

FEBRUARY 2026 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 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 Joe Anderson, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton and Derek Storm. Absent: BJ Gerken.

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

OPEN FORUM: None.

REPORTS: Jolynn Hindt, Williams & Company, P.C. reviewed the annual exam report for FY2025 with the council. There were no significant finds noted.

Michael Mulder, Chief, presented the annual report from the George Emergency Medical Service. They continue to maintain a squad of 15 members. Elections were held on January 21 with the following results: Chief – Michael Mulder, Asst. Chief/Public Relations – Melissa Grave, Secretary/Treasurer – Allison Sandbeck, Training Officer/Public Relations – Brandi Mulder and Training Officer Emily Denekas. The GEMS responded to 98 calls in 2025. GEMS had their annual fundraiser with Dad’s Belgian Waffle Breakfast on February 1. GEMS are working towards purchasing a new Lifepak 35 valued at \$55,000. Mulder will apply for a Lyon County Riverboat Grant this fall and will use the last two years of waffle breakfast donations to offset the purchase.

The City Council wants to thank the GEMS for their continued dedication to the City of George. These volunteers go above and beyond the call of duty when needed.

Lois Jurrens, Museum Board chair presented the council with a written annual report and financials.

Hamilton 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	\$220.38
ACE HARDWARE, TOILET	\$356.97
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$302.68
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GRP, REPAIRS	\$532.31
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$5,980.31
ALPHA WIRELESS, AMBULANCE RADIOS	\$986.77
AMAZON, BOOKS	\$310.61
ASHLEY EBEN, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$369.50
BARB WESSELS, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$1,018.50
BECK ENGINEERING, FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$750.00
BENNY GIAMBIANI, POSTAGE	\$5.22
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES	\$172.52
BRANDI MULDER, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$984.70
CARDMEMBER SERVICE. REPAIRS/SUPPLIES	\$1,207.75
CFE, SUPPLIES	\$77.66
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTR, BOOKS	\$148.83
CITY OF GEORGE, FY27 CEM BUDGET-WHEELER TOWNSHIP	\$5,250.00
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL	\$794.81
CORE & MAIN, WATER PARTS	\$411.64
DENNY'S SANITATION, JAN'26 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTER	\$8,239.23
DGR, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$1,436.00
DOUG STUBBE, CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT	\$417.73
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS WHITE PLOW TRUCK	\$491.25
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$3,573.98
EMILY DENEKAS, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$657.58
EUGENE MODDER, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$349.26
EVERGREEN LAWN CEMETERY, FY26 CEM BUDGET-CITY OF GEORGE	\$2,200.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$256.59
GCEDC, LOAN PROCEEDS	\$210,000.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$189.00
GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL, DRINK/BOTTLE FOUNTAIN	\$3,353.95
GOODLAND PUMP & SUPPLY CO, REPAIRS@FISHER'S LIFT	\$1,080.00
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$1,670.79
HEIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT, GF1-GF2-GF6 PUMPERS SERVICED	\$6,966.22
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,598.57
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$98.56
JOHN VIVIAN, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$383.68
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING	\$550.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$321.67
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$59.52
MELISSA GRAVE, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$1,033.28

MICHAEL MULDER, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$673.88
MICROMARKETING, BOOKS	\$14.44
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION, SEWER REPAIR	\$1,222.24
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$55.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, FF1 BOOK	\$250.00
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$326.96
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$361.73
SECURITY SAVINGS BANK, 2026 ANNUAL GEMS SAFEBOXRENT	\$12.00
SHANNON VAN MEETEREN, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$304.98
SMART APPLE MEDIA, BOOKS	\$451.45
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$705.50
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS	\$281.94
TOP NOTCH TREE SERVICE, FINAL TREE REMOVAL @CEMETERY	\$11,940.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$50.18
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, JAN'26 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$634.66
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,950.71
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION, BOOKS	\$410.51
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$13,174.96
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$298,826.75

GENERAL FUND	\$237,788.16
CEMETERY FUND	\$17,482.63
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$10,131.73
INSURANCE FUND	\$2,123.30
LIBRARY FUND	\$464.66
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$5,832.36
WATER FUND	\$10,381.44
SEWER FUND	\$6,272.08
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$8,350.39
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND FEB 11	\$298,826.75

GENERAL	\$232,687.66
CEMETERY	\$384.61
ROAD USE TAX	\$40,377.04
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$246.37
INSURANCE	\$295.61
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$19,329.17
LIBRARY	\$1,124.97
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$0.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$4,500.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$927.72
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,987.97
WATER \$13,305.62	
WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
SEWER \$14,171.72	
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,432.37
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL JAN 31	\$340,970.83

City Clerk sent out advertising for summer help in the areas of mowing, street help and swimming pool staff. Council tabled the resolution to set FY2027 wages.

Council reviewed the continued work on prior approved projects: installing manholes in the 400 block of W Minnesota Ave and on the end 400 block of E Indiana Ave; installing storm sewer at the intersection of S Sidney St & W Indiana Ave; replacing the intersection of N Main St; stubbing off water & sewer to properties on south side of Lacour St in Locker Park; replacing zone valves.

Judd Reifers, GCEDC representative discussed with the council some proposed development options for the city. The development corporation is still trying to finalize details and will keep the city informed to the results.

Anderson introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-02-494** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF LYON COUNTY FOR GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS" and moved that the same be adopted. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote – ayes: Anderson, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none, –absent: Gerken. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried. This is for the Rec Trail Committee replacing parts of the rec trail.

Hamilton made a motion to donate \$150 to the George-Little Rock After Prom Committee for the 2026 After Prom Activities. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

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

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Council received a quote to wood chip trees at the tree dump. After review and discussion regarding the large accumulation of the trees at the city dump from the July 2025 windstorm. Hamilton made a motion to accept the offer from Shamrock Grinding to wood chip and remove the chips to clean up the tree pile. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried

Hamilton introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-02-496** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 HEARING FOR MARCH 11, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.” and moved that the same be adopted. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none, –absent: Gerken. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Resolution setting salaries for the FY2027 was tabled.

Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper was rescheduled for March 17

Next monthly council meeting will be held March 11, 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.

Loralye Wibben, City Clerk

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