

George City Council Meetings April 8 & 13

APRIL 2026 MINUTES

The George City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, with Pro-Tem Mayor Bob Gruis presiding. Pro-Tem Mayor Bob Gruis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The roll was called by Pro-Tem Mayor Gruis. Present were Joe Anderson, BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis, Kris Hamilton and Derek Storm. Absent: Billy Sprock, Mayor.

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

OPEN FORUM: none.

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.....\$213.83
 ACE HARDWARE, PARTS.....\$55.97
 AFLAC DENTAL & VISION, GROUP INSURANCE.....\$172.59
 AFLAC PRE-TAX, GROUP INSURANCE.....\$454.02
 ALLIANT UTILITIES, ELEC/GAS.....\$5,522.70
 AMAZON, BOOKS.....\$229.94
 BECK ENGINEERING, STREET REPAIR PLANNING.....\$23,020.00
 BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, SUPPLIES.....\$241.95
 BRITT PUBLIC LIBRARY, POSTAGE.....\$4.25
 CARDMEMBER SERVICE, SUPPLIES / REPAIRS / CERTIFICATIONS.....\$830.83
 CENTURY BUSINESS PRODUCTS, COPIER LEASE.....\$213.56
 CERTIFIED TESTING SERVICE, MICHIGAN AVE-SOIL REPORT.....\$2,175.00
 CFE, SUPPLIES.....\$373.21
 COMPUTER CLINIC, SECURITY CAMERA @WELL HOUSE.....\$1,480.98
 COOPERATIVE ENERGY CO, FUEL.....\$2,734.85
 CORE & MAIN, WATER MAIN EXT @LOCKERPK.....\$1,294.39
 DEKOTER, THOLE & DAWSON, LEGAL FEES.....\$780.00
 DENNY'S SANITATION, MAR'26 GARBAGE/RECYCLE/DUMPSTERS.....\$8,758.67
 EBEN WELDING & REPAIR, REPAIRS WELHOUSE.....\$536.57
 EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX.....\$3,410.83
 FERGUSON WATERWORKS, WATER METER PARTS.....\$90.50
 GALE, BOOKS.....\$290.31
 GLR AFTER PROM COMMITTEE, PROM DONATION.....\$75.00
 HALEE MARTIN, GEMS-CALL CHECK.....\$596.16
 HARRIS KASTER, PARTS.....\$5.00
 HAWKINS, CHLORINE.....\$1,094.27
 HEARTLAND HARDWARE, SUPPLIES.....\$106.50
 HWY339 SHOW & SHINE, DONATION.....\$300.00
 IOWA DOT, L14 / VIRGINIA ST PAVING.....\$850,926.90
 IOWA LAKES COMM COLLEGE, GEMS CONT ED TRAINING.....\$30.00
 IPERS, IPERS.....\$4,128.40
 JOHN M DONAKER, CEMETERY WAGES.....\$98.56
 LELOUX DIVERSIFIED, LLC, SEWER JETTING / CAMERA LINES.....\$750.00
 LITTLE ROCK FREELANCE, PUBLICATIONS.....\$670.29
 LYON CO SHERIFF, 2ND 1/2 FY26 POLICE PROTECTION.....\$14,539.50
 LYON RURAL ELECTRIC COOP, ELEC/GAS.....\$109.04
 MATHESON TRI-GAS, OXYGEN TANKS.....\$632.91
 MICROMARKETING, BOOKS.....\$23.80
 MITCHELL-HUSS EXCAVATION, WATER SERVICE LINE@LOCKER PARK.....\$1,320.18
 NEW CENTURY PRESS, ADVERTISEMENT.....\$50.00
 ORV'S PLUMBING & HEATING, SEWER BACKUP CLAIM.....\$724.23
 PEOPLE MAGAZINE, SUBSCRIPTION.....\$138.24
 POST OFFICE, LIBRARY-PO BOX RENTAL.....\$465.63
 PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS, PHONE/INTERNET.....\$357.01
 SHAMROCK GRINDING LLC, TREE GRINDING @DUMP.....\$25,000.00
 SIOUX FALLS MUSTANG CLEAN, SEWER BACKUP CLAIM.....\$3,189.02
 STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, SAMPLE TESTING.....\$168.50
 TEAM LAB, LAGOON CHEMICALS.....\$1,615.00
 TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES.....\$47.08
 TREASURER, STATE OF IOWA, MAR'26 WATER SALES & EXCISE TAX.....\$2,085.61
 WELLMARK, HEALTH INSURANCE.....\$1,950.71
 TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS.....\$14,788.95
 CLAIMS TOTAL.....\$978,871.44

