

MAY 2023 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 10, 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, Bob Gruis, Warren Tiedeman and Carola Vivian. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: Jason Stettnichs shared his concern with the rezoning of the property at 213 E Minnesota Ave. Stettnichs would like to see 4-way stop installed at the intersection of Minnesota and Virginia.

Christy Crawford shared concerns with nuisance complaints received.

Hannah Langlois shared concerns with nuisance complaints being issued and equal treatment to all residents.

Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. to present the Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2023. The notice was published in the Lyon County News on April 27, 2022 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:11 p.m. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-05-386** entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023" and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Mayor Sprock then opened the next Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. to present the Electric Transmission Franchise Agreement and the corresponding **Ordinance 263**. The notice was published in the Lyon County News on April 27, 2022 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments received. The public hearings were closed at 7:13 p.m. Vivian introduced the following **Ordinance 263** entitled ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FRANCHISE and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Bruinsma seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. 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. Gruis then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. 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. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$172.59
ABC	MUSEUM ALARM ANNUAL INSPECTION	\$881.00
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION	GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$312.04
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$4,738.94
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$25.98
ARNIE EBEN	ZONING ADMIN FEES	\$365.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$223.89

BIOVERSE	POND CHEMICALS	\$198.87
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$34.29
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$3,109.22
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$187.69
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$949.09
CITY OF ASHTON	SEWER JETTING	\$337.50
COMPUTER CLINIC	SUPPLIES	\$146.98
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$946.19
CORE & MAIN	SUPPLIES	\$178.78
CREATIVE EDGE	SUPPLIES	\$50.38
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-390.32 X \$16 & 15 X \$20 RC-404.19 X \$1	\$6,949.24
DGR	SANITARY SEWER PLANNING	\$5,239.34
D-P TOOLS	TOOLS	\$257.94
ECONO SIGNS	SIGNS	\$840.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,197.15
FISHER WHITING	DVD'S	\$18.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$59.80
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$148.22
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$6,438.34
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$97.73
IOWA INS COMMISSION	2022 PERPETUAL CARE REPORT FEE	\$51.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,509.46
KRISTI LANDIS	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$92.50
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC	SEWER JETTING	\$847.50
LYON CO EMERGENCY MGMT	MITIGATION PLAN	\$500.00
LYON CO SHERIFF	2ND 1/2 FY23 POLICE PROTECTION	\$14,001.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$565.35
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$45.43
MAIN STREET CHECKS	DEPOSIT SLIPS	\$89.15
MATHESON TRI-GAS	OXYGEN TANK	\$27.56
MELISSA GRAVE	VACUUM	\$146.97
MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$88.95
MODERN MARKETING	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$822.03
MULDER HOME IMPROVEMENT	GENERATOR CEMENT PAD	\$5,900.00
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$90.19
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE / PO BOX RENTAL	\$385.91
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$313.91
QUIMBY PUBLIC LIBRARY	BOOKS	\$3.00
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	SWEEPER BRUSHES	\$270.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	UPS CHARGES	\$25.00

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$317.50
TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE	TREES & STUMPS REMOVAL	\$12,900.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$81.52
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT	REPAIRS MOWER	\$406.73
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	APR'23 WATER EXCISE & SALES TAX	\$802.86
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC	BATTERY	\$133.70
VOGEL PAINT & GLASS	LIBRARY FRONT DOOR / INSTALLATION	\$2,635.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,579.07
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC	LEGAL FEES	\$1,700.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 04/18/2023	\$623.01
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$12,274.40
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$96,530.98

GENERAL FUND	\$49,661.48	GENERAL	\$137,101.70
CEMETERY FUND	\$201.56	CEMETERY	\$299.25
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$10,797.31	ROAD USE TAX	\$12,064.69
INSURANCE FUND	\$1,751.66	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$7,358.91
LIBRARY FUND	\$199.07	INSURANCE	\$12,877.86
LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$3,237.87	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$9,448.86
WATER FUND	\$14,461.53	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$27,855.28
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$600.00	LIBRARY	\$79.75
SEWER FUND	\$8,584.28	DEBT SERVICE	\$30,144.55
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$7,036.22	WATER	\$41,502.93
TOTAL FUND	\$96,530.98	WATER/SEWER RESERVE	\$12,000.00
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
		SEWER	\$15,314.40
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$7,847.48
		REPORT TOTAL	\$314,095.66

