

SPECIAL MEETING

The George City Council met in special session on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, 120 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 5:06 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. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: none.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 5:28 p.m. to present the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on April 22 and posted to the door, facebook and website as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 5:29 p.m. Hamilton introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-04-508** entitled "RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-27" 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. Motion carried.

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2026 Summer Help Staff. Gerken made a motion to hire **Mowing & Street Help** – Cliff Kruger \$15.50/hour. The Mayor may hire additional mowing and street help as needed in vacation of council meetings and will report any changes at the next meeting. Gruis seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Motion carried.

Council discussed the campground opening date and **Campground Host**, the responsibilities and utility fees. Hamilton made a motion to open the campground on May 1 and to offer the campground host contract to Eva Klingenberg with no changes to the responsibilities or fees. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Billy Sprock, Fire Department Chief, reported to the council that the GF6 pumper had broken down at a recent fire and is currently in the process of being repaired. Sprock requested council approval to pay for the necessary repairs. Gruis made a motion to approve the repairs. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Hamilton made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the Freedom Days Celebration for this year. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to renew the ICAP Property Insurance policy. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to approve a wavier to extend the peddler permit time until 10:00 p.m. for Sipsters and Taquitos El Toluqueno. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed updating the refrigerators at the Depot and the Siebring Park Shelter. Anderson made a motion to purchase two scratch-and-dent refrigerators from Heartland Hardware for placement in the north and south community rooms. The existing refrigerators from those rooms will be relocated to the Depot and Siebring Park Shelter. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the replacement fountain for the pond and they will review the options for the next council meeting.

Council discussed the repair work for the north end of Main St and they will review plans at the next council meeting.

Joe Anderson presented a \$1,500 check to the council from the Trees Forever Grant he applied for on behalf of the city. Anderson requested that the city provide matching funds to allow for the planting of additional trees in the community. Gerken made a motion to approve the request for matching funds. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Hamilton made a motion to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. 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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