ROAD USE TAX.....\$12,095.78
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.....\$1,319.06
INSURANCE.....\$1,582.85
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....\$13,566.01
LIBRARY.....\$216.60
DEBT SERVICE.....\$4,967.21
DAKOTA/VIRGINIA.....\$200.00
STORM SEWER PROJECT.....\$4,234.52
WATER.....\$11,793.48
WATER DEPOSITS.....\$200.00
SEWER.....\$15,894.18
LANDFILL/GARBAGE.....\$10,195.70
REVENUE REPORT TOTAL MAR 31.....\$109,615.01

GFD TREASURER REPORT DIDNT GET IN THE FEBRUARY 11 COUNCIL MINUTES
RECEIPTS, DEPOSIT.....\$5,845.00
EXPENSES
 CHAD BECHLER, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 JOE DEBOER, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.49
 CALEB DEKAM, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 ANDREW DENEKAS, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 EMILY DENEKAS, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$298.39
 MICHAEL DENEKAS, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 PAUL DENEKAS, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 SEAN DYKSTRA, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 JOSH EBEN, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 BJ GERKEN, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 DAVID GRAVE, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 MATTHEW GRAVE, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 MELISSA GRAVE, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 JARED KANNEGIERER, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 EUGENE MODDER, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 KALEB MODDER, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 ETHAN MULDER, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 MICHAEL MULDER, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 COLE RIEMERSMA, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 BILL SPROCK, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$298.39
 JESSE STERNKE, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 AUSTIN THOMPSON, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 JOHN VIVIAN, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 DEREK STORM, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 POST OFFICE, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$31.20
 ED M FELD FIRE, GLOVE STRAPS / BOOTS.....\$591.69
 TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES.....\$59.35
 SARA SPROCK, REIMBURSEMENT.....\$640.00
 JOHN VIVIAN, REIMBURSEMENT.....\$43.24
 DOLLAR GENERAL, GIFT GIVEN.....\$54.95
 SECURITY SAVINGS BANK, SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENT.....\$14.00
 GEORGE LOCKER, ANNUAL MEETING.....\$361.00
 TOTAL STOP FOOD STORE, SUPPLIES.....\$667.07
 CLAIMS TOTAL.....\$6,341.76

GFD TREASURER REPORT DIDNT GET IN THE MARCH 11 COUNCIL MINUTES
RECEIPTS, DEPOSIT.....\$125.00
EXPENSES
 AJ BONTJE, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$12.44
 BRANDON HONKOMP, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 JAXON REED, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$24.87
 SPENCER SPROCK, 2025 CALL CHECK.....\$149.19
 CLAIMS TOTAL.....\$335.69

Council requested the number of applicants for seasonal positions. There are currently three applicants for lifeguard positions and five applicants for street, water, and parks summer help. The Human Resources and Pool Committee will review applications prior to the next council meeting.

