

MARCH 2024 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were BJ Gerken, Kris Hamilton, Derek Storm and Carola Vivian. Absent: Bob Gruis.

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

OPEN FORUM: Fred Landis shared that the Kiwanis will be pouring cement for the can cribs April/May.

REPORTS: Council reviewed the cemetery board minutes and Sprock highlighted that Cole Riemersma will be the Caretaker and John Donaker will be the Sexton for the Evergreen Lawn Cemetery.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m. to present the approve and confirm plans, specifications, form a contract and estimate of cost for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The Mayor announced that this was the time and place set for hearing on the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The notice was published in the Lyon County News on February 22, 2024, city website, Facebook, Iowa League of Cities, Quest Construction Data Network and posted to the door as required by law. Upon investigation, it was found that **no** persons had appeared and filed objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project whereupon, the Mayor declared the hearing closed. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:15 p.m. Hamilton introduced the following **Resolution 2024-03-417** and moved its adoption, seconded by Gerken; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Gerken, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. –absent: Gruis. Motion carried. The Mayor announced that bids for the construction of the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project had been received until 2:00 p.m., on March 8, 2024, at the City Hall, George, Iowa, and that on the same day, at the same time, in the same place, such bids had been opened and read, and that this was the time and place set for the consideration of such bids. Thereupon, the results of the bidding were reported, and DGR Engineering (the “Project Engineers”) made their recommendations thereon to the City Council.

The City Council further considered proposals received for the proposed Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project and embodied its findings in the resolution next hereinafter referred to. Vivian introduced the **Resolution 2024-03-418** next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted; seconded by Gerken; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Gerken, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. –absent: Gruis. Motion carried.

Vivian made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign contract documents when available. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

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

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
1015 STEAKHOUSE	ANNUAL MEETING	\$175.00
A&B	COPIER LEASE	\$195.37
AFLAC PRE-TAX	GROUP INSURANCE	\$312.04
ALLIANT UTILITIES	ELEC/GAS	\$5,714.66
ALPHA WIRELESS	PAGERS	\$1,065.00

AMAZON	SUPPLIES	\$250.20
ASHLEY EBEN	GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$772.70
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	\$472.47
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC	SUPPLIES	\$145.27
BOYDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT	CONTROL BURN	\$200.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE	SUPPLIES	\$950.06
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS	COPIER LEASE	\$228.89
CFE	SUPPLES	\$203.12
COMPUTER CLINIC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$53.99
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO	FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$2,413.26
CORE & MAIN	WATER SUPPLIES	\$946.78
DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE	GEMS WAFFLE BREAKFAST	\$2,052.75
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON	LEGAL FEES	\$200.00
DEMCO	SUPPLIES	\$240.15
DENNY'S SANITATION	GB-442.50 X \$16 / 14 X \$20 RC-438.49 X \$1 / DUMPSTERS	\$7,536.49
DGR	SEWER & STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$4,164.90
DOLLAR GENERAL	SUPPLIES	\$2.14
ECONO SIGNS	SIGNS	\$424.69
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$3,162.56
EUGENE MODDER	GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$565.65
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING	TRAINING	\$50.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE	WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE	BOOKS	\$278.56
GEORGE FIRE DEPT	LAND PURCHASE	\$20,000.00
GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE	AFTER PROM DONATION	\$150.00
HAWKINS	CHLORINE	\$1,244.97
HEARTLAND HARDWARE	SUPPLIES	\$87.89
IOWA INFORMATION	ADVERTISEMENT	\$91.00
IPERS	IPERS	\$2,412.57
JERRY'S CARQUEST AUTO	SUPPLIES	\$45.27
JESS DREWES	BOOKS	\$50.00
JON DENEKAS	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
JOSH EBEN	SNOW REMOVAL	\$150.00
JUDD REIFERS	ZONING ADMIN FEES	\$217.50
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE	WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$2,431.33
LITTLE ROCK FIRE DEPARTME	CONTROL BURN	\$200.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE	ADVERTISEMENT	\$66.00
LYON COUNTY NEWS	PUBLICATIONS	\$864.46
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP	ELEC/GAS	\$95.46
MAGAZINES.COM	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$16.04
MATTHEW GRAVE	GFD-CALL CHECK	\$131.25
MELISSA GRAVE	REIMBURSEMENT FOR STRAWBERRIES	\$93.28
MICHAEL MULDER	POSTAGE	\$26.38

MIDWEST TAPE	DVD'S	\$35.98
MOON RIVER AUTO	REPAIRS	\$250.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS	ADVERTISEMENT	\$107.00
PENNY KRULL	CEMETERY WAGES	\$92.89
PIZZA RANCH	MEETING SUPPLIES	\$154.06
POST OFFICE	POSTAGE	\$322.23
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	PHONE/INTERNET	\$353.55
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE	GROUP INSURANCE	\$121.98
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC	PARTS	\$693.51
SHANNON VAN MEETEREN	GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$558.20
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	SAMPLE TESTING	\$576.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS	PARTS	\$369.87
THREE RIVER PHEASANTS	SPONSORSHIP	\$350.00
TOP NOTCH FLORIST	SUPPLIES	\$49.74
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE	ANNUAL MEETING	\$540.41
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA	JAN'24 WATER SALES & EXISE TAX	\$848.72
TRUE NORTH COMPANY	GROUP INSURANCE	\$412.30
VALLEY SAND & GRAVEL	SUPPLIES	\$428.77
VANDER HAAG'S	REPAIRS	\$384.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,640.64
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC	LEGAL FEES	\$2,075.00
	WATER REFUND DATE 02/23/2024	\$420.62
	TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$11,821.52
	CLAIMS TOTAL	\$83,913.34

