

FEBRUARY 2024 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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 BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton, Derek Storm and Carola Vivian. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: none.

REPORTS: Liam Stubbe, Williams & Company, P.C. reviewed the annual exam report for FY2023 with the council. There were no significant finds noted.

BJ Gerken, recapped the NW IA Solid Waste Agency annual meeting on January 17 the board of directors approved a \$2.00 per ton increase in the Agency gate fees, effective July 1, 2024.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. to present the Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2024. The notice was published in the Lyon County News on February 1, 2024 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:15 p.m. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2024-02-412** entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024" and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$218.53
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION	GROUP INSURANCE	\$345.18
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$312.04
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$5,983.28
AMAZON	PROGRAMMING	\$44.58
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$450.04
BJ GERKEN	TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$24.12
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$39.78
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$1,644.86
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$462.85
CITY OF GEORGE	FY25 CEM BUDGET - WHEELER TOWNSHIP	\$4,800.00
DEEP CLEAN CARPET	CARPET CLEAN-COMMUNITY ROOMS	\$1,125.00
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-441.76 X \$16 / 18.32 X \$20 RC-459.58 X \$1	\$7,952.15
DGR	SEWER & STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$28,298.00
DOUG STUBBE	CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT	\$393.75
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR	REPAIRS	\$620.04
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,283.89
EVERGREEN LAWN CEMETERY	FY25 CEM BUDGET-CITY SHARE	\$2,100.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$50.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$445.41

GEORGE CHAMBER	2024 DUES	\$75.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$264.31
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$10.00
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$578.39
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$41.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,339.59
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC	SEWER JETTING	\$367.50
LEWIS FAMILY DRUG	SUPPLIES	\$39.98
LYON CO TREASURER	ELECTION FEES	\$761.90
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$441.22
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$143.81
MELISSA GRAVE	REIMBURSEMENT	\$15.92
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$35.00
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$92.89
PENWORTHY	BOOKS	\$186.77
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$283.51
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$344.30
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$111.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$98.99
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	DEC'23 WATER EX & SALES TAX	\$644.64
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC	REPAIRS	\$509.95
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,640.64
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$12,352.65
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$79,972.46

GENERAL FUND	\$17,387.55	GENERAL	\$16,943.83
CEMETERY FUND	\$5,349.72	CEMETERY	\$8,400.00
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$11,432.40	ROAD USE TAX	\$12,608.01
INSURANCE FUND	\$1,985.82	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$39.10
LIBRARY FUND	\$44.58	INSURANCE	\$104.20
WATER FUND	\$7,436.20	EMERGENCY FUND	\$20.43
SEWER FUND	\$28,287.65	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$14,134.83
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$8,048.54	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	\$79,972.46	LIBRARY	\$24.95
		WATER	\$14,161.35
		SEWER	\$13,788.56
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,026.88
		REPORT TOTAL	\$89,252.14

Auditor Compliance: July 1 2023 thru January 31, 2024 George Fire Department and George Emergency Medical Service financials:

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ALLISON SANDBECK	GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$760.45
ARROW MANUFACTURING	FINALPAYMENT ON NEW AMBULANCE	\$178,990.00
AUSTIN HABERKORN KIPPLEY	LAND PURCHASE	\$20,000.00

