

MAY 2026 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 7:02 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. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: none.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock Opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. to approve plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost and to consider bids for the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project. The Mayor announced that this was the time and place set for hearing on the plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed 2026 City of George Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on April 29 for bid letting and for the public hearing on League of Cities, Quest Construction Data Network and posted to the door as required by law. Upon investigation, it was found that **no** persons had appeared and filed objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2026 City of George Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project, whereupon, the Mayor declared the hearing closed. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:12 p.m. Gruis introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-05-509** and moved its adoption, seconded by Anderson; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Motion carried. The Mayor then announced that bids for the construction of the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project had been received until 2:00 p.m., on May 7, 2026, at the Community Room; 115 S Main St, George, Iowa, and that on the same day, at the same time, in the same place, such bids had been opened and read, and that this was the time and place set for the consideration of such bids. Thereupon, the results of the bidding were reported, and Mark Nyhoff, Beck Engineering has made their recommendations thereon to the City Council. The City Council further considered proposals received for the proposed 2026 City of George Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project and embodied its findings in the resolution next hereinafter referred to. Gruis introduced the **Resolution No. 2026-05-510** next hereinafter set out, and moved that the said resolution be adopted; seconded by Gerken; and after due consideration thereof by the City Council, the Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. 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
A&B, COPIER LEASE	\$525.39
ABC, MUSEUM ALARM MONITOR CONTRACT	\$300.00
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$302.68
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$4,840.30
AMAZON, PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$502.72
ANDREW DENEKAS, POOL WORK	\$56.85
BECK ENGINEERING, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$12,650.00
BETTER HOMES & GARDENS, SUBSCRIPTION	\$36.33
BIOVERSE, POND CHEMICALS	\$267.75
BLOSSOM & BRIDE BOUTIQUE, MEMORIAL	\$90.90
BOK FINANCIAL, GO BOND PAYMENT	\$198,763.01
BOOKSHOP, BOOKS	\$219.36
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES	\$115.66
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, REPAIRS TOOLCAT / SUPPLIES	\$1,571.47
CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE	\$580.65
CFE, FUEL	\$464.33
CHRISTIAN BOOK DISTRIBUTR, BOOKS	\$90.52
CORE & MAIN, WATER-SEWER EXTENSION @LOCKER PARK	\$2,452.43
DEEP CLEAN CARPET, CARPET CLEAN @COMMUNITY ROOMS	\$1,125.00
DEMCO, SUPPLIES	\$2,363.12
DENNY'S SANITATION, APR'26 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTERS	\$7,833.32
DOLLAR GENERAL, TOTES	\$88.54
DREAMERZ, TRAINING	\$35.00
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, TRUCK MAINTENANCE	\$2,682.07
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT, GLOVES/FACESHIELDS/COMPRESSOR	\$6,122.69
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$5,555.02
EVERGREEN PERPETUAL FUND, 20% LOT SALE TO CEM PERP CARE	\$660.00
FERGUSON WATERWORKS, 5/8 WATER METERS	\$3,299.56
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$50.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$216.40
GEORGE CHAMBER, FREEDOM DAYS DONATION	\$150.00

GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE, PROM DONATION	\$50.00
HALO BRANDED SOLUTIONS, GEMS T-SHIRTS	\$551.47
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$1,795.44
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES	\$21.47
HULL COOP ASSOCIATION, TIRE REPAIR-GF5	\$255.94
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$41.00
IOWA LAKES COMM COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$60.00
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,623.65
JACKIE STUEVEN, GEMS-CALL CHECK	\$312.84
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$98.56
LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING	\$475.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$510.60
LYON CO EMERGENCY MGMT, MITIGATION PLAN	\$500.00
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$165.64
M & D ELECTRIC, REPAIRS	\$10,904.61
MATTHEW GRAVE, CEMENT WORK	\$61.00
MICROMARKETING, BOOKS	\$386.23
MID AMERICA BOOKS, BOOKS	\$149.70
MIDWEST TAPE, DVD'S	\$443.51
MIKE TIMMER, STORAGE	\$25.00
MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION, 1' ROCK	\$762.66
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$91.50
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$130.00
PENWORTHY, BOOKS	\$941.92
POSITIVE PROMOTIONS, PROMOTIONS	\$1,108.68
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$346.91
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$364.06
SETH SPROCK, CEMENT WORK	\$54.25
SHELDON POWER & EQUIPMENT, CEMETERY MOWER	\$124.46
SIEBRING MANUFACTURING, CHLORINE PUMP STAND @WELLHOUSE	\$534.81
SPENCER SPROCK, PARKS WORK	\$43.95
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$734.00
SUNSHINE FOODS, SUPPLIES	\$99.96
TEAM LAB, POTHOLE PATCH	\$78.75
THREE RIVER PHEASANTS, SPONSORSHIP	\$350.00
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$77.32
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, APR'26 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$632.73
TRI-STATE READY MIX, CEMENT-WATER EXT@LOCKER PARK	\$1,280.00
WALL STREET PRINTERS, RUN REPORTS	\$185.00
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,950.71
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$20,789.78
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$304,296.77
GENERAL FUND	\$29,439.67
CEMETERY FUND	\$950.37
ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$19,994.50
INSURANCE FUND	\$2,123.30
LIBRARY FUND	\$981.70
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$10,332.26
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$508.80
DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$198,763.01
LOCKER PARK URBAN RENEWAL FUND	\$3,207.13
WATER FUND	\$25,442.35
SEWER FUND	\$4,609.41
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$7,944.27
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND MAY 13	\$304,296.77
GENERAL	\$188,756.14
CEMETERY	\$3,350.00
ROAD USE TAX	\$12,382.73
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$18,984.90
INSURANCE	\$22,781.80
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$20,948.10
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$14,929.59
LIBRARY	\$1,015.09
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$2,350.00

GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$490.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$74,270.12
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA	\$234.61
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,750.30
PERPETUAL CARE	\$660.00
WATER	\$10,569.10
SEWER	\$13,693.51
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$9,024.28
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL APR 30	\$398,190.27

GFD TREASURER REPORT DIDN'T GET IN THE APRIL 8 COUNCIL MINUTES

RECEIPTS, DEPOSIT	\$1,897.50
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
TREY PRESUHN, 2025 CALL CHECK	\$24.87
BLOSSOM & BRIDE BOUTIQUE, MEMORIAL	\$73.78
AMAZON, BATTERIES	\$27.80
CFE, FILTERS	\$70.62
DOLLAR GENERAL, SUPPLIES	\$5.35
AMAZON, BATTERIES	\$145.44
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$347.86

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2026 Summer Help Staff. Gruis made a motion to hire **Assistant Managers at \$18.00/hour** – Luis Avila, Gretchen Stratman and **Assistant Manager at \$16.00/hour** – Kirra Mitchell, Brandon Van Briesen; **Water Safety Instructors at \$16.00/hour** – Luis Avila, Gretchen Stratman; **Lifeguards at \$14.00/hour** – Luis Avila, Gretchen Stratman, Brandon Van Briesen, Kirra Mitchell, Marlin Martinez, Aidan Bathke, Hadleigh Bechler, Kaleb Denekas, Jack Denny, Nick Krull, Owen Krull, Jackson Kruse, Hayden McAlpine, Emily Minter, Charlotte Murphy, Isaiah Sandbeck, Ashley Schmidt, Bryson Ver Steeg and **Lifeguard Help (until certified) at 12.00/hour** – Lawren Stanley. Hamilton seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Motion carried.

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.

Brian Hilt, Lyon County Sheriff presented to the council the new Police Protection Contract for FY2027. The rate will increase to \$39.21/citizen. Gerken made a motion to accept the Police Protection Contract. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the fountain quotes for the pond. Gerken made a motion to accept the quote to purchase a RHP 6626 3/4HP Fountain and Fountain Light set (white bulbs) with 200-foot cord and to purchase color changing lights in the amount of \$1478. Hamilton seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the bids received for the north end of main street repair and storm sewer improvements. After consideration, Storm made a motion to accept the bid from Concrete Surfacing with a competition date of July 1. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gerken introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-05-511** entitled “RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 HEARING FOR JUNE 10, 2026 AT 7:00 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.

Gruis introduced the **Ordinance No. 273** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V BUSINESS, OCCUPATIONS, AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; CHAPTER 3: PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; ARTICLE 4 GENERAL PROVISIONS and moved that the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings be waived. Anderson seconded the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. The Mayor declared that the motion to waive the requirement that the ordinance be considered at two prior council meetings has been passed by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council. Storm then moved that the proposed ordinance be adopted. Gerken seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared this ordinance to be adopted by a vote of not less than three fourths of the council. Motion carried.

Gruis introduced an ordinance entitled **Ordinance No. 274** “An Ordinance Deleting Property from the Tax Increment Financing District for the Locker Park Urban Renewal Area of the City of George, Iowa, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.” It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Storm that the ordinance be given its first consideration and that it be adopted. The Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and declared that the ordinance had been given its initial consideration. It was moved by Gerken and seconded by Hamilton that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally

passed be suspended. The Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried. It was moved by Gruis and seconded by Anderson that the ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. 274. An Ordinance Deleting Property from the Tax Increment Financing District for the Locker Park Urban Renewal Area of the City of George, Iowa, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa,” now be put upon its final consideration and adoption. The Mayor put the question on the final consideration and adoption of the ordinance and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and the ordinance duly adopted. Motion carried.

The Mayor announced that a plan had been prepared for a proposed project and that it was now necessary to set a date for a public hearing on the designation of the 2026 George Redevelopment Urban Renewal Area and on that plan and the project outlined therein. Accordingly, Gruis moved the adoption of the following resolution entitled “Resolution Setting Date for a Public Hearing on Designation of the 2026 George Redevelopment Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project,” and the motion was seconded by Anderson. Following due consideration, the Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Hamilton made a motion to approve the Calhoun & Burns 2026 Bridge Inspection Program Agreement. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gruis made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the George Betterment Club Fishing Tournament this year. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council reviewed the resignation letter received from Joe Quincey from the Planning & Zoning Board. Gerken made a motion to accept Quincey’s resignation and the mayor will seek a candidate for replacement that will be appointed at the next council meeting. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received Cigarette/Tobacco Permits for Casey’s, Dollar General and Total Stop. Storm made a motion to approve the cigarette/tobacco permit renewals. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received an Alcohol/Liquor License application renewal for Total Stop. Storm made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council received a request from Pam Grave to donate and plant two trees in Castle Park on the south side of the park located where the landscape rock encompass. These two trees were removed due to storm damage. The tree selection is an eastern red bud. Hamilton made a motion to allow Grave to donate the two trees at this location. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Council discussed the purchase of a Sewer Jetter Vac Truck. The city employees went to look at a 1990 Vac Truck for the city. Employees were able to use the machine and looked to be a good working order. The asking price was \$50,000 but Level Contracting, LLC stated the lowest they would go is \$39,000 on this machine. Storm made a motion to approve the purchase of the vac truck in the amount of \$39,000. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held June 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Hamilton made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

Loralye Wibben, City Clerk

_____ Little Rock Free Lance _____ Date

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