

## JULY 2025 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 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, 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: Fred Landis recapped the Freedom Days 5K Fun Run / Walk there were 183 participants this year which increased from last year's participation of 165. The participants came from 8 states, 141 were Iowa participants and 57 were George participants. Council wants to thank Fred & Kristi Landis for all their hard work and dedication to make the George Freedom Days 5K Fun Run / Walk a successful event. We hope to see everyone back next year.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. to present the Request for Zoning Amendment for the property located at 3951 210<sup>th</sup> St. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on July 1 and posted to the door as required by law. Council then reviewed the Planning & Zoning Board recommendation from the June 9 meeting and reviewed the city codes. There was one written letter from Jesse & Christy Lange presented to the council for review. Next the Mayor made a call for oral comments. Oral comments were heard from Dean Oberloh: He has concern with the amenities associated with rezoning the property to Agriculture. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:19 p.m. After public hearing, Gruis introduced the following **Ordinance 272** entitled RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST FOR ZONING AMENDMENT. and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Storm seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. Roll call vote – ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian, –nays: none. 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. Gruis then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Gerken seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote – ayes: none, –nays: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm and Vivian. Ordinance failed due to lack of support.

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

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B, COPIER LEASE	\$270.45
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$345.18
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$302.68
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$10,017.21
AMAZON, BOOKS	\$65.73
BIOVERSE, POND CHEMICALS	\$269.25
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, SUPPLIES	\$3,289.35
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE	\$229.54
CFE, SUPPLIES	\$730.22
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$1,638.60
COOPERATIVE GAS & OIL, REPAIRS	\$296.50
CORE & MAIN, PARTS/REPAIRS	\$13,811.01
DEEP CLEAN CARPET, MOLD IN MUSEUM BASEMENT	\$1,150.00
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON, LEGAL FEES	\$1,085.00
DENNY'S SANITATION, JUNE'25 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTER	\$8,947.78
DGR, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$9,280.35
DIAMOND VOGEL, PAINT	\$300.15
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES	\$609.59
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$7,127.33
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GABRIEL KOOIKER, DEMOLITION PROGRAM	\$2,500.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, DUCK TICKETS	\$71.76
GRATEFUL GROUNDS, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$50.00
GREAT PLAINS ZOO, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$272.00
HALO BRANDED SOLUTIONS, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$994.82
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$2,918.33
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$40.98
HULSTEIN EXCAVATING INC, VIRGINIA ST UTILITY PROJECT	\$367,863.32
IOWA DNR, ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE	\$117.09
IOWA INFORMATION, BEST OF N'WEST/ADVERTISEMENT	\$349.00
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES, FY26 ANNUAL DUES	\$1,052.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,908.20
JIM CARPENER, FIRE EXTINGUISHER FILL	\$100.00
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$95.68
JOHN VIVIAN, GFD-RACES	\$75.00

JONATHAN MAY, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$350.00
KD DESIGNS, EMS WEEK T-SHRITS	\$612.00
KLAASSEN REALTY, LAND PURCHASE	\$710.00
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING	\$2,025.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$202.58
LORALYE WIBBEN, TRAVEL EXPENSE	\$187.60
LYON CO REPORTER, SUBSCRIPTION	\$50.00
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$88.87
MAIN STREET CHECKS, DEPOSIT SLIPS	\$119.06
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION, REPAIR WATER&SEWER ON VIRGINIA	\$1,339.87
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$55.00
NEW TEC EQUIPMENT, MOWER REPAIRS	\$619.02
OBRIEN COUNTY IMPLEMENT, DISC MOWER REPAIRS	\$178.20
ORIENTAL TRADING, SUPPLIES	\$154.05
PETE HOWE INDUSTRIAL, CLEAN SEWERLINES ON VIRGINIA	\$7,362.50
PETTY CASH, REPLENISH PETTY CASH	\$10.68
PIXEL SIX GRAPHICS, EMS WEEK SUPPLIES	\$250.00
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$299.60
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$405.99
SERVICEMASTER RESTORE, CLEAN BASEMENT ON VIRGINIA	\$15,679.59
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING, PRESSURE WASHER REPAIRS	\$553.25
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$233.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS/REPAIRS	\$71.07
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$136.36
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, MAY & JUNE'25 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$2,849.04
TRIPLE VIEW DRIVE IN, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$20.00
TRI-STATE READY MIX, CONCRETE	\$1,572.50
WALL STREET PRINTERS, NOTECARDS	\$70.00
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,758.64
WATER REFUND DATE 07/01/2025	\$434.72
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$35,642.37
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$513,239.66

