

JUNE 2023 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: Jason Stettinichs shared a concern about harassment to his children. Sheriff Stuart Vander Stoep stopped to see how everything is going on in the city. The concerns from the council are engine braking, speeding and cemetery traffic late at night.

Council Vacancy Candidates: Robert Gentry, Lucius Johnson, Mitch Kiers and Michael Mulder. Michael Mulder, candidate, gave an introduction and background to the council. Mulder wants to serve and be a part of this great community that we have going for us. He is an active member on the George Fire Department and Chief of the George EMS – no other candidates were present. Vote was cast to select the councilperson to fill the vacancy between the four candidates Gentry, Johnson, Kiers and Mulder. The vote went to Lucius Johnson. Thank you to all the applicants for applying and you are all encouraged to apply again and also participate in next election on November 7, 2023. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution 2023-06-391** entitled RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TO THE CITY COUNCIL 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. Lucius Johnson was unable to attend so the Oath of Office will be tabled to July council meeting.

Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. to present the Budget Amendment #3 for Fiscal Year 2023. The notice was published in the Lyon County News on June 1, 2023 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:19 p.m. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-06-392** entitled “RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023” (#3) 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 opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 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 June 1, 2023 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written comments. Oral comments: Eugene Modder, church representative, presented a drawing of the plans for the parking lot, 65'x150' will add 26-30 extra parking sights, explained that french drains will be installed to the current system to help with water runoff flows to alley storm sewer, plan to have a one-way entrance (enter from the street and exit to alley), curb on sides, and to set up a timer for the lights. Jason Stettinichs expressed concerns with extra traffic and asked for the installation of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Minnesota/Virginia and lighting. Judd Reifers culvert concern to keep up with water flow. Suggested that when the city replaces the Virginia Street that it would be a good idea to readdress the storm drain project phases from 2013-2014 Virginia Street Storm Sewer Project. The council reviewed the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board minutes on May 1. The Public Hearing session was closed

at 7:35 p.m. **Ordinance 264** entitled RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST FOR ZONING AMENDMENT failed due to the lack of council member support.

Tiedeman 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	\$157.43
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION	GROUP INSURANCE	\$345.18
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$468.06
ALLISON SANDBECK	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$75.00
AMAZON	BOOKS	\$156.24
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$585.36
BARNES & NOBLE	BOOKS	\$43.99
BIBLIONIX	AUTOMATION SERVICE LIBRARY	\$1,530.00
BIOVERSE	POND CHEMICALS	\$198.87
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$74.10
BROAD REACH BOOKS	BOOKS	\$300.39
CANDY SANDBULTE	RIEMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$112.50
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$603.83
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$389.77
CFE	SUPPLIES	\$1,684.96
CITY OF SIBLEY	SEWER JETTING	\$621.78
COMPUTER CLINIC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$2,222.00
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$2,405.06
CORE & MAIN	PARTS FOR S.LINCOLN/E.OHIO	\$5,199.66
CREATIVE EDGE	DECALS GEMS	\$390.00
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$3,468.24
DEMCO	SUPPLIES	\$246.01
DENNY'S SANITATION	CITY CLEAN UP ROLLOFFS	\$4,382.70
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-477.29 X \$16 & 16 X \$20 RC-493.28 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$8,886.98
DGR	SANITARY SEWER REPAIR PLANNING	\$7,917.65
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	LEGAL FEES-URBAN REVITAL PLAN	\$2,678.50
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$292.66
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$8,039.70
EMILY DENEKAS	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$19.65
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$296.85
GEORGE CHAMBER	FREEDOM DAYS DONATION	\$100.00
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$611.19
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$268.16
IOWA DNR	WASTEWATER EXAMFEE- C.RIEMERSMA	\$30.00

