

JUNE 2026 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 10, 2026, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Mayor Billy Sprock presiding. Mayor Sprock called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The roll was called by Mayor Sprock. Present were Joe Anderson, BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton-phone and Derek Storm-phone. 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 5:06 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the designation of an urban renewal area and on a proposed urban renewal plan and projects. The Mayor announced that this was the time and place set for hearing on the designation of the 2026 George Redevelopment Urban Renewal Area and on an urban renewal plan and projects for the Area had been published according to law and as directed by the Council and that this is the time and place at which the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on May 27 and posted to the door as required by law. Upon investigation, it was found that **no** persons had appeared or filed objections to the designation of the 2026 George Redevelopment Urban Renewal Area and on a proposed urban renewal plan and projects, whereupon, the Mayor declared the hearing closed. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:07 p.m. Gruis moved the adoption of a **Resolution No. 2026-06-513** entitled "A Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan and Projects for the 2026 George Redevelopment Urban Renewal Area," 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. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and signed approval thereto, motion carried. Anderson introduced an ordinance entitled **Ordinance No. 275**. "An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the 2026 George Redevelopment Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa." It was moved by Gruis and seconded by Gerken that the ordinance be adopted. Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and declared that said ordinance had been given its initial consideration, motion carried. It was moved by Gruis and seconded by Gerken that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two City Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended. Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –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 Storm that the ordinance entitled: "An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the 2026 George Redevelopment Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa," now be put upon its final consideration and adoption. Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and the ordinance duly adopted, motion carried. Gruis introduced the **Resolution No. 2026-06-514** next hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Anderson and after due consideration thereof by the council, Mayor put the question upon the motion and the roll being called: –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, –nays: none. Whereupon, the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted, motion carried.

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

Storm & Hamilton left the conference call at 5:23 p.m.

VENDOR, REFERENCE	AMOUNT
AUTOMATIC BUILDING CONTROLS, MUSEUM ALARM ANNUAL INSPECTION	\$759.00
AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE	\$172.59
AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE	\$302.68
ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS	\$4,220.42
AMANDA CAMACK, REIMBURSE 1/2 WSI CERT	\$150.00
AMAZON, SUPPLIES	\$177.31
AMY KRUSE, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$115.00
ANDREW DENEKAS, POOL WORK	\$274.50
B&M CONCRETE, STREET REPAIR	\$526.06
BECK ENGINEERING, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$1,783.75
BIBLIONIX, AUTOMATION SERVICE	\$1,650.00
BIOVERSE, POND CHEMICALS	\$267.75
CALEB DEKAM, GFD-RACES	\$129.81
CARDMEMBER SERVICE, SUPPLIES/REPAIRS	\$491.96
CASEY'S, EMS WEEK	\$50.01
CFE, CHAINSAW OIL	\$7.48
COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL	\$1,525.65
CORE & MAIN, POOL PIPE BREAK	\$5,804.25
CREATIVE EDGE, EMS WEEK	\$100.00
DAREN WINKOWITSCH, GRASS SEEDING	\$866.00

DEANNA KRULL, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$51.45
DENNY'S SANITATION, MAY'26 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTERS	\$14,184.91
DGR, STREET REPAIR PLANNING	\$504.65
DOLLAR GENERAL, GIFT GIVEN	\$71.40
EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS	\$798.56
ED M FELD EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES/COMPRESSOR MAINT	\$926.07
EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX	\$4,057.95
EMILY DENEKAS, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$115.00
EVA KLINGENBERG, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$150.00
FLORAL DESIGN, GIFT GIVEN	\$64.19
FRONTIER TELEPHONE, WATER TOWER PHONE	\$25.00
GALE, BOOKS	\$389.50
GEORGE BETTERMENT CLUB, DONATION	\$100.00
GEORGE OFFICE SUPPLY, OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$183.98
GOODLAND PUMP & SUPPLY CO, REPAIRS	\$60.74
GRAINGER, POND FOUNTAIN CORD COVER	\$323.44
HAWKINS, CHLORINE	\$5,146.16
HEARTLAND HARDWARE, FRIDGERATORS @NCR & SCR	\$1,379.96
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, SEWER SRF LOAN	\$99,368.75
IOWA INFORMATION, ADVERTISEMENT	\$164.00
IOWA INS COMMISSION, 2025 PERPETUAL CARE REPORT FEE	\$117.50
IPERS, IPERS	\$2,648.95
JAMIE SCHMIDT, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$115.00
JOE ANDERSON, EPOXY CONCRETE	\$70.60
JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES	\$98.56
JUNIOR LIBRARY GUILD, BOOKS	\$1,252.00
KAELEIGH BECHLER, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$115.00
KD DESIGNS, LIFEGUARD T-SHIRTS	\$252.00
KLM ENGINEERING INC, 2026 DRY TANK CONT-WATERTOWER	\$3,100.00
LACEY TREI, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$115.00
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE, WORK COMP INSURANCE	\$2,294.00
LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS	\$740.15
LYON CO SHERIFF, GARNISHMENT	\$835.58
LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS	\$109.20
MARCUS MINTER, GFD-RACES	\$75.00
MATTHEW GRAVE, REIMBURSEMENT-BATTERIES	\$545.65
MICHAEL DENEKAS, GFD-RACES	\$75.00
MICROMARKETING, BOOKS	\$48.45
MID AMERICA BOOKS, BOOKS	\$279.60
MIDWEST TAPE, DVD'S	\$35.98
NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT	\$219.00
NW IA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING	\$50.00
POST OFFICE, POSTAGE	\$451.74
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET	\$364.30
R & T RENTALS, STUMP REMOVAL	\$397.50
RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP INSURANCE	\$158.70
RENT-ALL CENTER, LTD, CONCRETE SAW RENT @POOL LEAK	\$1,747.57
SANITATION PRODUCTS, INC, SWEEPER REPAIRS	\$469.21
SHERI STRATMAN, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$37.50
SPENCER SPROCK, POOL WORK	\$73.95
STACIE VER STEEG, REIMBURSE 1/2 LIFEGUARD CERT	\$77.12
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING	\$122.50
STURDEVANTS AUTO PARTS, PARTS	\$66.98
TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES	\$721.31
TOWN & COUNTRY IMPLEMENT, REPAIRS	\$100.15
TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, MAY'26 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX	\$707.43
VESERIS, MOSQUITO SPRAY	\$2,621.50
WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE	\$1,950.71
WIERSMA CONSTRUCTION, CEMENT TOOLS	\$350.00
WOODBURY CO FIRE ASSN, FIRE SCHOOL	\$385.00
WATER REFUND DATE 05/22/2026	\$745.44
TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS	\$14,819.02
CLAIMS TOTAL	\$186,999.78
GENERAL FUND	\$42,607.29
CEMETERY FUND	\$285.41