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 will seek bids for the north end of Main Street intersection and storm sewer improvements. Landon Like, Beck Engineer reviewed with the council the specs for the Michigan Ave reconstruction to be sent to bid: narrow the road to 31', finish project around September 30 and project estimate \$625,000. Judd Reifers, GCEDC representative presented an overview on proposed development projects they have been working on for the city. Reifers will continue to provide updates to the city council as the projects move forward. Council received the Lyon County Sheriff contract and will review it

pro to taking action at the next council meeting. Fred Landis requested permission to use the city streets and the depot like usual for the Fun Run/Walk Event to be held on July 4. Storm made a motion to allow the use of the city streets and waive the depot fee for this event. Anderson seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Gerken made a motion to accept Mayor Sprock's nomination to appoint Jim McConnell to serve a 3-year term on the Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustment. Storm seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

Landon Like discussed the Michigan Ave reconstruction project with the council and the procedures that to lead to the bid letting and the schedule. May 7 bids will be read. May 13 a bid will be accepted. PROCEEDINGS TO SET DATE FOR HEARING AND LETTING: The City Council took up and considered the proposed Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project. Gruis introduced the Resolution No 2026-04-506 entitled "Resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2026 City of George Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project, and the taking of bids therefor" next hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Anderson. After due consideration thereof by the Council, the Mayor put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll being called, the following named Council Members voted: -ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis, Hamilton and Storm, -nays: none. Motion carried. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and the resolution adopted.

Next monthly council meeting will be held May 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried.

All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication. Loralye Wibben, City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

The George City Council met in special session on Monday, April 13, 2026 in the Community Room, 115 S Main Street, 120 S Main Street, with Pro-Tem Mayor Bob Gruis presiding. Pro-Tem Mayor Gruis called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. The roll was called by Pro-Tem Mayor Gruis. Present were: Joe Anderson, BJ Gerken, Bob Gruis and Derek Storm. Absent: Kris Hamilton & Mayor Billy Sprock.

City Clerk informed the Council that the FY2027 budget was not published in the newspaper as planned. Due to time constraints, the City Clerk requested the addition of an agenda item: Discussion/ Approval of Resolution No. 2026-04-507 to set the date and time for the FY2027 Proposed Annual Budget Public Hearing. Anderson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Gerken seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion carried.

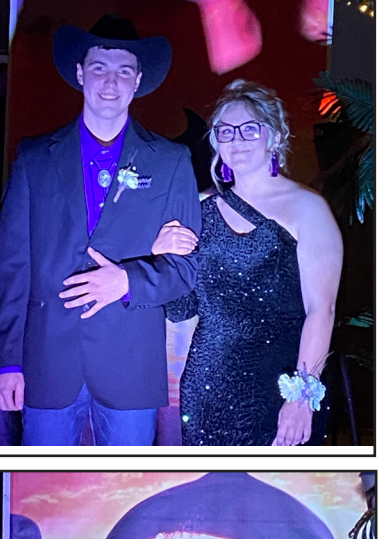
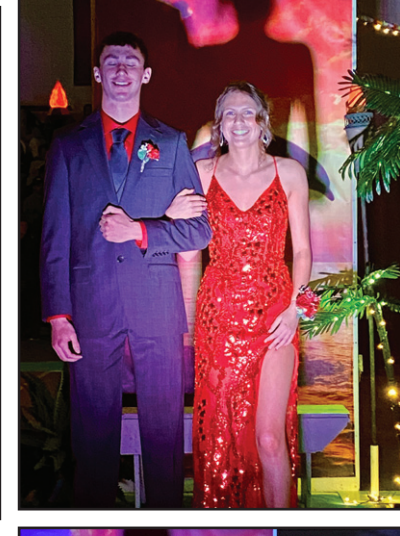
Anderson introduced the following Resolution No. 2026-04-507 entitled "RESOLUTION TO SET THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET HEARING FOR APRIL 29, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M." and moved that the same be adopted. Storm seconded the motion to adopt. Roll call vote - ayes: Anderson, Gerken, Gruis and Storm, -nays: none. WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the following Resolution duly adopted. Motion carried.

