

DECEMBER 2025 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, December 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. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: none.

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

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
A&B, COPIER LEASE	\$213.78
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$302.68
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$4,823.11
AMAZON, BOOKS	\$99.94
ARNIE EBEN, ZONING ADMIN FEES	\$660.00
BECK ENGINEERING, FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$3,548.20
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES	\$1,414.33
BRANDI MULDER, EMS TSHIRTS	\$26.00
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, SUPPLIES	\$3,335.21
CFE, SUPPLIES	\$355.58
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL/REPAIRS/PARTS	\$2,025.03
CORE & MAIN, PARTS	\$60.38
DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON, LEGAL FEES	\$6,705.42
DENNY'S SANITATION, OCT & NOV'25 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTER	\$16,515.51
DGR, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$3,451.85
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS	\$589.57
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$3,769.79
EQUIPMENT BLADES, BLADES FOR PLOW TRUCK	\$1,448.72
EVERGREEN LAWN CEMETERY, JUL'25 STORM INS CLAIM PMT #1	\$4,500.00
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND, 20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$1,820.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS, WATER METER PARTS	\$1,198.70
GALE, BOOKS	\$222.65
GEMS, TRANSFER TO SAVINGS	\$15,000.00
GEORGE FIRE DEPT, 2025 FIRE CALLS	\$875.00
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$1,481.95
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$90.54
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, SEWER SRF LOAN INTEREST	\$10,053.75
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$82.00
IOWA LAKES COMM COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$240.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,619.36
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$95.68
KNOW BUDDY RESOURCES, BOOKS	\$440.47
KOLBECK INC, TREE MULCHING	\$11,700.00
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING	\$450.00
LIBRARY FURNITURE INT'L, LIBRARY FURNITURE	\$12,046.12
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$30.00
LYON CO SECONDARY ROAD, DUST CONTROL & BRIDGE SIGNS	\$12,646.77
LYON CO SHERIFF, GARNISHMENT	\$814.39
LYON CO TREASURER, ELECTION FEES	\$1,046.17
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$111.38
MICROMARKETING, BOOKS	\$165.82
MIDWEST TAPE, DVD'S	\$25.49
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$115.00
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STAT, AUDIT REPORT FILING FEE	\$175.00
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$328.18
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$364.80
READER'S DIGEST, PERIODICALS	\$48.13
RED BRICK RESOURCES, BOOKS	\$491.80
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP INSURANCE	\$121.98
SIBLEY SHEET METAL, FURNACE REPAIRS	\$510.72
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING, REPAIRS	\$94.78
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$324.00
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS	\$92.01

SWEET SAVANNAH CUPCAKES, CUPCAKES FOR OPEN HOUSE	\$80.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$108.74
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, OCT & NOV'25 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$1,246.55
TRI-STATE READY MIX, CEMENT	\$2,716.00
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,758.64
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$12,981.49
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$148,831.75
GENERAL FUND	\$44,472.93
CEMETERY FUND	\$1,984.77
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$15,277.71
INSURANCE FUND	\$2,053.21
LIBRARY FUND	\$148.07
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$15,290.81
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA FUND	\$12,646.77
STORM SEWER PROJECT FUND	\$2,716.00
LIBRARY HEEREN ESTATE FUND	\$12,046.12
WATER FUND	\$12,038.05
SEWER FUND	\$13,530.22
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$16,627.09
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND DEC 10	\$148,831.75
GENERAL	\$40,689.05
CEMETERY	\$9,175.45
ROAD USE TAX	\$12,814.64
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,402.73
INSURANCE	\$3,447.26
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$13,128.27
LIBRARY	\$90.03
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$0.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$9,048.04
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA	\$200.00
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,768.31
PERPETUAL CARE	\$1,820.00
WATER	\$11,619.31
WATER DEPOSITS	\$800.00
SEWER	\$13,585.25
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,228.74
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL NOV 30	\$132,817.08

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

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. 2025-12-490** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING 28E AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GEORGE, IOWA AND THE GEORGE COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GCEDC)" and moved that the same be adopted. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm, Vivian –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Brian Hilt reviewed the Lyon County Sheriff contract with the council. Council will continue discussion regarding the contract.

Judd Reifers, representative of the George Community Economic Development Corporation discussed with the council the potential to purchase land for development. Reifers is requesting a loan from the city to purchase this property. The purchase includes 7 acres for \$30,000 per acre. Council will review finances and further discuss this at another council meeting.

Gruis nominated council members BJ Gerken and Alternate Derek Storm to represent the City of George at the NW IA Area Solid Waste Agency for 2026. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. Council decided that they will not reschedule the council meeting in January due to the NW IA Solid Waste Agency Annual Meeting on January 8.

Gerken introduced the following **Resolution No. 2025-12-489** entitled "RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE WATER CASH ACCOUNT AND SEWER CASH ACCOUNT TO THE WATER/SEWER RESERVE CASH ACCOUNT FOR FUTURE EXPENSES" and moved that the same be adopted. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton, Storm, Vivian –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to accept the bid from Mitchell & Huss Excavation to install 12" storm sewer intakes at the intersection of S Sidney St / W Indiana Ave using Storm Sewer funding for the project. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed Rock Rapids' electric scooter ordinance.

Gruis made a motion to approve a donation of \$2,000 to support Mid-Sioux Opportunity as they currently serve 154 residents in George. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gerken made a motion to approve the Alcohol/Liquor License and the Ownership changes for Casey's General Store. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

The Oath of Office was administered by the new council members Bobby Gruis and Joe Anderson.

Council would like to thank Carola Vivian for her 12 years of service for George. "Thank you, Carola!"

Upcoming Events:

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

Spec-N-Dicken is scheduled for January 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

NW IA Solid Waste Agency Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 8

GEMS Annual Waffle Breakfast is scheduled for February 1

Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper was rescheduled for March 17

Next monthly council meeting will be held January 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Storm made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 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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