AUSTIN THOMPSON	GFD-RACES & CALL CHECK	\$206.25
AUSTIN VAN VOORST	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$187.50
BARB WESSELS	GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$921.90
BILL SPROCK	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$262.50
BJ GERKEN	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
BRANDI MULDER	EVENT SUPPLIES / GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$1,099.65
BRANDON HONKOMP	GFD-RACES & CALL CHECK	\$506.25
CALEB DEKAM	SUPPLIES / GFD-RACES & CALL CHECK	\$407.25
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	SUPPLIES	\$152.24
CHAD BECHLER	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$187.50
COLE RIEMERSMA	GFD-RACES & CALL CHECK	\$281.25
CORY NAGEL	GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$458.80
DAVID GRAVE	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
DEREK STORM	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	\$24.08
DOON FIRE DEPARTMENT	GOLF TOURNAMENT	\$160.00
EMILY DENEKAS	SUPPLIES / GFD & GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$1,918.24
ERIC BORMAN	GFD-RACES	\$75.00
ETHAN MULDER	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
EUGENE MODDER	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$318.75
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	TRAINING	\$100.00
FOREIGN CANDY COMPANY	EVENT SUPPLIES	\$80.00
GEORGE BETTERMENT CLUB	DONATION	\$50.00
GEORGE LOCKER	EVENT SUPPLIES	\$353.26
GLR SCHOOL-YEARBOOK	ADVERTISEMENT	\$40.00
JARED KANNEGIETER	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
JARED RUSCH	PHOTOGRAPHY ON NEW AMBULANCE	\$450.00
JOE DEBOER	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
JOHN VIVIAN	GFD-RACES & CALL CHECK	\$281.25
KALEB MODDER	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$187.50
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE	ADVERTISEMENT	\$2.30
LORALYE WIBBEN	GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$575.95
LYON COUNTY NEWS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$48.16
MAIN STREET CHECKS	ORDER CHECKS	\$24.66
MELISSA GRAVE	SUPPLIES / GFD-RACES / GFD & GEMS CALL CHECK	\$1,045.85
MICHAEL MULDER	GFD-RACES & CALL CHECK / GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$744.65
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	FF1 BOOK	\$100.00
PAUL DENEKAS	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
PIZZA RANCH	SUPPLIES	\$180.90
POST OFFICE, GEORGE, IOWA	POSTAGE	\$26.40
SARA SPROCK	REIMBURSEMENT SUPPLIES	\$18.97
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK	GFD & GEMS ANNUAL SAFEBOXRENT	\$26.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	SUPPLIES	\$1,320.76
TWO WAY SOLUTIONS, INC	RADIOS	\$100.99

VINCE LUITJENS	GFD-RACES & CALL CHECK	\$281.25
WALMART	SUPPLIES	\$61.25
WORK PLACE PRO	T-SHIRTS	\$712.58
	Accounts Payable Total	\$214,649.04

July 2023-January 2024	EXPENSES		INCOME
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$27,621.24	GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$16,990.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$187,027.80	GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$195,767.81
TOTAL FUNDS	\$214,649.04	REPORT TOTAL	\$212,757.81

The State of Iowa requires all gross wages to be published annually. Gross wages paid by the City of George for **2023** are as follows: ROYA AMIRHAMZEH \$2,562.28; HANNAH ANDERSON \$2,882.22; ANDE BRUINSMA \$1,160.00; PATRICIA BRUINSMA \$2,222.64; GAVIN BRUNS \$1,984.85; MIA DARNELL \$2,101.19; ANDREW DENEKAS \$1,334.90; EMILY DENEKAS \$10,237.29; MICHAEL DENEKAS \$3,895.15; STACY DENEKAS \$405.00; KAMI GERKEN \$2,146.37; KAYLA GERLOFF \$26,245.26; DAVID GRAVE \$48,909.64; BOB GRUIS \$1,325.00; MAX GRUIS \$8,931.42; SAM GRUIS \$6,827.98; MATTHEW HELKENN \$1,380.82; LUCIUS JOHNSON \$645.00; JIM KANNEGIETER \$8,632.42; HARRIS KASTER \$96.00; TODD KLEIN \$12,863.36; CARLY KOERSELMAN \$2,421.30; JACK KOERSELMAN \$7,151.65; CLIFF KRUGER \$8,460.56; WYATT KRULL \$1,928.92; ALEXIS LANDIS \$4,103.23; HADLEY MADSEN \$1,172.78; MAVERICK MEDLIN \$4,635.12; MICHAEL MODDER \$4,157.88; SAVANNA NILLES \$4,247.79; DOMINICK PUTNAM \$899.92; COLE RIEMERSMA \$47,660.53; SUSAN ROSEBERRY \$1,021.88; JOHN SANDBECK \$3,064.74; CASH SANDBULTE \$1,320.69; BILLY SPROCK \$4,155.00; SPENCER SPROCK \$4,093.45; GREGORY STUEVEN \$202.88; REBECCA STUEVEN \$1,394.73; WARREN TIEDEMAN \$1,215.00; CAROLA VIVIAN \$1,325.00; BERNETTE WEIER \$1,390.50; BARBARA WESSELS \$4,479.47; LORALYE WIBBEN \$45,654.99 TOTAL EMPLOYEE WAGES \$302,946.80