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the **2023 Summer Help Staff**. Tiedeman made a motion to hire **Swimming Pool Assistant Managers** – Sam Gruis \$18.00/hour (\$14.00/hour lifeguard); Roya Amirhamzeh \$18.00/hour (\$14.00/hour lifeguard); **Water Safety Instructors** – Sam Gruis \$16.00/hour; Roya Amirhamzeh \$16.00/hour; **Lifeguards** – Wyatt Krull \$14.00/hour; Savanna Nilles \$14.00/hour; Gavin Bruns \$14.00/hour; Maverick Medlin \$14.00/hour; Mia Darnell \$14.00/hour. Bruinsma seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –abstain: Gruis. Motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered to Emily Denekas serving as Deputy Clerk for the City of George.

Council discussed finishing Baldwin Street in Locker Park and reviewed the bid received from VMC Construction. Gruis made a motion to accept the bid submitted to complete the street. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. (not to exceed \$52,865)

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution 2023-05-387** entitled “RESOLUTION REGARDING CITY COUNCIL'S INTENT TO FILL COUNCIL MEMBER BY APPOINTMENT” and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to

adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Council discussed the campground host fee and the responsibilities of a campground host. Bruinsma made a motion to charge the host \$75/month for utilities fees. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Mark your calendars: **Community Shred-It Event** is scheduled for May 20 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the city office. This event is free to residents that reside within the city limits of George. There will be a \$20 fee for out-of-town residents. This event will be funded every 5 years.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution 2023-05-388** entitled “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POOL MANAGER TO SIGN CHECKS FOR THE CITY OF GEORGE POOL CONCESSIONS ACCOUNT” and moved that the same be adopted. Tiedeman seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –abstain: Gruis. Motion carried.

Council discussed the request to relocate the Kiwanis can collection bins to another location in the city. This was tabled for further review.

Council discussed the toilets at the campground need to be replaced and the installation of a drinking fountain on the Siebring Park bathroom. Vivian made a motion to accept Jennings bid for these items. (note: city will dispose of toilets remove fee) Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council continued discussion to add more security cameras around the city. Gruis made a motion to accept the bid from Computer Clinic to install another camera at the swimming pool, campground bathhouse and Siebring Park bathroom. M&D Electric will install the equipment by June 2nd. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-05-389** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING FOR JUNE 14, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.” and moved that the same be adopted. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Freedom Days Celebration for this year. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Demolition Program Application was received from Siebring Manufacturing by Warren Tiedeman for removing the house at 108 E Ohio Ave. Gruis made a motion to approve the application and to payout \$2,500 when the project is complete. Vivian seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –abstained: Tiedeman. Motion carried.

Tiedeman made a motion to approve the Cigarette/Tobacco Permits for Casey’s and Total Stop. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the minutes from the Planning & Zoning Board meeting that was held on May 1, 2023. In review of the minutes there is a recommendation for a rezoning of the property at Lot 8 & W ½ of Lot 9, Block 19 of Original Town, in the Town (now City) of George, Lyon County, Iowa (213 E Minnesota Ave) from Single Family Residential (R1) to Downtown Commercial (C1). The public hearing will be set with the city council on June 14 at 7:00 p.m. At the public hearing, City Council will take and consider any objections made by any interested party to the re-zoning of the above-described real estate. Tiedeman introduced the following **Resolution 2023-05-390** entitled “RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST FOR ZONING AMENDMENT” and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the

motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Senator Joni Ernst will be conducting a Congressional Town Hall Meeting this Saturday, May 13 at 8:15 a.m. in the south community room.

Kraft Pillow Service will be coming to George on June 27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. held in the north community room.

Next monthly council meeting will be held June 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 pm. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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