	\$27,311.14	GENERAL	\$51,443.86
CEMETERY FUND	\$151.60	CEMETERY	\$1.30
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$17,726.15	ROAD USE TAX	\$12,628.11
INSURANCE FUND	\$2,016.91	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,153.07
LIBRARY FUND	\$553.47	INSURANCE	\$2,017.88
LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$3,618.82	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$13,598.10
WATER FUND	\$13,148.62	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$5,831.82
SEWER FUND	\$27,047.91	LIBRARY	\$436.38
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$7,755.01	DEBT SERVICE	\$4,861.25
TOTAL FUNDS	\$99,329.63	WATER	\$15,832.47
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
		SEWER	\$13,081.54
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,421.02
		REPORT TOTAL	\$130,506.80

Council will continue with meetings to plan for future street, sanitary sewer and storm sewer projects.

Denekas made a motion to accept the resignation letter for Fred Landis from the Library Board. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to appoint Brenda Sprock to finish Landis term on the Library Board until June 2023. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No 2023-01-371** entitled "RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTING THE HEEREN ESTATE TO THE GEORGE LIBRARY SERVICE FOR ENTRANCE REMODEL BILLS" 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.

Denekas introduced the following **Resolution No 2023-01-372** entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLAR HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M." 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.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No 2023-01-373** entitled "RESOLUTION NAMING THE CITY CLERK/TREASURER AND ALLOW CITY CLERK TO PAY CERTAIN CLAIMS PRIOR TO COUNCIL APPROVAL, AUTHORIZING DEPUTY CLERK TO SIGN, CITY DEPOSITORY AND DEPOSITORY LIMIT, CITY ATTORNEY, PUBLICATION

NEWSPAPER, AND AUTHORIZE SURETY BONDS” and moved that the same be adopted. Bruinsma seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to approve the Mayor recommendations to the committees. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. The Mayor’s recommendations for council committees are:

- Trees/Parks – Carola Vivian, Stacy Denekas
- Streets/Alleys – Ande Bruinsma, Warren Tiedeman
- Pool/Recreation – Bob Gruis, Stacy Denekas
- Water/Sewer – Bob Gruis, Warren Tiedeman
- Bldgs/Beautify – Carola Vivian, Stacy Denekas
- Personnel Committee – Ande Bruinsma, Warren Tiedeman
- Finance Committee – Billy Sprock, Loralye Wibben
- Mayor Pro-Tem – Warren Tiedeman
- Daycare Committee/Library – Carola Vivian, Stacy Denekas
- NW IA Area Solid Waste Rep – Warren Tiedeman, alternate –
- NW IA Regional Housing Authority Rep – Warren Tiedeman, alternate – Bob Gruis
- George Chamber of Commerce Rep – Loralye Wibben

Bruinsma made a motion to appoint Mayor Sprock as chairman on the Cemetery board. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. All present cast votes, motion carried.

The City of George, Iowa met in regular session in the council chambers, George, Iowa at 7 o’clock p.m. on January 18, 2023. There was present Mayor Billy Sprock in the chair, and the following named councilmembers: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian. Tiedeman introduced the **Ordinance 260** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV TRAFFIC AND STREETS; CHAPTER 2: STREETS AND ALLEYS; ARTICLE 18 SNOW REMOVAL AND STREET CLEANING 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. The roll was called, and the vote was as follows: Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried. The Mayor 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 not less than three fourths of the council. Vivian then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Bruinsma seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Roll call vote: –ayes: Bruinsma, Denekas, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared this ordinance to be adopted by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council.

Next monthly council meeting will be held February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Vivian made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Denekas seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

_____Lyon Co. News _____Date

_____Loralye Wibben, City Clerk