

MARCH 2025 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:04 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. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: Sara Luenberger & Karen Meyer presented to the council their concern for rising egg prices at the stores and would like the council to consider an ordinance to allow chickens within the city limits of George.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. to present the Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2025. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on February 25, 2025 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:21 p.m. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2025-03-457** entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025" and moved that the same be adopted. Gerken seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

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

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B, COPIER LEASE	\$239.88
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$352.44
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$7,091.78
AMAZON, BOOKS	\$33.08
ARNIE EBEN, ZONING ADMIN FEES	\$1,112.50
AUSTIN VAN VOORST, GFD-CALL CHECK	\$140.74
BAKER & TAYLOR, BOOKS	\$138.65
BJ GERKEN, GFD-CALL CHECK	\$140.74
BRANDON HONKOMP, GFD-CALL CHECK	\$140.74
BROAD REACH BOOKS, BOOKS	\$144.75
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, REPAIRS / SUPPLIES / POOL REGIS	\$4,869.56
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE	\$204.39
CFE, SUPPLIES	\$83.72
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTER, BOOKS	\$81.89
COLLABORATIVE LIB PROGRAM, BOOKS	\$289.74
CORE & MAIN, WATER MAIN REPAIRS	\$466.89
DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE, GEMS WAFFLE BREAKFAST	\$2,301.20
DARLY, FIRE BOOTS	\$372.94
DAVID GRAVE, SUPPLIES	\$42.83
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON, LEGAL FEES	\$547.50
DENNY'S SANITATION, FEB'25 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTERS	\$7,603.16
DGR, STREET & SEWER REPAIR PLANNING	\$32,109.50
DRG PLUMBING & HVAC, REPAIRS	\$59.00
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS	\$20.00
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$3,335.02
EMILY DENEKAS, SUPPLIES	\$152.50
ETHAN MULDER, GFD-CALL CHECK	\$140.74
EUGENE MODDER, GFD-CALL CHECK	\$140.74
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND, 20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$560.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$471.76
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$133.20
GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE, AFTER PROM DONATION	\$150.00
GOODLAND PUMP & SUPPLY CO, REPAIRS @FISCHER'S LIFT	\$1,600.00
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$1,739.18
HAYLEE MARTIN, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$384.19
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$12.99
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$150.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,511.39
JACKIE STUEVEN, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$108.12
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$95.68
JUDD REIFERS, ZONING ADMIN FEES	\$5.00
KALEB MODDER, GFD-CALL CHECK	\$140.74
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE, WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$3,019.58
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$400.04

LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$144.49
MIKE'S SERVICE GARAGE, REPAIRS	\$1,588.11
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$65.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, EMR TRAINING	\$2,706.00
ORIENTAL TRADING, PROGRAM SUPPLIES	\$134.67
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$310.80
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$366.21
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP INSURANCE	\$121.98
SCHOOL LIFE, BOOKS	\$132.75
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$436.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, REPAIRS	\$21.99
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$780.91
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, FEB'25 WATER EXCISE & SALES TAX	\$807.80
UPHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY, BOOKS	\$40.00
WALSTRAS PLUMBING & HEAT, REPAIRS	\$88.83
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,758.64
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$12,925.65
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$96,293.32

GENERAL FUND	\$17,134.84
CEMETERY FUND	\$718.47
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$38,079.08
INSURANCE FUND	\$4,900.20
LIBRARY FUND	\$289.64
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$3,342.56
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$3,143.87
WATER FUND	\$12,128.20
SEWER FUND	\$8,847.64
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$7,708.82
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND MAR 12	\$96,293.32

GENERAL	\$19,513.22
CEMETERY	\$11,400.00
ROAD USE TAX	\$10,915.61
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$324.75
INSURANCE	\$324.75
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$9,917.29
LIBRARY	\$1,249.15
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$1,500.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$14,313.41
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,484.91
SANITARY SEWER LINING	\$61,099.52
PERPETUAL CARE	\$560.00
WATER	\$11,813.96
WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
SEWER	\$12,693.00
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,821.77
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL FEB 28	\$168,131.34

PROCEEDINGS TO SET DATE FOR HEARING AND LETTING: The City Council took up and considered the proposed Virginia Street Utility Improvements Project. Gruis introduced the **Resolution No 2025-03-460** entitled "Resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Virginia Street Utility Improvements Project, and the taking of bids therefor" next hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Hamilton. 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.

Emily Denekas, Deputy Clerk continues to work with FEMA to report the city losses due to the June 2024 flood.

Council would like to reschedule a special council meeting with the city attorney, to further discuss nuisances: junk vehicles, weeds, dogs & cats.

Council continues to discuss the request for chickens.

Ethan Mulder approached Mayor Sprock asking him if the city would be interested in purchasing the curb stop for a property in Locker Park. Council made a decision that the city does not want to own curb stops at this time.

Fred Landis requested permission to use the city streets and the depot like usual for the Fun Run/Walk Event to be held on July 5. Gruis made a motion to allow the use of the city streets and waive the depot fee for this event. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

John Grotluschen requested permission to close of Main St (between Michigan and Minnesota) and Michigan Ave (between Sidney St and Virginia St) for the HWY 339 Show and Shine Car Show to be held on September 7, 2025. Gruis made a motion to allow the street closure. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Vivian introduced the following **Resolution No 2025-03-458** entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE HEARING FOR APRIL 2, 2025 AT 5:00 P.M." 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. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

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: Gruis introduced the **Resolution No 2025-03-459** entitled "Resolution setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,500,000" hereinafter next set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Vivian. After due consideration thereof by the City 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.

Gerken introduced the following **Resolution No 2025-03-461** 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. Storm 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 2025-03-462** entitled "RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM GENERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO GENERAL CD" 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.

Gerken introduced the following **Resolution No 2025-03-463** entitled "RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM CASINO SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO CASINO CD" 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.

Second and Final reading of this ordinance was read. Gruis introduced the **Ordinance 270** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II PUBLIC SERVICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH; CHAPTER 6: PUBLIC WATER WELLS; ARTICLE 12 PROTECTION OF PUBLIC WATER WELLS; SUBSECTION 12.02 for a second reading and moved for the ordinance to be considered. Vivian seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the motion considered and the proposed ordinance passed by a vote of not less than three-fourths of the council. Motion carried.

Demolition Program Application was received from Gabriel Kooiker for removing the house at 200 E Calumet Ave. Gruis made a motion to approve the application and to payout \$2,500 when the project is complete. Storm seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Council discussed installing cameras at the fire station and Kiwanis can cribs. Council would like to talk to a Kiwanis representative before deciding on a camera for the can cribs. Vivian made a motion to accept the bid from Computer Clinic to install the camera at the fire station to view more city shop area. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Hamilton left meeting.

Council discussed the dates for the citywide cleanup, hazardous material collection day and shred event. Gerken made a motion to set the 2025 dates of May 7 & 8 for the citywide cleanup days, hazardous material collection date has been set for May 2 and shred-it event has been set for May 3. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gerken made a motion to approve the Alcohol & Liquor License for Last Call 2. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held April 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Storm made a motion to adjourn at 8:59 pm. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.
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