GENERAL	\$15,957.47	GENERAL	\$4,412.82
CEMETERY	\$156.08	ROAD USE TAX	\$11,091.32
ROAD USE TAX	\$14,428.09	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$63.76
INSURANCE	\$4,193.95	INSURANCE	\$169.96
LIBRARY	\$316.24	EMERGENCY FUND	\$33.34
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$1,530.79	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$17,850.84
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$4,781.07	LIBRARY	\$555.92
EMS/FIRE HEEREN ESTATE	\$20,000.00	GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$20,400.00
WATER	\$11,017.82	GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$7,599.00
WATER DEPOSITS	\$420.62	STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$2,220.00
SEWER	\$3,479.03	EMS/FIRE HEEREN ESTATE	\$20,000.00
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$7,632.18	WATER	\$17,858.42
TOTAL FUNDS	\$83,913.34	WATER/SEWER RESERVE	\$12,000.00
		WATER DEPOSITS	\$400.00
		SEWER	\$12,729.00
		LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,526.81
		REPORT TOTAL	\$135,911.19

The pool committee and personnel committee will meet to review applications for the summer help positions. A Special Council Meeting has been set for April 3 at 5:30 p.m. to approve the hire recommendations.

Council discussed the campground, host, the responsibilities and utility fees. Gerken made a motion to offer the campground host contract to Eva Klingenberg and no changes were made to the responsibilities or fees. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Dave Altman, Denny's Sanitation reviewed with council the rate increases that have been accessed to Denny's from the Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency. Altman then negotiated the rate increase for the city and the renewal of the Collection and Transportation of Garbage/Recycling and Refuse contract with the council. The new billing fees are as follows: 65-gallon garbage \$19.00 per month per residential garbage and no change to recycle \$2.00 per month per residential recycling collection. Vivian made a motion to approve the 3-year contract with Denny's Sanitation. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the dates for the citywide cleanup and hazardous material collection days and how things went last year. Hamilton made a motion to set the 2024 dates of May 1 & 2 for the citywide cleanup days. The hazardous material collection date has been set for April 30. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Fred Landis presented to the council something new this year is that the Jack Sauter American Legion Post 404 will be raising the flag at the Freedom Days 5K Fun Run/Walk Event. Landis requested permission to use the city streets and the depot like usual for the Fun Run/Walk Event to be held on July 6. Vivian made a motion to allow the use of the city streets and waive the depot fee for this event. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Fred Landis presented to the council that the George Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Trailfest on April 27 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. and requested to use the depot and to close Baldwin St (from Dakota Ave north) and Lacour St. (from Virginia St west). This event is open to the public will include vendor booths and Wheel Rally. Rain date scheduled for May 4. Vivian made a motion to approve the street closure and the use of the depot. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Matthew Grave discussed the council the fish population in the Locker Park Pond has diminished over the years. Grave suggested that the pond be restocked with hybrid fish to give the kids a better opportunity to catch fish at the George Betterment Club Fishing Tourney during Freedom Days. After further discussion Storm made a motion to grant Grave permission to shock and stock the pond. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the 2024 Emergency Services Agreement with the Lyon County Fair Association for the Fire at Department to provide emergency services at the Rapid Speedway racetrack. Vivian made a motion to approve the agreement. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Hamilton introduced the following **Resolution 2024-03-419** entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE HEARING FOR APRIL 3, 2024 AT 5:00 P.M." and moved that the same be adopted. Gerken seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Gerken, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. – absent: Gruis. Motion carried.

There has been interest shown in the 1984 International Dump Truck. Vivian made a motion that the city advertise the dump truck and to accept sealed bids. Seal bids will be open

and awarded at the April 10 council meeting. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the current rates of the campground at \$15/night or \$250/30 nights and discussed the rates of other campgrounds in the area. Due to the proposed electric rate increases from Alliant Energy the council decided to raise the rates to \$20/night or \$300/30 nights. Storm made a motion to accept the new rates. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council then reviewed the current rate of the community rooms at \$50/day and discussed the rates of other facilities. The council decided to raise the rate \$75/day. Gerken made the motion to accept the new rate. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM LOCAL OPTION SALES & SERVICE TAX (LOST) CASH TO LOST SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO LOST CD" and moved that the same be adopted. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Gerken, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. –absent: Gruis. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO GENERAL CD" and moved that the same be adopted. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Gerken, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. –absent: Gruis. Motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM CASINO SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO CASINO CD" and moved that the same be adopted. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote: –ayes: Gerken, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. –absent: Gruis. Motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held April 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Vivian made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 pm. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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