

MARCH 2026 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were Joe Anderson, BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton and Derek Storm. Absent: none.

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

OPEN FORUM: Robert Praliguske gave an update to the council about where the plans are for the business opportunity in George. He will continue to work with the George Community Economic Development Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m. to present the Budget Amendment #1 for Fiscal Year 2026. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on February 25, 2026 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:20 p.m. Hamilton introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-03-498** entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT #1 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026" and moved that the same be adopted. Gerken seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

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

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ACE HARDWARE, PARTS	\$75.58
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$302.68
AGRIVISION EQUIPMENT GRP, PARTS	\$58.86
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$6,361.27
ALLISON SANDBECK, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$906.62
AMAZON, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$199.68
BECK ENGINEERING, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$22,580.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES	\$286.34
BRANDI MULDER, SUPPLIES	\$14.45
BUSSEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY, POSTAGE	\$4.96
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, REPAIRS/SUPPLIES/PHOSPHATE METER	\$7,379.52
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE	\$233.54
CFE, SUPPLIES	\$144.76
COMPUTER CLINIC, SECURITY CAMERA REPAIRS	\$118.00
CORE & MAIN, PARTS	\$655.79
DAD'S BELGIAN WAFFLE, GEMS WAFFLE BREAKFAST	\$2,458.10
DENNY'S SANITATION, FEB'26 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTER	\$8,311.05
DGR, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$564.00
DOLLAR GENERAL, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$34.61
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS	\$630.00
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$3,516.51
EVERGREEN LAWN CEMETERY, JUL'25 STORM INS CLAIM PAYOUT	\$11,700.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS, WATER METER PARTS	\$1,323.00
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$203.15
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, TONER	\$200.00
GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE, AFTER PROM DONATION	\$150.00
GRAND JUNCTION COMM LIB, POSTAGE	\$4.96
HACH COMPANY, NITRATE METER	\$728.20
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$1,452.86
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$70.72
HULSTEIN EXCAVATING INC, VIRGINIA ST UTILITY PROJECT	\$48,055.30
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$270.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,616.85
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$98.56
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING	\$900.00
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE, WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$2,294.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$316.05
LORALYE WIBBEN, 2025 CALL CHECK	\$458.78
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$55.88
MAIN STREET CHECKS, ORDER CHECKS	\$108.02
MARK HAND, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$158.18
MICROMARKETING, BOOKS	\$131.00
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$20.00

PENWORTHY, BOOKS	\$1,008.00
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$326.96
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$358.66
RED BRICK RESOURCES, BOOKS	\$366.42
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP INSURANCE	\$121.00
RENT-ALL CENTER, LTD, SERVICE CHAINSAW	\$301.35
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC, SWEEPER REPAIRS	\$1,128.50
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$122.50
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS	\$217.97
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$345.91
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, FEB'26 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$648.98
WARNTJES PAINT & BODY, ACCIDENT REPAIRS	\$1,873.27
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,950.71
WILLIAMS & COMPANY, PC, LEGAL FEES	\$4,600.00
WILLOW LANE EDUCATION, BOOKS	\$147.94
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$12,900.63
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$152,768.22

GENERAL FUND	\$31,890.63
CEMETERY FUND	\$170.78
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$34,770.89
INSURANCE FUND	\$4,538.30
LIBRARY FUND	\$263.66
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$4,579.72
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA FUND	\$48,055.30
WATER FUND	\$16,317.45
SEWER FUND	\$3,759.28
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$8,422.21
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND MAR 11	\$152,768.22

GENERAL	\$35,046.25
CEMETERY	\$8,731.46
ROAD USE TAX	\$9,781.93
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$206.03
INSURANCE	\$247.21
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$12,982.53
LIBRARY	\$19.54
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$0.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$10,962.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$775.85
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA	\$300.00
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,866.49
WATER	\$12,865.25
WATER DEPOSITS	\$600.00
SEWER	\$14,836.30
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,557.31
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL FEB 28	\$120,778.15

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; stump grinding at the tree dump.

Council discussed the proposed amendment #1 for Financial Review Services with Tim Moerman, Beck Engineering to provide additional implementation plan development services. The fees for this service are \$2500 plus mileage paid to Beck Engineering. Gruis made a motion to accept the services in the amendment #1 agreement. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. Roll call vote –ayes: Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm; –nays: none; –abstain: Anderson. Motion carried.

John Grotluschen requested the closure of Main St (between Michigan and Minnesota) and Michigan Ave (between Sidney St and Virginia St) for the HWY 339 Show and Shine Car Show to be held on September 13, 2026. Gerken made a motion to allow the street closure. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to donate \$100 to the HWY 339 Show and Shine Car Show. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-03-499** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE HEARING FOR APRIL 1, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M.” and moved that the same be adopted. Hamilton seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken,

Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Joel Tiedeman, on behalf of the George Chamber of Commerce requested the temporary closure of the following streets: Baldwin St (from Dakota Ave north) and Lacour St. (from Virginia St west) as Chamber will be hosting the annual George Rec Trail Event on April 18 from 1:00-3:30 p.m. The Chamber requests to use the Depot. This event is open to the public will include vendor booths. Rain date scheduled for May 2. Gruis made a motion to approve the street closure and the use of the depot. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Discussion was held on awarding a \$50,000 development grant to Platinum Investments (from the LMI fund), along with approval of a Supplemental Housing Grant of \$100 per unit per month (\$800 monthly total) for three years, paid annually out of the LMI fund, to support construction of an 8-unit apartment complex in George, Iowa. The development corporation will be repaid for the land purchase from tax increment financing generated by the property until fully compensated. Gruis made a motion to accept the proposal discussed. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Judd Reifers, GCEDC representative updated the council on the proposed development projects they have been working on for the city. The city attorney is working on the legal documents for the land purchase. Reifers will continue to keep the city up to date with projects.

Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-03-500** entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION TO T-MOBILE HOMETOWN REVITALIZING SMALL TOWNS FOR GRANT FUNDING REQUESTS” and moved that the same be adopted. Gerken seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Council reviewed a request for an outdoor event and street closure (Main Street in front of the Last Call Saloon and along The Toy Box fence then across the street to the old flower shop and Personal Touch Hairstyling for a private party to be held on March 20. Gruis made a motion to allow the street closure and approve the liquor license for the event. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Upcoming FY2027 Budget Hearing Dates:

Special Council Meetings April 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Special Council Meeting April 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Next monthly council meeting will be held April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Gerken made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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