Council asked that the City Clerk to start advertising for summer help in the areas of mowing, street help and swimming pool staff.

Kristi Donaker, Library Chair discussed with the council the wages for the library employees. Donaker indicated that they were unaware of the city wage increases because their board meets before the city council does. She feels it is appropriate to compensate the librarians for the years that the city employees received more of a wage increase than the library employees. Donaker proposed to the council the following raises Kayla Gerloff from \$17.50/hour to \$19.50/hour, Pat Bruinsma from \$14.42/hour to \$15.25/hour, Becky Stueven from \$12.36/hour to \$13.00/hour and Gregory Stueven from \$8.24/hour to \$8.25/hour.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No 2024-02-413** entitled "RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GEORGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025" and moved that the same be adopted. Wage increases will be as follows: Todd Klein \$27.06/hour; David Grave \$22.71/hour; Cole Riemersma \$21.36/hour; Loralye Wibben \$47,586/year; Emily Denekas \$15.91/hour and Barb Wessels \$17.24/hour (city) & \$16.71/hour (fire station). The Library Board set wage increases for library staff as follows: Kayla Gerloff \$19.50/hour; Pat Bruinsma \$15.25/hour; Becky Stueven \$13.00/hour and Gregory Stueven \$8.25/hour. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Gerken introduced the following **Resolution No 2024-02-414** entitled "RESOLUTION DISTRIBUTING THE HEEREN ESTATE TO THE GEORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT/GEORGE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE FOR LAND PURCHASE" and moved that the same be adopted. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No 2024-02-415** entitled “RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE WATER CASH ACCOUNT AND SEWER CASH ACCOUNT TO THE WATER/SEWER RESERVE CASH ACCOUNT FOR FUTURE EXPENSES” and moved that the same be adopted. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Mike Carr discussed the sanitary sewer lining project with the council and the procedures that to lead to the bid letting, financial effects on the income to debt ratios and the schedule. March 8 bids will be read. March 13 a bid will be the accepted.

Gruis made a motion to accept and sign the engagement letter with Dorsey & Whitney LLP (bond counsel) and DA Davidson (municipal advisor). Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

PROCEEDINGS TO SET DATE FOR HEARING AND LETTING: The City Council took up and considered the proposed Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Gruis introduced the **Resolution No 2024-02-416** entitled “Resolution to provide for notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate cost of the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project and the taking of bids therefor” next hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Vivian. After due consideration thereof by the Council, the Mayor put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and the resolution adopted.

Gary Kurth discussed the Virginia Street Project with the council. Due to the multiple widths of the road ranging from 24 foot wide to 42 feet wide so the council decided it would be best to install a 31-foot B/B street and install drive over curb to allow parking by the church on Virginia Street. Recommend 6” aggregate base under 8” concrete. Discussion on installing more storm sewer and drains on Virginia St. Discussion on installing an 8-inch water main under Virginia St.

Vivian made a motion to donate \$150 to the George-Little Rock After Prom Committee for the 2024 After Prom Activities. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast ayes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held March 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Hamilton made a motion to adjourn at 9:41 pm. Gerken 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