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	SEWER SRF LOAN	\$60,408.75
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$205.00
IOWA LAKES COMM COLLEGE	GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$30.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$3,546.24
JENNIFER HELKENN	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$92.50
JERRY'S CARQUEST AUTO	PARTS	\$18.04
KD DESIGNS	GEMS TSHIRTS	\$338.00
LARAE DENEKAS	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$92.50
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$2,504.34
LIBRARY FURNITURE INT'L	FURNITURE GRANT LIBRARY	\$2,039.85
LORALYE WIBBEN	TRAVEL/MEETING EXPENSES	\$141.47
LORI DARNELL	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$121.81
LYON CO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	ANNUAL DUES	\$376.95
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$717.42
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$44.05
MAX GRUIS	REIMBURSE \$100 WSI CERT REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$221.81
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$125.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	GFD CONT ED TRAINING	\$116.00
ORIENTAL TRADING	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$29.54
P&M ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$68.47
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$90.19
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$151.85
POPKES INC	PROPANE FOR GENERATORS	\$2,558.40
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$620.40
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$391.55
RACHEL ANDERSON	REIMBURSE \$100 WSI CERT REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$192.50
RECREATION SUPPLY CO	POOL REPAIRS	\$164.44
REHAB SYSTEMS INC	SANITARY SEWER CLEANING PHASE #2	\$10,878.20
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$117.48
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	PARTS SWEEPER	\$89.47
SAVANNA NILLES	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$75.00
SCHOLASTIC	BOOKS	\$418.65
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK	PRINCIPAL-BRIDGE/STREET/POOL	\$88,746.50
SERENITY PUTNAM	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$119.13
SIEBRING ELECTRIC	REPAIRS	\$894.00
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING	UPS CHARGES	\$118.00
SIOUXLAND DISCRICT HEALTH	2023 POOL INSPECTION FEES	\$243.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$887.50
STERICYCLE INC / SHRED-IT	SHRED EVENT 05-20-2023	\$770.40
SUSAN KASTER	REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$75.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$219.45

TRACY GRUIS	REIMBURSE \$100 WSI CERT	\$100.00
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	BIKE HELMETS	\$144.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,579.07
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$32,974.21
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$268,683.60

GENERAL FUND	\$48,303.15	GENERAL	\$22,178.87
CEMETERY FUND	\$149.18	CEMETERY	\$25.00
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$8,321.14	ROAD USE TAX	\$13,367.93
INSURANCE FUND	\$4,546.07	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$515.95
LIBRARY	\$2,269.62	INSURANCE	\$902.88
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$88,696.50	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$16,028.16
LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$38.98	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$1,204.67
WATER FUND	\$16,729.34	LIBRARY	\$472.78
SEWER FUND	\$85,401.28	DEBT SERVICE	\$2,043.27
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$14,228.34	WATER	\$12,906.41
TOTAL FUND	\$268,683.60	SEWER	\$14,368.62
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,622.50
		REPORT TOTAL	\$93,637.04

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the **2023 Summer Help Staff**. Tiedeman made a motion to hire **Swimming Pool Assistant Managers** – Lexi Landis \$18.00/hour (\$14.00/hour lifeguard); **Lifeguards** – John Sandbeck \$14.00/hour; Cash Sandbulte \$14.00/hour, Matthew Helkenn \$14.00/hour. Vivian seconded the motion. Roll call vote – ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Council discussed street patching from water leaks and reviewed the bid received from Mulder Home Improvement. Gruis made a motion to accept the bid submitted to patch streets. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. (not to exceed \$3280)

Max Gruis, Swimming Pool Manager has repair requests for the diving board, new pool vacuum and fix the announcement microphone/speakers. The swimming pool will have their Bake Sale Fundraiser on June 30 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the swimming pool with proceeds to purchase a new basketball hoop. Bruinsma made a motion to waive the admission fees for Freedom Days celebration on July 1. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Brett Van Roekel & Kayla Gerloff, George Chamber are requesting permission to hang a banner across main street for the Freedom Days. Council concern with bending the power poles. The banner must have slits in it so that the poles don't get pulled down.

Kiwanis request to move the can redemption crates to the city property. The recommendation is to put on the west side of the city shop. Place on a cement pad to eliminate weeds and keep clean. Concern with the responsibility of the can redemption crates. Council would like a Kiwanis representative at the next council meeting.

Vivian made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the George Betterment Club Fishing Tournament this year. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Tiedeman made a motion to approve a wavier to extend the peddler permit time until 10:00 p.m. on July 1 for Sibley's Tropical Sno. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to approve the request for an outdoor event and street closure (entire main street from Iowa Ave to Michigan Ave only as needed) for Last Call 2 street dance to be held on July 3. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to approve a wavier to extend the peddler permit time until Midnight on July 3 for Burn Unit BBQ. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-06-393** entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GEORGE, IOWA TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF CITY STREETS FOR THE JULY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023" and moved that the same be adopted. Bruinsma seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis, Tiedeman and Vivian, –nays: none, –abstain: none. Motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to renew the ICAP Property Insurance policy. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2023-06-394** entitled "RESOLUTION FOR SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE" and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Bruinsma, Gruis and Vivian, –nays: none, –abstain: Tiedeman. Motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to approve the Cigarette/Tobacco Permits for Dollar General. Tiedeman seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to approve the Alcohol/Liquor License for Top Notch Florist. Bruinsma seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to approve the Alcohol/Liquor License for Total Stop. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

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 July 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Bruinsma made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm. Tiedeman 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