

MAY 2025 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were BJ Gerken, Kris Hamilton and Derek Storm. Absent: Bob Gruis and Carola Vivian.

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

OPEN FORUM: The council recognized members of the G-LR National Honor Society and thanked them for their work in painting the swimming pool bathhouse. Their efforts in beautifying the facility help make it more welcoming for everyone.

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

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B, COPIER LEASE	\$195.60
ABC, MUSEUM ALARM CONTRACT & INSPECTION	\$941.00
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$756.70
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$4,716.54
ALLISON SANDBECK, REIMBURSE \$100 WSI CERT	\$154.98
AMANDA CAMACK, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$77.12
AMAZON, BOOKS	\$120.49
AMBER DEN HARTOG, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$75.00
BAKER & TAYLOR, BOOKS	\$282.83
BIOVERSE, POND CHEMICALS	\$258.42
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES	\$49.49
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, SUPPLIES	\$3,298.72
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE	\$492.51
CFE, SUPPLIES	\$20.34
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTER, BOOKS	\$15.45
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$1,032.49
CORE & MAIN, WATER SUPPLIES	\$1,820.92
CREATIVE EDGE, DOOR DECALS	\$540.00
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON, LEGAL FEES	\$6,023.40
DENNY'S SANITATION, APR'25 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTER	\$8,451.23
DGR, SEWER & STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$24,840.30
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS/PARTS	\$1,887.18
ECONO SIGNS, SIGNS	\$71.42
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT, BUNKER GEAR/LCRF GRANT	\$87,048.57
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$5,285.13
ELVIRA PORRAS HERNANDEZ, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$77.12
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND, 20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$720.00
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING, FIRE FIGHTER 1	\$500.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$194.34
GEORGE CHAMBER, FREEDOM DAYS DONATION	\$100.00
GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE, PROM DONATION	\$50.00
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$634.81
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, PUSH MOWER	\$424.74
IOWA DNR, WASTEWATER CERTIFICATION	\$20.00
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$163.39
IOWA INS COMMISSION, 2024 PERPETUAL CARE REPORT FEE	\$41.00
IOWA LAKES COMM COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$30.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,549.80
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$191.36
KIERS PLUMBING & HEATING, FURNACE REPAIRS	\$431.58
LAKE VIEW BOOKS, BOOKS	\$189.90
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$955.15
LYON CO SHERIFF, 2ND 1/2 FY25 POLICE PROTECTION	\$14,270.25
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$182.66
MICHAEL MULDER, CEU REIMBURSEMENT	\$60.65
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$60.00
PENWORTHY, BOOKS	\$878.47
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$325.58
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$380.05
SECRETARY OF STATE, GFD REINSTATE/BIENNIAL REPORT	\$5.00

SHERRY MITCHELL, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$100.00
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$157.50
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS	\$187.98
SUSAN KASTER, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$54.98
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$169.71
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, APR'25 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$618.61
WALMART, EMS WEEK SUPPLIES	\$107.54
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,758.64
WESTERN IOWA TECH CC, FIRE SCHOOL	\$445.00
WATER REFUND DATE 04/21/2025	\$553.08
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$20,276.88
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$196,519.19

GENERAL FUND	\$42,022.85
CEMETERY FUND	\$1,562.04
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$31,150.55
INSURANCE FUND	\$1,931.23
LIBRARY FUND	\$149.00
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$88,063.77
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$305.01
WATER FUND	\$15,897.47
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$553.08
SEWER FUND	\$5,789.61
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$9,094.58
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND MAY 14	\$196,519.19

GENERAL	\$152,824.42
CEMETERY	\$660.63
ROAD USE TAX	\$12,720.97
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$17,508.20
INSURANCE	\$17,508.20
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$14,226.66
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$19,486.40
LIBRARY	\$83.49
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$64,750.48
FEMA	\$3,503.25
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,960.27
SANITARY SEWER LINING	\$13,319.00
PERPETUAL CARE	\$80.00
WATER	\$11,817.88
WATER DEPOSITS	\$400.00
SEWER	\$28,370.70
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,674.94
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL APR 30	\$370,895.49

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2025 Summer Help Staff. Hamilton made a motion to hire **Lifeguards at \$14.00/hour** – Marlin Martinez. Gerken seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Council discussed hiring a tree removal service to cut trees on Virginia Street that will interfere with the project and other trees around George. Gerken made a motion to hire Top Notch Tree Service to perform the work in the amount not to exceed \$35,000 utilizing LOST funds. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the water and sewer hookup for properties on the south side of Locker Park. Hamilton made a motion that the city will stub off water and sewer hookups for these properties. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gerken introduced the following **Resolution No. 2025-05-271** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2024-2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 HEARING FOR JUNE 11, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.” and moved that the same be adopted. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none, –absent: Gruis and Vivian. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

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

The Merrill Pioneer Community Hospital Board has approached the city asking for support for their upcoming golf tournament fundraiser. Hamilton made a motion to donate \$100 to this event. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received a peddler permit application from Taquitos El Toluqueno and the request to extend the peddler permit time until 8pm every Thursday for this year at the Depot. Gerken made a motion to allow the extension to the peddler permit for the year. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received a peddler permit application from What's Cooking and the request to extend the peddler permit time until 10pm on Monday nights at the George Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball. Gerken made a motion to allow the extension to the peddler permit for the year. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the 2025 Emergency Services Agreement with the Lyon County Fair Association for the Fire at Department to provide emergency services at the Rapid Speedway racetrack. Storm made a motion to approve the agreement. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received an Alcohol/Liquor License application renewal for Total Stop. Storm made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Storm made a motion to approve the Cigarette/Tobacco Permits for Casey's, Dollar General and Total Stop. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held June 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Storm made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 pm. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

Loralie Wibben, City Clerk

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