GENERAL FUND	\$57,192.30
CEMETERY FUND	\$217.67
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$18,876.85
INSURANCE FUND	\$2,103.82
LIBRARY FUND	\$963.65
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$891.13
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$694.00
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA FUND	\$394,165.28
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	\$12,404.66
WATER FUND	\$13,534.03
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$434.72
SEWER FUND	\$2,816.91
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$8,944.64
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND JULY 9	\$513,239.66

GENERAL	\$33,538.17
CEMETERY	\$10,885.18
ROAD USE TAX	\$16,893.35
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$887.02
INSURANCE	\$887.02
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$11,196.05
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$2,540.66
LIBRARY	\$933.00
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$1,875.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$0.00
FEMA	\$11,480.60
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,994.50
WATER	\$12,078.62
WATER DEPOSITS	\$400.00
SEWER	\$16,598.38
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,839.65
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL JUNE 30	\$134,027.20

Council discussed the security camera for the Kiwanis can cribs. Gerken talked to the Kiwanis and they will go 50/50 with the purchase of this camera. Gruis made a motion to have Duane Post install this camera and the cost will be split with Kiwanis. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Virginia Street project with Matt Mitchell. A batch plant will be set up at Mitchell & Huss lot in Locker Park. Mitchell informed the council regarding the amount of water it will take to mix the cement for the road. The city staff will watch the water levels so they maintain enough supply.

Gary Kurth, DGR Engineer, proposed to council the extension of the 8" water line from Virginia St. to the fire station and then to Baldwin St. This will be the start of the line that will eventually run along the railroad tracts to the west side of town.

Brian Mogler, Lester resident, talked to the council regarding the modifications that they made to the trail paving machine. The machine works perfect and they will be using it a few more times. Mogler asked if they should store it over the winter or return it to the City of George. Council will think about it and get back to him.

Council discussed the proposed agreement for Financial Review Services with Tim Moerman, Beck Engineering to provide infrastructure assessment, capital planning, utility analysis and strategic financial planning. The fees for this service are \$5000 plus mileage paid to Beck Engineering. Gruis made a motion to hire Tim Moerman, Beck Engineering, to provide a financial review service. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Pam Grave presented to the council the proposal of a pickle ball court. The request is to put this on the southwest corner of the Siebring Park aka Castle Park. There will be 3 trees that will have to be removed if this approved. Grave stated that they will be applying for a Lyon County Riverboat Grant and will be doing a fundraiser if this is approved by council. The grants open August 4 and will close September 19. Grave is asking for a letter of support from the council, resolution approving the location for the pickle ball court and finally the help in the removal of the trees. Storm made a motion to help Grave with these requests. Hamilton seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm, –nays: Vivian.

Gruis made a motion to accepted the engagement letter from Williams & Company PC to perform the FY2025 Annual Examination. Vivian seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Mayor Sprock notified the council that the city purchased 102 W Calumet Ave. Due to the legality of the estate the city will take possession tentatively September 10.

Council received a peddler permit application from Daddy Dutch BBQ and the request to extend the peddler permit time until 8pm on Friday 18 & 25 at the Depot. Gruis 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.

Upcoming Events: Hwy 339 Car Show – September 7

Special council meeting will be held July 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Next monthly council meeting will be held August 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Gruis made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

Loralye Wibben, City Clerk

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