

NOVEMBER 2025 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton and Derek Storm. Absent: Carola Vivian.

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

OPEN FORUM: Robert Praliguske talked to the council about a business opportunity for George. He will continue to work with the George Community Economic Development Committee.

Gruis 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	\$215.83
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$302.68
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$5,307.44
AMAZON, BOOKS	\$276.73
BILL SPROCK, GFD-RACES	\$75.00
BLOSSOM & BRIDE BOUTIQUE, SUPPLIES	\$67.36
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, SUPPLIES	\$563.75
CASEY'S, PROMOTION SUPPLIES	\$70.00
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE	\$486.17
CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICE, FARM TO MARKET-SOIL REPORT	\$715.50
CFE, PARTS	\$529.20
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTR, BOOKS	\$39.64
CITY OF SHELDON, AMBULANCE SERVICE	\$275.00
CNA SURETY, SURETY BOND	\$236.50
COMPUTER CLINIC, COMPUTER SERVICE & MONITOR	\$239.03
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$1,666.67
CORE & MAIN, LOCATOR / PARTS	\$4,159.47
DAVE'S LOCK & KEY, REPAIR LOCKS	\$315.25
DENNY'S SANITATION, DUMPSTERS	\$375.00
DGR, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$11,382.90
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP, LEGAL FEES	\$25,094.50
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$5,622.53
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTION, BOOKS	\$607.23
FOREIGN CANDY COMPANY, EVENT SUPPLIES	\$107.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$50.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$873.55
GWORKS, SOFTWARE/TRAINING	\$5,880.00
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$10.00
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$95.95
IOWA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIA, 2026 DUES	\$567.00
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$50.00
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC., MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$365.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,742.54
ISU EXTENSION OFFICE, CPAT CONT ED	\$70.00
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$95.68
KERWIN STERLER STUMP GRIND, STUMP REMOVAL	\$280.00
KLM ENGINEERING INC, CLOSE LID/LIGHTS @WATERTOWER	\$2,144.60
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$248.15
LYON CO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, ANNUAL DUES	\$376.95
LYON CO SHERIFF, 1ST 1/2 FY26 POLICE PROTECTION	\$15,314.50
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$109.39
M & D ELECTRIC, REPAIRS	\$4,316.14
MATTHEW GRAVE, GOLF TOURNEY REIMBURSEMENT	\$444.07
MICROMARKETING, BOOKS	\$167.54
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION, ZONE VALVE	\$3,505.50
MONTEZUMA PUBLIC LIBRARY, BOOK	\$16.00
MUSTANG CAR WASH, WASH RIG	\$10.25
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$105.00
ORIENTAL TRADING, EVENT SUPPLIES	\$204.86
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$326.35
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$364.91
PREMIER PYROTECHNICS, INC, 2026 FIREWORKS	\$14,000.00

R & T RENTALS, STUMP REMOVAL	\$125.00
REAL SIMPLE, PERIODICALS	\$49.17
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$293.50
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS	\$378.28
THE BROKEN WHEEL, SUPPLIES	\$23.01
TOP NOTCH FLORIST, TREE REMOVAL	\$300.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$66.73
TRACKSIDE, NUISANCE PROPERTY	\$1,800.00
TRI-STATE READY MIX, CEMENT	\$852.50
TRUE NORTH COMPANY, FIRE DEPT & EMS INSURANCE	\$492.10
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,758.64
WATER REFUND DATE 10/15/2025	\$162.70
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$20,585.09
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$138,523.62

GENERAL FUND	\$61,348.14
CEMETERY FUND	\$163.93
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$46,686.70
INSURANCE FUND	\$2,167.73
LIBRARY FUND	\$381.54
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$791.29
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$210.26
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA FUND	\$1,858.88
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND	\$3,505.50
WATER FUND	\$16,666.55
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$162.70
SEWER FUND	\$4,094.75
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$485.95
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND NOV 12	\$138,523.92

GENERAL	\$178,175.88
CEMETERY	\$2,797.81
ROAD USE TAX	\$12,276.37
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$19,542.11
INSURANCE	\$23,450.44
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$23,184.51
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$38,081.30
LIBRARY	\$490.69
DEBT SERVICE	\$80,674.38
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA	\$31,815.96
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$4,034.39
PERPETUAL CARE	\$400.00
WATER	\$12,465.97
SEWER	\$15,578.42
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,714.10
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL OCT 31	\$452,682.33

GFD TREASURER REPORT DIDN'T GET IN THE OCTOBER 8 COUNCIL MINUTES	
SEPTEMBER RECEIPTS, DEPOSIT	\$63,281.93
SEPTEMBER EXPENSES	
JOHN VIVIAN, RACES	\$75.00
DAVID GRAVE, RACES	\$75.00
DAVID GRAVE, GOLF TOURNEY REIMBURSEMENT	\$225.00
MAIN STREET CHECKS, CHECKS	\$104.49
DOLLAR GENERAL, SUPPLIES	\$55.49
PAUL DENEKAS, RACES	\$75.00
SEAN DYKSTRA, RACES	\$75.00
ED M FELD FIRE, SUPPLIES	\$486.69
KD DESIGNS, GOLF TOURNEY SUPPLIES	\$617.50
OTTER VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB, GOLF TOURNEY RENT	\$2,352.00
DOLLAR GENERAL, SUPPLIES	\$54.95
CITY OF GEORGE, LOAN-LCRF GRANT	\$63,281.93
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$67,478.05

Council again reviewed the properties near the Rio Grande. City attorney needs the property to be surveyed for accurate legal descriptions.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2025-11-487** entitled “RESOLUTION TERMINATING 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GEORGE, IOWA AND THE GEORGE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GCEDC)” and moved that the same be adopted. Vivian seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm –nays: none, –absent: Vivian. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Continued cleanup on the Estep Property. Council will talk to Mitchell & Huss for an estimate to clean the waterway for proper drainage.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2025-11-488** entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT REGARDING SEBRING PARK PICKLEBALL COMPLEX” and moved that the same be adopted. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm –nays: none, –absent: Vivian. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Council reviewed estimates from Beck Engineering on further road projects.

Council reviewed the annual plan for city employee health insurance. Gruis made a motion to renew the Enhanced Blue 1500 policy rates for 2026 with Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Iowa. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the holidays and the city clerk’s request to close the additional days. Gruis made a motion to close the city office on November 28, December 26 and January 2, however in a water or sewer emergency Cole Riemersma’s contact information will be available. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Randy Janssen contacted the Mayor Sprock regarding the house at 506 E Minnesota Ave. He would like to gut and redo the house. Council agreed to allow him to move forward with his plans as long as it doesn’t stand still and become an unfinished project for an extended period of time.

Upcoming Events:

Holiday Extravaganza, Open House & Santa will be held on December 2

Kiwanis Pancake Supper will be held on December 11

Hope Reformed Cookie Walk will be held on December 13

Council Christmas Cheer at the Good Samaritan Center will be held on December 17

Next monthly council meeting will be held December 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Gerken made a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Hamilton 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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