

## APRIL 2025 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 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 BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Derek Storm and Carola Vivian. Absent: Kris Hamilton.

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

OPEN FORUM: Kevin Van Bruggen expressed full support for the project and shared that he had discussed it with a friend who has expertise in tax law. He also spoke with Councilman Gruis and expressed his appreciation to the Council, Mayor, and everyone involved in the task force for their efforts in moving forward with community projects.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. to present the approve and confirm plans, specifications, form a contract and estimate of cost for the Virginia Street Utility Improvements 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 Virginia Street Utility Improvements Project. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on March 18 for bid letting and March 25 for the public hearing, 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 Virginia Street Utility Improvements Project whereupon, the Mayor declared the hearing closed. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:05 p.m. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2025-04-468** and moved its adoption, seconded by Vivian; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: – ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Hamilton. Motion carried. The Mayor announced that bids for the construction of the Virginia Street Utility Improvements Project had been received until 11:00 a.m., on April 3, 2025, at the Community Room; 115 S Main St, 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 Gary Kurth, DGR Engineering (the “Project Engineers”) made their recommendations thereon to the City Council.

The City Council further considered proposals received for the proposed Virginia Street Utility Improvements Project and embodied its findings in the resolution next hereinafter referred to. Gruis introduced the **Resolution No. 2025-04-469** next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted; seconded by Storm; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Hamilton. Motion carried. The project was awarded to Hulstein Excavating, Inc. for their base bid and alternate bid in the amount of \$760,391.80, which is \$134,608 below the proposed cost estimate provided by DGR.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m. to present the Request for Zoning Amendment for the property located at 110 E Ohio Ave. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on March 25 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:40 p.m. After public hearing, Gruis introduced the following **Ordinance 271** entitled RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST FOR ZONING AMENDMENT. and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Vivian seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Hamilton. WHEREUPON, the Mayor 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 not less than three-fourths of all of the members of the council. Vivian then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none, –absent: Hamilton. Motion carried.

Gerken 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	\$195.26
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$454.02
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$5,329.18
ALPHA WIRELESS, PAGERS	\$266.56
AMAZON, BOOKS	\$61.70
BAKER & TAYLOR, BOOKS	\$186.18
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES	\$432.83
BRAD HINSCH, LABOR	\$405.00
CALHOUN-BURNS, BRIDGE INSPECTION/RATING	\$2,037.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, REPAIRS TOOLCAT	\$642.44
CFE, REPAIRS	\$89.72
CHAD BECHLER, GFD-CALL CHECK	\$140.74
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTR, BOOKS	\$15.46
COMPUTER CLINIC, SUPPLIES	\$479.00

COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$2,049.57
CORE & MAIN, WATER PARTS	\$185.77
DARLY, PARTS	\$167.91
DEMCO, SUPPLIES	\$363.41
DENNY'S SANITATION, MAR'25 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTERS	\$9,306.38
DGR, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$19,051.90
ECONO SIGNS, SIGN POSTS	\$612.70
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$3,377.57
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$552.64
GEORGE FIRE DEPT, BUNKER GEAR	\$63,281.93
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$61.75
GLASS DOCTOR-NW IA, PARTS	\$125.00
GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE, PROM DONATION	\$50.00
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$30.00
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$223.48
HENNING CONSTRUCTION, PEA ROCK	\$222.36
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$54.17
IOWA LAKES COMM COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$60.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$4,040.17
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$95.68
KD DESIGNS, SUPPLIES	\$2,851.00
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING	\$450.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$943.60
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$44.90
M & D ELECTRIC, REPAIRS	\$1,467.29
MADRID PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOOKS	\$30.00
MATTHEW GRAVE, BATTERIES	\$84.95
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$95.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$52.00
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE/PO BOX RENTAL	\$418.48
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$368.81
RUTHVEN PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOOKS	\$12.78
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC, PARTS	\$145.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$1,051.00
SUDENGA INDUSTRIES, UPS CHARGES	\$19.30
THREE RIVER PHEASANTS, SPONSORSHIP	\$350.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$71.59
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, MAR'25 WATER EXCISE & SALES TAX	\$2,031.35
VANDER HAAG'S, PARTS	\$135.00
WALL STREET PRINTERS, OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$194.00
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,758.64
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$15,147.07
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$142,566.83

GENERAL	\$82,066.92
CEMETERY	\$156.42
ROAD USE TAX	\$29,465.48
INSURANCE	\$1,931.23
LIBRARY	\$274.94
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$3,444.60
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$225.00
WATER	\$9,906.95
SEWER	\$5,687.43
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,407.86
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND APR 9	\$142,566.83

GENERAL	\$21,016.69
CEMETERY	\$706.00
ROAD USE TAX	\$9,782.55
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$563.11
INSURANCE	\$563.11
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$18,363.50
LIBRARY	\$255.04
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$800.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$50.00

STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$4,522.36
WATER	\$17,730.46
WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
SEWER	\$17,733.43
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$10,771.94
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL MAR 31	\$103,058.19

Council received a resignation from Emily Denekas, **Deputy Clerk** with the last day of employment April 23, 2025. Gerken made a motion to accept the resignation from letter from Denekas. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

The Council discussed the swimming pool and directed the City Clerk to repost information about lifeguard classes on social media to notify individuals who may still be interested in applying for summer employment.

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

Kayla Gerloff informed Mayor Sprock that the George Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a George Rec Trail Event on May 3 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. The Chamber requests to use the Depot and temporary closure of the following streets: 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 10. Gruis made a motion to approve the street closure and the use of the depot. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held May 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Gerken made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.  
Loralie Wibben, City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ Little Rock Free Lance \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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