Council further discussed the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project following concerns raised at the April 8th meeting. Council members reviewed funding sources to ensure full understanding, noting the project will be funded using the remaining general obligation funds and Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOST) funds. Following discussion, Gruis made a motion to proceed with sending the Michigan Avenue Reconstruction Project to bid letting. Anderson seconded the motion. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Anderson made a motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Gerken seconded the motion. All present cast aye votes, motion carried. All decisions made by the Council become effective upon publication. Loralye Wibben, City Clerk

More Photos from the 2026 GLR Prom

(All Photos by Virginia Klaassen-Editor)



MYSTERY PHOTO

In the mystery photo last week I had three young ladies at the Church Camp at Lake Okoboji in 1948. They were left to right: Inez (Hinrichs) Haken; Jennie (Hinrichs) Drenth and Vera (DeBoer) DeBoer. Were you able to identify them???

.... This week I have pictured the first gentlemen who was in charge of mowing the first year of the new Town and Country Park. Can you name him???

R.R.G.C. Spring Trap League standings as of 4-29-2026

Class A:	Builders Millwork #1	593
	Bust N' Birds	587
	Ben's Plumbing	585
	Ed's Bullshooters	584
	Rosy's Renegades	583
	Harlan's Installation	577
	Class A HOA leader- Larry Wibben	136 x 150
	Ed's Bullshooters	High team score-
	Bust N' Birds	99 x 125
Class B:	Misty Farms #1	571
	Misty Farms #2	571
	Both Eyes Closed	564
	Buffalo Ridge Concrete	552
	Prairie Winds Trailers	547
	VFW	536
	Class B HOA leader- Doug Wenzel	133 x 150
	Misty Farms #1	High team score-
	Misty Farms #1	103 x 125
Class C:	Pure Luck	543
	Hoogendoorn Trucking	539
	Walt's Repair	538
	4 Fun 1	524
	Builders Millwork #2	506
	Class C HOA leader	Travis Nagel 132 x 150
	Walt's Repair	High team score-
	Builders Millwork #2	92 x 125
	25 x 25- Travis Nagel	24 x 25- Doug Wenzel
	Chane Patten	Tim Dammann
	Larry Wibben	Carson Vande Kop

2026 SPRING TRAP LEAGUE HIGH OVER-ALL STANDINGS AS OF 4-29-2026 (BASED ON TOTAL NUMBER OF TARGETS BROKEN)

CLASS	SHOOTER	SCORE	TEAM
A	LARRY WIBBEN	136	ED'S BULLSHOOTERS
	CHANE PATTEN	134	BUILDERS MILLWORK #1
	RICK STAUFFACHER	134	ROSY'S RENEGADES
	LOGAN VAN BRIESEN	133	BUST N' BIRDS
	CHANE PATTEN	132	BUST N' BIRDS
B	JOSH BATHKE	131	BUILDERS MILLWORK #1
	TIM DAMMANN	127	ROSY'S RENEGADES
	DOUG WENZEL	133	MISTY FARMS #1
C	DOUG WENZEL	128	MISTY FARMS #2
	TAYLOR VANDE WEERD	123	BOTH EYES CLOSED
	TRAVIS NAGEL	132	WALT'S REPAIR
	CHANE PATTEN	130	BUILDERS MILLWORK #2
	TAYLOR VANDE WEERD	125	PURE LUCK

THE WINNERS OF EACH CLASS HOA WILL COMPETE IN A SHOOT-OFF ON WEDNESDAY.

More Photos of the Prom found On Front Page

Little Rock Foods & Deli

Monday --Cook's Choice.....\$8.00 + Tax--1/2 \$7.00 + Tax
 Tuesday--Cook's Choice.....\$8.00 + Tax--1/2 \$7.00 + Tax
 SPECIAL--Tuesday Night-8 pc.Chicken w/ Jo Jos...\$15.99 + Tax
 Wednesday Noon & Evening --Taco Special..\$8.00 + Tax-1/2 \$7.00 +Tax
 Taco Salad or Two Regular Soft Shells
 Thursday.....Three Chicken Strips & Fries..\$8.00 +Tax
 Friday-Baked Potato Day.....\$6.00 + Tax
 Saturday--Kitchen will be closing at 1:30 pm Deli Closed on Sundays

LITTLE ROCK COMMUNITY FOODS

LITTLE ROCK, IA 479-2218
 Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.Monday-Friday
 Saturday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. to a 1 p.m.