ROAD USE TAX FUND	\$9,364.03
INSURANCE FUND	\$4,576.00
LIBRARY FUND	\$177.31
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT FUND	\$2,720.13
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT FUND	\$503.17
WATER FUND	\$9,745.19
WATER DEPOSITS FUND	\$745.44
SEWER FUND	\$101,937.30
LANDFILL/GARBAGE FUND	\$14,338.51
EXPENSE TOTAL FUND JUNE 10	\$186,999.78

GENERAL	\$24,920.25
CEMETERY	\$421.92
ROAD USE TAX	\$14,344.25
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,193.02
INSURANCE	\$1,431.63
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$14,688.04
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	\$8,416.25
LIBRARY	\$574.44
GEORGE FIRE DEPT CKGACCT	\$650.00
GEORGE EMS CKGACCT	\$0.00
DEBT SERVICE	\$6,058.01
STORM SEWER PROJECT	\$3,664.80
WATER	\$11,384.77
WATER DEPOSITS	\$200.00
SEWER	\$13,974.57
LANDFILL/GARBAGE	\$8,983.29
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL MAY 31	\$110,905.24

Council discussed the hiring and wages for the 2026 Summer Help Staff. Gruis made a motion to hire **Assistant Manager at \$16.00/hour** – MacKenzie Kooiker; **Water Safety Instructors at \$16.00/hour** – MacKenzie Kooiker, Madison Nagel; and **Lifeguards at \$14.00/hour** – Samone Klingenberg, Lawren Stanley. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, –nays: none. Absent: Hamilton and Storm. Motion carried.

Gerken made a motion to hire **Mowing & Street Help at \$15.50/hour** – Kaden Storm and Ande Bruinsma. Anderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, –nays: none. Absent: Hamilton and Storm. 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.

Tim Moerman, Beck Engineering presented a recap of the projects he did for the city. Storm & Hamilton returned to the conference call at 6:17 p.m.

Jen & Jerry Smit & Deanna Krull plan to stay open later during the Freedom Days Celebration and requested that the street dance be moved down the block not to interfere with their businesses and Total Stop Grocery Store. Council reviewed a request for an outdoor event and street closure (entire Main Street from Iowa Ave to Michigan Ave -only as needed and not interfere with local business operations) for Last Call 2 street dance to be held on July 3. Gruis made a motion to allow the street closure and approve the liquor license for the event. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. Storm & Hamilton left the conference call at 7:13 p.m.

The Merrill Pioneer Community Hospital Board has approached the city asking for support for their upcoming golf tournament fundraiser. Gruis made a motion to donate \$100 to this event. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Due to the ongoing construction and temporary closure of the George Swimming Pool, the Rock Rapids Pool will honor George passes until the pool reopens. We appreciate your patience and cooperation during this time. The City of George will also explore establishing a 28E Agreement with the City of Rock Rapids. This agreement would allow either community to honor family pool passes if one of the pools is forced to close due to unforeseen circumstances, construction, or other operational issues. The goal is to ensure residents continue to have access to swimming facilities whenever possible.

Gerken introduced the following **Resolution No.2026-06-516** entitled "RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GEORGE, IOWA TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF CITY STREETS FOR THE FREEDOM DAYS CELEBRATION" and moved that the same be adopted. Anderson seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, –nays: none, –absent: Hamilton and Storm. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Council reviewed the request for street closer on the 300 block of E Iowa Avenue for a Blessing of the Bikes event at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church on June 28 from 7am-12pm. Anderson made a motion to allow the street closure for the event. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Upcoming Events: Makers Market on June 13 from 9 am-12 pm; Ebenezer Church Blessing My Ride on June 28 at 10:30 a.m.; Freedom Days June 28 & July 3-5

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Sprock opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. to present the Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2026. The notice was published in the Little Rock Free Lance on May 27, 2026 and posted to the door as required by law. There were no written or oral comments. The Public Hearing session was closed at 7:26 p.m. Anderson introduced the following **Resolution No. 2026-06-515** entitled "RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AMENDMENT #2 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026" and moved that the same be adopted. Gruis seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote –ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, –nays: none, –absent: Hamilton and Storm. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Next monthly council meeting will be held July 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Gerken made a motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Gruis seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication.

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